To our readers:

As editors of the Manitoba Anthropology Students' Association (MASA) Journal, we were given the responsibility of creating a showcase of anthropology students' research and work. Every student deserves an opportunity to show what they have researched and to what conclusions they have come, and the anthropology students' published in this volume submitted their work to us hoping to seize the opportunity offered by the MASA Journal. We hope that we have succeeded in making a cohesive showcase of their work.

This volume would not have been possible without the hard work of our associate editors: Ainslie, Cogswell Morgan Campbell, Kris Maksymowicz, and Amanda Blackburn. They, along with the current MASA President Natalie Symchych, have our gratitude.

We are glad to have been trusted with this task and to have been able to read the works of these students. We hope that you enjoy reading this volume.

Sincerely,

Laura Hebert and Sean McAuley
This journal is dedicated to the memory of Pamela Margaret Mason (1946-2008).

Pam was pursuing an M.A. degree in the Department of Anthropology and her thesis research focused on fourth wave feminist peace movements. She was a contributing author to the 2006, 2007, and 2008 editions of the MASA Journal. As a student, peer, friend, and mentor Pam made invaluable contributions to the Department. Her zest for life and learning was an inspiration to all who knew her. May this journal pay tribute to her spirit.

Cynthia Worsley and Ashleigh Czynryj