

From the Editors

Introducing Issue Two

The *Engaged Scholar Journal* is pleased to introduce its second issue “Quality of Life: Towards Sustainable Community Futures” that highlights, once again, Canada’s rich and diverse scholarship of community-university collaborations in research, teaching, and learning. We thank our guest editors, Isobel M. Findlay and Nazeem Muhajarine, for taking intellectual and conceptual leadership in the production and development of this strong collection of timely essays that together focus and advance the idea of communities’ quality of life. ‘Quality of life’ is a broadly defined term used in qualitative and quantitative research in various areas of applied scholarship that focus



Natalia Khanenko-Friesen, Editor
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on community development, health, human resources, leisure, and other areas of human life. The essays in this collection attest to the vitality of such scholarship across Canada and assert that community engagement is a necessary avenue to follow for the quality-of-life research to be effective, applicable, and meaningful.

In our Journal, we value collegiality, collaboration, and dialogue as we understand that no community-engaged scholar can pursue his or her work outside of these important domains of intellectual interaction. The Journal’s goal is to promote such dialogue on community engagement in Canada as well as to introduce the international audiences to the Canadian scholarship of community-university collaboration. This issue is indeed the product of such collaboration and dialogue.

All together eighty individuals were involved in the production of this volume, apart from the guest editors and the Journal’s editorial team (Natalia Khanenko-Friesen, the Journal’s Editor; Penelope Sanz, the Journal’s Managing Assistant; and Nancy van Styvendale, the Book Editor). Among those are fifty-nine authors including eleven community partners, nineteen peer-reviewers, and two book reviewers. Our special thanks go to all contributors from across Canada and abroad, whose work ultimately resulted in an excellent collection of essays presented in this volume. Your work attests to the fact that dialogue and reflection on the meanings and applications of community-engaged scholarship continue to be actively and thoughtfully pursued in Canada.

Sincerely,

Natalia Khanenko-Friesen
The Editor

Table 1. Issue 2 Statistics**A. Authors and Submissions**

Authors and Co-Authors	
University-based	48
Community partners	11
Total	59

Article Submissions	
Original proposals for peer and editor review	14
Articles submitted for editor review	3
Articles submitted for peer review	11
Peer-reviewed articles accepted for publication	9
Book reviews submitted for editor review	3
Book reviews accepted for publication	2

Geographic Distribution (Corresponding Authors Only)	
Eastern Canada	3
University of Guelph	1
Ryerson University	2
Western Canada	10
University of Alberta	1
University of British Columbia	1
University of Saskatchewan	6
Community Partners	3
International	1
Australia	1
Total	14

B. Peer-Reviewers and Peer-Reviewing

Peer Reviewers	
Total invitations to peer review	60
Number of peer reviewers who accepted invitations	19

Geographic Distribution (Peer Reviewers)	
Eastern Canada	2
University of Guelph	2
Western Canada	15
University of Alberta	2
University of British Columbia	1
University of Manitoba	1
University of Regina	1
University of Saskatchewan	10
International	2
University of Michigan	1
University of South Carolina	1
Total	19

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