

# A Note from the New Director

Dear Reader,

I am delighted to be writing to you for the first time as the new Director of the UJE. It is both an honour and a responsibility to take on this role, and I feel fortunate to follow in the footsteps of Emily Glezer, whose leadership has shaped the journal so meaningfully. To be able to lead a journal I believe in, and to carry it forward with my own vision, is something I feel very lucky to do.

When I first joined the UJE, I saw it as a space to meet like-minded people who shared my enthusiasm for ideas and my curiosity about the world. That continues to be the reason I stay. The joy of engaging with others who are equally passionate about research and asking interesting questions.

My hope for the year ahead is to welcome more people into this community, to share with them this experience that has meant so much to me. Meeting new people and being exposed to fresh perspectives has opened my mind in ways I could not have anticipated and has reinforced my belief that good research forms the foundation for meaningful discussion and effective policy.

The papers in this year's issue reflect that spirit. What I enjoy most about our journal is that so many of the papers begin with simple questions, the sort most of us overlook, and then explore them in ways that are fascinating and illuminating.

As you read, I hope you take from this journal what I first took from it. A desire to learn, to explore, and to create.

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