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Letter from the Editors:

We are pleased to introduce Volume 25 of the Graduate Student Journal of Psychology. This edition showcases rigorous scholarship that advances psychological science and addresses critical challenges in our field.

This volume features six compelling articles spanning diverse methodologies and substantive areas. Clayton offers a novel conceptual model for healthcare practitioners navigating weight-related conversations with patients. Drawing on motivational interviewing principles, the model promotes behavior change while reducing weight stigma, a timely contribution given the documented harms of weight bias in healthcare settings. Khan et al. examine relationships among attachment styles, mentalization, and suicidal ideation in a Pakistani sample, underscoring the importance of emotion regulation strategies in therapy with anxiously attached individuals. Zhu and White employ the Minimal Group Paradigm to investigate competing influences of ingroup membership and physical attractiveness on decision-making, revealing the robust primacy of group identity.

Additional contributions include Esterine's longitudinal investigation of prenatal anxiety and child language development at 18 months, which raises important questions about developmental mechanisms and timing; OConnell et al.'s methodological comparison of data quality across MTurk and Prolific, providing evidence-based guidance for researchers; and Zentner and Yildirim-Erbasli's innovative application of response time analysis and machine learning to detect careless responding in distressed survey participants, achieving strong predictive accuracy with support vector machines.

This edition marks an exciting transition for our team. We welcome three new associate editors—Madeleine, Kendall, and Joey—whose dedication and fresh perspectives have already enriched this volume and will carry forward our tradition of scholarly excellence.

We extend deep gratitude to our contributors, peer reviewers, and faculty sponsor, Dr. Matt Blanchard, for their invaluable support. We also thank our outgoing editors, whose leadership continues to inspire our work.

We invite you to engage with the research presented in this volume and join the conversation. Connect with us at gsjp@tc.columbia.edu or through our social media platforms. Thank you for your continued support as we advance the field together.

Warm regards,

The Editors