Welcome Message from the Incoming Editors

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As incoming co-editors of Journal of Critical Race Inquiry we offer our deep thanks to Dr. Barrington Walker who, with Dr. Gurjit Sandhu, founded this journal and sustained it for many years. We appreciate the work of all of the authors, reviewers and contributing staff who have supported the journal over the years by offering their knowledge and commitment. As we release a final set of essays that have been under prior preparation, we are excited to sustain and grow JCRI's vision of supporting interdisciplinary, open-access critical race scholarship in Canada and internationally.

We are pleased to announce today a set of new directions for JCRI in 2015 and years to come. JCRI now has an academic and administrative home in the Department of Gender Studies at Queen's University. The department centers critical race studies from within our commitment to analyzing gender, race and all interlocking power relations, as modeled within anti-racist, Indigenous and transnational feminist thought. As editors we take inspiration from this intellectual base as we envision the journal's future. We also take seriously the inception of JCRI at Queen's, as part of broader initiatives to create critical intellectual spaces

that are welcoming to racialized and Indigenous scholars and that challenge what Frances Henry has called “the culture of whiteness.” At once, we recognize an apt base for advancing Canadian critical race studies in the city of Kingston, with its weight of overlapping histories of racial and colonial power that inspire critical thought. All of these contexts and the work for transformation within them are informing our future work.

In 2015 JCRI will “re-launch” with the first of a series of special issues that will return the journal to biannual publication. Look in April for a Call for Submissions for an issue presenting “Critical Race Analyses of Sir John A. Macdonald and His Legacies.” In answer to the bicentenary of Macdonald’s birth, essays in this issue will show how critical analyses of race and of interlocking modes of power illuminate the times and acts of Macdonald as first Canadian Prime Minister and their ongoing resonances in Canada and abroad. Look soon for announcements of future special issues as well as for the resumption of consideration of unsolicited manuscripts later this year.

As stated in our updated focus and scope, JCRI is committed to advancing Canadian and international scholarship on race and racialization by publishing interdisciplinary analyses of race and as works based in traditional disciplinary methods. JCRI especially welcomes scholarship from the fields of critical race studies, Indigenous studies, gender and sexuality studies, diaspora studies, postcolonial studies and studies of decolonization. The journal will continue to foreground analyses of interlocking power relations that reflect the insights of critical race, Indigenous and transnational feminisms.

Once the journal resumes biannual publication of peer-reviewed essays on topics of importance to critical race inquiry, we hope to expand our offerings to include book reviews, “forums” of shorter, editor-reviewed essays, and unique online content that can be supported by our open-access platform. We welcome your interest in JCRI as a future reader, contributor or supporter. Stay tuned, and please join us on this journey!