



NOTES FROM THE MOTLEY OFFICES

The community of lifelong scholars of the Motley Undergraduate Journal are situated in Moh'kinstis and the traditional Treaty 7 territory and the Blackfoot confederacy, which is composed of the Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani. We also acknowledge the Îyâxe Nakoda, which includes the Bearspaw, Chiniki, and Goodstoney First Nations, as well as the Tsuut'ina nations. The City of Calgary is also home to Métis Nation within Alberta (Nose Hill Métis District 5 and Elbow Métis District 6). As settlers on this land, we must acknowledge those who built this region and will continue to see it thrive.

The Motley is a place of celebration for undergraduate research and its process, from the initial submission to the review, to the editing, until the publication. A journal is only as memorable as its contributors, and the Motley has had the privilege of working with a diverse collective of scholars to put out incredible work. It is this level of curiosity and care that has allowed us to plant our roots firmly within undergraduate research.

The Motley Undergraduate Journal would not be possible without the Department of Communications, Media, and Film at the University of Calgary giving the journal the soil needed to grow. A special thank you is owed to Dr. Maria Bakardjieva, professor, Chair of Communications and Media Studies at the University of Calgary, and the Editor-in-Chief of the Motley. Another special thank you is owed to Dr. Maria Victoria Guglietti, who continues to support the journal through nominating the most submissions and providing insightful reviews and guidance. Finally, thank you to Melissa Morris, who planted the seeds to allow the journal to blossom into the intellectual hub it is today.

A distinct and special thank you is warranted to all authors, past and present, of the Motley Journal. It is their work that gives the journal its structure, enriching each issue with unique and innovative research and providing a strong foundation with which communications and film research can thrive.

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Research only goes so far as its readers, so a final thank you to the readers of the Motley Journal. Your interest and engagement with communications research is the sunlight giving the journal life, shining a warm light onto the scholarship we seek to promote.

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