

ABOUT THE GUEST EDITORS...

Dr. Margaret Robinson is a fat, two-spirit, Mi'kmaw (L'nu) scholar and a member of Lennox Island First Nation in Mi'kma'ki. She works as an Associate Professor at Dalhousie University where she holds the Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Reconciliation, Gender, and Identity. Margaret's passion for critical fat studies was sparked by a performance of the fat activist collective Pretty, Porky, and Pissed Off. Margaret has published on how colonial perspectives in research construct obesity as an "epidemic" among Indigenous people and has co-authored fat-positive evidence briefs on LGBTQ issues in weight, eating, and exercise for Rainbow Health Ontario. She serves as a copyeditor on *Excessive Bodies*, a journal of artistic and critical fat praxis and worldmaking. Margaret lives in Eskikewa'kik with her partner and 2 rambunctious kittens.

Dr. Jill Andrew PhD, MPP for Toronto St. Paul's since 2018, is a published author, award-winning journalist and educator, and a leading voice for social and economic justice. She is co-founder of Body Confidence Canada and, with this group, is supporting provincial and territorial campaigns for the recognition of size and physical appearance as a specifically protected ground in human rights codes across Canada and in the *Canadian Human Rights Act*. Her book *Body Stories: In and Out and With and Through Fat* (2020) "presents diverse celebratory and painful personal narratives about what it's like to survive in a weight-hating world. The stories look at intersections of race and queerness, present a range of possible female embodiments, and explore issues of disability and madness."

Brenda Cranney, PhD has a background in Women's Studies and is a strong activist for women's rights and social justice. She has done extensive research on the lived experience of rural women in Himachal Pradesh, India. Currently she is involved in solidarity projects in Cuba. Brenda is an avid photographer and has had a number of photographs published.

Liz Hales RN(EC); NP-PHC is a provider of Primary Health Care, working with people across the lifespan, in all aspects of their health. She sees people's perception of their body image play a very large role in the development of healthy self-esteem. Many people, particularly young women, have false ideas about the correlation of health with small size. In addition, her years working in Northern Canada (James Bay, Nunavut, Sioux Lookout area, the Yukon, the Northwest Territories) provided her with insight into the health inequities faced by Indigenous Peoples in Canada. The racism embedded in many Canadian policies has resulted in a crisis in health. Not only does she see the detrimental effects of a societal view of bodies as attractive and valuable only when they fit a certain mould, but is aware that hidden racism often blames Indigenous People for the health effects caused by an environment created by policy makers.

Angela Miles is a founding member of *Toronto Women for a Just and Healthy Planet*, *Antigonish Women's Association*, *Feminist Network for a Gift Economy* and a member of the editorial board of *Canadian Woman Studies*. She is Professor Emerita at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto where she co-founded the International Women's Human Rights Education Summer Institute. Her publications include, *Integrative Feminisms: Building Global Visions* and the edited collection *Women in a Globalizing World: Transforming Equality, Development, Diversity and Peace*.

Renée Tiller is a BIPOC student at York University. As the first youth representative on the Inanna Publications board of directors, Renée's experience working with disabled, LGBTQ+ folx, and inner-city youth influences her activism greatly. The intersectionality of identities is a main focus of her work.