

## From the guest editor

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This second special issue on Netherlandic migrations complements the first issue's focus on memory and remembering (see <https://caans-acaen.ca/volume-37-issue-1-2016/>) through its emphasis on identities and identity making. As I pointed out in my introduction to the first issue, *Of memory and remembering*, "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." The articles and vignettes in this second edition enrich my assertion that oral histories/life stories offer rich data assemblages that directly address, in a remarkably timely way given the dispersal of peoples around the globe, questions related to immigration, memory and identity and the transactional, negotiated nature of "ethnic" selves within mainstream cultures.

I would like to thank the scholars who contributed to this collection and to express my gratitude for an amazing journey. I have made new friends and discovered scholars and writers immersed in many of the research areas that hold my attention, and who have contributed to my vastly enriched understanding. While it has been a long journey, it has been eminently rewarding. In honouring their impact on this undertaking, I acknowledge the names of the contributors to both issues of the special edition (in alphabetical order): Helene Demers, Grace Hols, Jasmin Keijzer, Jenny Radsma, Lisa Schalk, Greg Sennema, Jason N. Vassere-long and Christa van Daele. In addition, I want to thank Christa van Daele, Helene Demers and Grace Hols for their insights on our panel at the CAANS conference in 2017, and to acknowledge that we could easily have spoken on our research for another two hours. Thank you for your insights and your gracious contributions.

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If these collections prompt scholars to expand their methodological range through life story/oral history data gathering and analysis, I am content.

Enjoy!

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