

Foreword

The title of our first paper says it best: language colors our world. From the remote valleys of Papua New Guinea to the sprawling plains of Africa, language is omnipresent and functions as our most crucial tool, allowing us to communicate and connect with one another. Therefore, it is only natural that a whole field of study is dedicated to this pervasive entity.

Since linguistics is a relatively novel field of study, new discoveries continue to severely alter our perspectives on language and its relationship with society. Moreover, publication opportunities in this field for undergraduate students are sparse. However, with the establishment of this journal, McGill's *linguists-in-training* are able to showcase their various talents in the numerous subfields of linguistics.

While this issue marks *JournalLing*'s first publication in three years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it encompasses a wide variety of research and literature reviews that indicate the tenacity and determination present in our linguistics department. Bright ideas and careful analysis are demonstrated throughout this journal, representing who and what are the future of such an important social science.

After a lot of hard work, the editors of *JournalLing* have created a finished project of which we are very proud. Together, our team carefully selected eight papers that represent the elusive, ever-changing, and breathtaking beauty of language through careful analysis of its various domains from syntax to sociolinguistics to phonetics. Within these 75 pages are writings that could one day alter the way in which one sees language, and perhaps after perusing this journal, your view will be altered, and you will begin to see language as this beautiful living being that colors our world.