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## **Editorial**

## Canadian Food Studies evolves

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The feast continues, not just among academic faculty and students, but shared with health professionals, artists, teachers, farmers, fishers, environmentalists, chefs, and colleagues from NGOs, food networks and policy councils. Collectively, these actors form the voices and visuals of the Canadian foodscape. The purpose of our journal is to offer a professional, academic forum for the astonishing breadth and depth of material that they can produce.

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The vision for Canadian Food Studies/ La Revue canadienne des études sur l'alimentation has remained steadfast over the past six years, with 13 issues of high-quality publications from across the Canadian foodscape, including audiovisual pieces, commentaries, perspectives, field reports, and original research articles. During this time, the journal has become a core element of the Canadian Association for Food Studies. Interest in the journal continues to grow, and the journal itself continues to evolve.

The current issue is no different in its diversity and breadth. It showcases insights into culinary tourism and culinary school, consumption behaviour patterns, and agricultural/farm issues (farm safety and supply management). Two articles feature valuable perspectives on food and food sovereignty from Métis grandmothers and Cree Elders. The emphasis on qualitative and investigative research illustrates a respect for studies that delve into deeper layers of understanding about food-related topics. The reviews recommend books that have documented

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examples of political-economic dominance in the food system and how this hegemony continues to influence the foods made available to us and even to the way many of us feel about food.

This will be the last issue for which Wesley and I have served as Managing and Associate Editor and Editor-in-Chief, respectively. As two of the founding editorial members, we were part of the original team that created the journal's aims and scope, developed the bilingual journal structure, and inaugurated the first issue in May 2014. We are grateful to our fellow editors and colleagues with whom we have worked closely over the years. At this stage of the journal's evolution, we think of it as repotting a cherished plant—a necessary change for the journal to grow and realize its full potential.

Having recently secured three years of funding from SSHRC (the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada), the editorial team and the CAFS journal governance committee have begun to implement a new governance structure, and a larger team of associate editors will be invited to join this new *editorial collective*. The intention is to make changes that promote a sustainable future for the journal, and to continue the ambition of attracting valued contributions from a wide variety of disciplines, voices, and perspectives.

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