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We are pleased to bring you the second issue of our open-access journal, *Spaces for Difference: An Interdisciplinary Journal*. As we stated in our first issue, we are committed to providing a space for work that pushes boundaries and offers new theoretical and methodological approaches across disciplines. The original articles in this issue offer exceptional contributions to this effort. For example, Kelly N. Graves and her colleagues note the importance of humanizing statistics: "Hearing the words of youth enlivens the raw statistics in a way that quantitative analyses never will; their own words lay bare the challenges behind the numbers and give the issue the human face that it needs if it is to ever gain traction in our communities." In their article, Graves and her colleagues provide us with the voices of youth in the juvenile justice system and, in the process, offer a new perspective on how to address the on-going problems that minority youth face. Expanding upon and humanizing statistical research, they push boundaries that have real social consequences for minority youth. This is precisely the kind of work that we, as a journal and as a diverse group of scholars, are interested in supporting, reviewing and publishing.

Thus, the main goals of our journal, have, once again, come to fruition and continue to develop in every new issue. In addition to an exceptional collection of papers, we are pleased to publish four book reviews that address a full range of topics such as masculinities in a U.S. high school, pornography and masculinity, state-regulated sex work in Chiapas, Mexico and race in the contemporary United States.

We would like to acknowledge our reviewers (listed below) for their contributions to *Spaces for Difference: An Interdisciplinary Journal*. Their tireless work and insight sustain us. We are very pleased with the diverse range of topics and methodological approaches presented in this second issue and look forward to providing more exceptional research in upcoming issues. Thank you.

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