

EDITORIAL



Talia Filler, Master’s Degree in Global Health, McMaster University, Canada is the author of the second research article on “Addressing Syrian refugee adolescents’ mental health and wellbeing” (on pages 12-17). Through her Master’s study, Ms. Filler examined Syrian refugee adolescents’ conceptualizations of mental health. Youth informed policies based on Ms. Filler’s community-based qualitative study are identified. The different refugee statuses in Canada are also described in Table 1 of the article. We are pleased to feature Ms. Filler in the journal’s member feature section (page 4).

You will notice our INYI Journal has a new look as of this issue. As interest grows in the journal and requests are made for inclusion of longer articles, we have updated the journal format and increased the word length for abstracts and manuscripts (please see page 22 for Author Guidelines for Manuscript Submissions). I would like to thank Dr. Attia Khan for working on the new journal format. We are also pleased to introduce the new INYI logo (as seen on the cover page of this issue of the journal). Another new initiative this past year for INYI was the launch on our new listserv (inyi@yorku.ca). We hope through the listserv there will be new and further opportunities for international collaboration on youth and integration.

The first research article in this issue is from Dr. Luísa Santos, Gulbenkian Professor, Faculty of Human Sciences, Universidade Católica Portuguesa, Portugal (on pages 5-11). Dr. Santos presents the innovative and transnational project titled “4Cs: from Conflict to Conviviality through Creativity and Culture.” Dr. Santos describes using creativity and culture in a world characterized by conflict, and the role of public arts and cultural institutions in promoting togetherness. By providing specific examples from the project, Dr. Santos underscores the participation of youth through art and culture.

Among new members joining INYI are Dr. Fay (Mahdieh) Dastjerdi, Associate Professor, School of Nursing, York University, and Dr. Soheila Pashang, Professor, School of Social and Community Services, Humber College. The book review by Dr. Pashang of our new book entitled, “Today’s Youth Mental Health: Hope, Power, and Resilience” (Pashang, Khanlou, & Clarke, 2018) provides an overview of the book as well a focus on our collaborative work on cyber sexual violence (pages 18-19). The book entails chapters on youth mental health from contributors from around the globe, some of who are members of INYI.

In September of this year we organized a workshop for students, researchers, and service providers to broaden our mutual understanding of youth identities. Dr. Luz Maria Vazquez’, Research Coordinator of the Office of Women’s Health Research Chair in Mental Health, overview of the workshop titled “Intersectional Approaches to Understanding Asian Canadian Youth Experiences of Integration and Cultural Identity in Diaspora” workshop is presented on page 21.

To all our INYI members and your families, we wish you a happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year!

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