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Editorial

It is difficult to define what ties together the vast array of academic disciplines that encompass the *humanities*. History, philosophy, anthropology, and so many others contain something unique that draws them together. As its name suggests, the humanities, more than any other field of academia, engage directly with the experiences of human beings. Through the examination of art, literature, Indigenous Studies, Religious Studies, or Women's and Gender Studies, scholars in the humanities seek to understand how human identity and action defines our world. At the very core of the humanities is a need to understand the human experience.

Now, as always, the world needs writers and readers of the humanities. The works presented here in Volume 5 of the *Mount Royal Undergraduate Humanities Review (MRUHR)* represent the best selection of recent work by students from Mount Royal University. These are papers born of intense passion and intellect, those meticulously researched with a desire for knowledge and written with a skilled eloquence. The topics in these pages vary greatly from an anthropological investigation into the disappearance of plains buffalo to a historical examination of the British Honduras scheme. Nevertheless, each one displays a deep commitment to the dissemination of knowledge.

The production of any written publication requires an immense amount of time and effort from many individuals. We are honoured to be a part of bringing this volume of the *MRUHR* to life. Thanks to all the authors who not only worked so hard on these articles, but also took the brave step of choosing to share their work. Thanks to Chelsey Schaefer and other previous editors of the *MRUHR*. Thanks to our faculty advisors Dr. Kirk Niergarth and Dr. Scott Murray. Thanks to the faculty who took the time to read and prepare the articles in this volume for publication. And last of all we would like to thank our readers for taking the time to seek out the *MRUHR* and to engage with its works. May these papers stimulate the mind, and inspire further investigation into the human experience.

Kenny Reilly and Cameron Mitchell

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