Foreword

Language is one of the most mysterious, personal, and fascinating aspects of human interaction. Linguistics is a relatively young field, and we have only just begun to uncover the mystery that is natural language. Equally special as language itself are those who study it, the wonderful Linguistics undergraduate students here at McGill University. The novelty of this field of study means that there are relatively few opportunities for students to have their hard work published, and *JournalLing* is an opportunity to do just this. Within these pages are eight articles written by hard-working, passionate undergraduate students who love everything about the fascinating phenomenon that is human language and deserve to have their work seen by all those who share this same passion for language as we do.

Over the past year, this journal has become something of a passion project for me. I came into the role of VP Journals and Editor-in-Chief of this edition in May of last year (2024), when at a council meeting for the Linguistics Undergraduate Association at McGill (LingUA) it was brought up that *JournalLing* was at risk of going defunct. Eager to get more involved in council, I volunteered to take on the project with a desire to prove myself and little idea of how to manage an academic journal. Since that moment, *JournalLing* has become so much more to me than a desire to prove myself. I have learned so much from *JournalLing*, and I am tremendously proud of what has become of it. However, I would not have been able to do it without the wonderful *JournalLing* team who helped and learned with me throughout the process. I would like to extend an extra special thank you to Alli McFarlane and Sophia Flaim, the Editors-in-Chief of the 2024-2025 edition of *JournalLing* releasing concurrently with the delayed release of this 2023-2024 issue, as well as the rest of the 2024-2025 team. I truly would not have been able to do it without you. I would also like to thank the authors and editors of this edition of *JournalLing* for helping me along in preparing your hard work for release, and for your patience throughout the process.

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I hope you enjoy the knowledge within these pages and find it as special as I do.

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