

## Foreword

Linguistics, like language, is an ever-growing field of study that is constantly shifting, adapting, and evolving. However, even as the tools and methods used by linguists continue to change, the curiosity driving them remains constant. We are therefore proud to present this year's edition of *JournalLing*, which captures the curiosity and hard work of talented authors from our active undergraduate linguistics community, spanning across various subfields.

The release of the 2025-2026 edition of *JournalLing* is bittersweet. It marks the end of a chapter filled with back-and-forth emails, team meetings, and impromptu OJS troubleshooting sessions, among others. I (Minji) am sincerely grateful to have been given the opportunity to lead this year's publication alongside Katelyn, my co-Editor-in-Chief. From excitedly meeting to discuss before the start of the academic year to copyediting together, we were quite the duo! I could not have asked for a better co-Editor-in-Chief. I also thank Jackson, our VP Journals, for consistently offering his support and sharing his knowledge about the website and publication process. If Katelyn and I made such a great duo, it was in part thanks to your invaluable contributions. As well, we would like to extend our gratitude to the rest of our team: our editors, Alexander, Beatrix, Georgia, Giuliana, Liliana, and Jordan, as well as Rhea, for graphic design. Each of you contributed significantly to this publication, and your hours of hard work did not go unnoticed. Lastly, a special mention goes to the McGill Libraries team, especially Jennifer Innes, for going above and beyond to guide us with publication. This has been an excellent year working with an incredible group of people, and I am excited to watch *JournalLing* continue to grow and to offer a space for upcoming linguists for years to come.

The journal has connected me to linguistics more than I ever could have imagined. I (Katelyn) began working with the journal last year as a Lead Editor to become more involved with my peers and their work. I loved sitting in class listening to different research topics and jumped at the opportunity to be involved with turning those projects into published articles. I am beyond grateful that I was allowed the opportunity to lead our wonderful team this year as a co-Editor-in-Chief. My time working with *JournalLing* has been the best learning curve I could have asked for and I am excited to share the final project with the McGill Linguistics community. I think our journal is one of the best ways to stay connected with research outside our own subfields and to gain insight into what our peers are working on. I am happy to have shared my time with Minji, who perfectly balanced out our position by bringing a sense of calm and composure to every tight deadline and late night. To Jackson our VP Journals, without your knowledge of journal logistics and back-end functions, specifically in building our website from the ground up, this could not have been completed. To our team, it has been a pleasure to work alongside you and watch everyone grow over the course of the year. I have no doubt that each individual will go on to do amazing things, and I can't wait to support you from the sidelines. I am proud to say that my four years at McGill have culminated in this year's edition and hope you see all the love and passion that was poured into it.

We would both like to give a special thanks to all of our graduating team members: Jackson, Alexander, and Jordan, as well as graduating authors. Thank you for spending your last semesters working with us, putting up with our deadlines and last-minute meeting changes, and listening to our bad dad-joke ice breaker questions. This year has truly been the most fun because of all of you. The time spent working with the journal has been incredibly impactful for the both of us and has become one of the highlights of our time at McGill. We hope you sit back, relax, and enjoy reading the 2025-2026 edition of *JournalLing*!

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