

From the guest editor

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As an anthropologist who routinely works with life story/oral history methodologies, I was excited when I was asked to comment on Jenny Radsma's *What's in a Cup of Coffee?* for publication consideration in CJNS. Conversely, I understood when a number of my editorial board colleagues rendered the opinion that it was not an article that met CJNS academic standards or guidelines. As I point out in *Of Memory and Remembering*, the introduction to this collection, narrative knowledge conveyance remains problematic across many disciplines in the Academy, particularly because the various forms require careful, alternative analytic methods and are still viewed through the objective/subjective binary. I am all the more grateful therefore, that the editorial board whole-heartedly supported the suggestion of a special issue – now grown to two – devoted to narrative ways of knowing. The articles that form this first issue underline the rich diversity of Netherlandic immigrant experiences, while simultaneously structuring an ensemble of common themes and motifs. It is my hope that this edition, and the forthcoming issue in the fall, will provoke further analyses. Much remains to be said regarding immigration, memory and identity; a timely topic given the restless dispersal of peoples across the globe.

I would like to thank the scholars who contributed to this collection and to express my gratitude for an amazing journey. It has been an exciting and fulfilling experience to work with each and every one of them, and to discover, in the process, my own connections to some of their memories and the commonalities of experience that invite further scrutiny. The support I was given by managing editors Madoka Mizumoto, and thereafter, Carey Viejou, cannot be underestimated, and the dedication and significant input proffered by internal and external reviewers cannot be gainsaid. To the CJNS editorial board, I convey my appreciation for the opportunity to showcase the quality and importance of memory and identity work around the immigration experience. I trust that your confidence in the editions will be amply repaid.

While a work such as this one is the product of many committed hands, I express my deep and abiding thankfulness and obligation to Dr. Inge Genee for her guidance, mentorship, advice, and sheer hard work throughout. Her support

for these issues, from their inception, has never wavered. It would simply have been impossible to bring them to fruition without her selfless contribution.

If this collection prompts even a single scholar to expand his/her methodological range through life story/oral history data gathering and analysis, it will have done its work.

Enjoy!

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