



## Letter from the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear readers,

I am delighted to present to you the first volume of the York University Criminological Review (YUCR). The YUCR is an academic journal published semi-annually by a student-run organization at York called the Criminological Studies Review Initiative (CSRI). The journal publishes five articles per issue and accepts submissions from undergraduate and graduate students across Canada. Published in this journal are five exceptional student papers thematically rooted in contentious criminal justice matters that have a tangible impact on society today.

Since the inception of this journal, my core objective has been to encourage student engagement with the academic community. My hope is that this journal will contribute to a host of new developments that motivate and inspire students across Canada to be more academically passionate and engaged with research.

I am personally grateful for my colleagues and professors who believe in and support this initiative, to whom I attribute the success of this journal. And of course, among those colleagues are the members of our dedicated editorial board, who have selflessly and diligently invested their time into this initiative. In producing this journal, we have brought together a network of passionate, driven individuals, and I hope that this continues to grow into a community where undergraduate and graduate students can converse and work together to contribute to the world of academia.

So I ask of you, our reader, to not only read the articles in this journal, but to engage with them, especially if they hinge upon your own research interests. Look into the topics discussed here to expand your own understanding of the issues. Perhaps conduct your own research and submit an article in response to one published here. Or, simply allow yourself to be motivated enough to submit one of your past works to our next call for papers. Whatever your response to this journal, I hope it moves you to act on your academic curiosities.

Stay engaged and curious, my colleagues.

Best regards,

*Tanika McLeod*

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