

Editorial: Special Issue on Aging in Indigenous Populations

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (2015) called for a widespread recognition that the current state of health in Indigenous populations in Canada is a “direct result of previous Canadian government policies, including residential schools” (p. 322). The Commission also emphasized the importance of identifying and closing the current gaps in health outcomes and of honouring Indigenous healing practices. It was in this context that the *Canadian Journal on Aging/La Revue canadienne du vieillissement* invited submissions that address issues of aging in Indigenous populations in Canada and internationally.

The *Canadian Journal on Aging/La Revue canadienne du vieillissement* is proud to present this *Special Issue on Aging in Indigenous Populations*. In this issue, we feature 15 articles exploring some of the most recent and important research being done by, and with, Indigenous peoples and communities. The articles in this collection explore a diverse range of topics, including: experiences of racism, participatory research methods, culturally safe health programs, and perspectives on successful aging. We thank all of the authors and study participants for their contributions, and encourage ongoing discussion and exchange of ideas around this critical area of research.

For this issue, we invited authors to include – in addition to the usual French and English abstracts – an additional abstract in an Indigenous language relevant to the published work. This was possible for a number of articles in the collection.

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I am particularly grateful for the expertise and leadership provided by the guest editor for this special issue, Dr. Jennifer Walker.

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