



FOREWORD

Simone Sidwell

Peace and Conflict Studies Program
Coordinator, Grinnell College
sidwells@grinnell.edu

It is an honor to write the foreword to this original collection of student-led scholarship in the inaugural issue of the Grinnell College *Undergraduate Journal of Peace and Conflict Studies*. In the introduction, Editor Anthony Wenndt '15 has thoughtfully framed this journal's publication within the context of both the PACS field generally and undergraduate research in particular, so I will not attempt to improve upon his theme. He has also provided readers with a useful history of the journal project and how it grew out of Grinnell's biennial Student Peace and Conflict Studies Conference. From the journal's very inception as an idea to its final online publication, Anthony has led this project with admirable passion, independence and diligence. Both the Student Conference experience and the publication that grew out of it are examples of the innovative body of work that can be created when students are empowered to take direct ownership of their education.