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AN INTRODUCTION

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The Atlantic International Studies (ATLIS) Journal is Canada's first and only peer-reviewed, academic journal strictly for undergraduate students. Published at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, the journal is in its seventh year and is garnering increasing attention. It is nationally archived and copies are held in the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations Office of Military Affairs in New York.

The purpose of the journal is to allow undergraduate students in the Atlantic Canada region to showcase their research, whether it is for a class, an independent study, or a thesis project. The journal is interdisciplinary and aims to include papers from students in any year of their undergraduate degree.

Our executive this year decided that instead of focusing specifically on the issues discussed in our classes, we wanted to explore solutions to these issues. We were fortunate to host Jeff and Debbie Moore of Just Us! Coffee Roastery through the generosity of the Pottle Family, whose Pottle Fund helps finance the conference each year.

In this issue of the journal you will find a variety of topics dealing with post-Cold War politics, linguistics and alternative healthcare systems to name a few. As the journal editor this year, I am very pleased with the caliber of articles that have been selected by the peer-reviewers and myself.

There have been a few changes to the journal this year. As an executive, we decided to shorten the length of the journal, while imposing stricter guidelines on material submitted. This has allowed us to focus the scope of the journal, while maintaining the standard of excellence expected of ATLIS. We also changed the peer-review process in the hopes to provide students with the opportunity not only to be involved in the review process but to also evaluate the work of their peers.

The conference and journal are run by students for students. If you enjoy the journal and are interested, there are several ways to get involved with ATLIS in future years. You can attend our conference, submit to the journal, volunteer to peer-review articles, or become a staff member and actively plan and prepare our activities throughout the year. ATLIS was created in the winter of 2003 at Mount Allison with the purpose of fostering informed undergraduate participation in international issues through scholarship, social and political involvement. ATLIS is committed to finding innovative ways to engage students with the world around them. ATLIS actively seeks partnerships with other organizations and clubs, other universities, faculties and experts in diverse fields of international studies.

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The Centre for International Studies (CIS) is a joint student-faculty run organization designed to engage Mount Allison students, faculties, and the wider community across disciplines in critical learning, dialogue, and innovative, collaborative action on pressing global issues. It does so through hosting conferences and speakers, compiling databases of resources and internship opportunities, and supporting the creation of Working Groups on areas of interest to students.

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