

# To Our Readers

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A wonderful group of students helped to make this edition of the Journal of the University of Manitoba Anthropology Student's Association (a lengthy title, I know) possible. This journal embodies the diversity of Anthropology, highlighting the program at the University of Manitoba.

Articles in the journal range from theoretical discussions, social justice movements, and bodily commodification to local excavations, investigation of historical disease stigmatization, and ancient burial practices. These articles focus on new and emerging ideas, and will help with future understanding on many issues, such as using humour to diffuse tense and dangerous political protests, as well as how commercial surrogacy can be empowering and endangering to women in India.

There is a brand new section of the journal this year, focused on applied anthropology. This is in conjunction with the student's association taking on the responsibility of the Society for Applied Anthropology of Manitoba (SAAM). This is an important area of Anthropology that showcases the ability of anthropology to become part of heritage management, conservation, policy, and put the skills we have gained throughout our education to practical use.

Other small changes include some stylistic changes to the journal, and the timing of the journal. The style of the journal is influenced strongly by our last edition, but also draws elements from numerous academic journals. While plans were to publish come September, as in the previous year, technology sometimes can be more of a hindrance than a help. We are publishing a new edition to bring in the New Year and to get authors excited for the upcoming submission deadline. To the prolonged efforts of the all involved, I thank you. Taking on the role of Journal manager and Editor would not have been possible without your continued support and commitment.

I would like to acknowledge the associate editors: Solmundur Palsson, Anu Lotay, Kirsten Bruce, and Louis Montchamp. Your contributions were indispensable in making this journal as wonderful as it is. I truly appreciate your hard work and the insightful peer reviews that helped guide the authors. I would also like to thank the authors who have contributed; I look forward to reading more from all of you in the future. Hopefully in the following years this journal will continue to attract noteworthy undergraduate and graduate students looking for an opportunity to publish their best works. With this I will leave you, to learn from these articles and to realize how interesting all areas of anthropology can be, even theory.

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Sincerely,



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