



Pawaatamihk: Journal of Métis Thinkers

Inaugural Edition Introduction

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In November 2022, our Circle of Editors had the opportunity to visit with Elder Verna DeMontigny and talk about our vision for this journal. During the visit, Verna graciously offered the name Pawaatamihk, which in Michif and Cree roughly translates to “collective dreaming” or “a group of people dreaming.”

In the same way that dreaming can offer us direction and futures to aspire to, so too will the knowledge that comes through this journal. Simultaneously, it is an opportunity to connect to our shared pasts as Métis people, including honouring our ancestors and living relatives whose hard work and dreams have paved the way for our thinking today. We are inspired by the ways that Métis thinkers are building knowledge in many different spaces and dream that this journal will become a nourishing home for Métis thought.

Each edition of *Pawaatamihk: A Journal of Métis Thinkers* includes community stories, scholarly papers, visual culture, poetry, and book reviews. By including diverse forms of knowledge production, we challenge the hierarchal divide between community-based and academic theorizing. Our Circle of Editors collaborates with a Community of Reviewers to thoughtfully consider each piece with intentional care put into making space for 2SLGBTQ+ and gender-diverse thinkers, scholars at different career stages, and community members not affiliated with academic institutions.

This inaugural edition celebrates the theme of dreaming. It includes a wide range of interpretations of this theme from people in diverse professions and disciplines. Each piece, in some way, speaks to the priorities, experiences, and dreams of Métis people. Diverse referencing styles are used according to each contributor’s discipline. As you engage with the pieces in this edition, we hope you will reflect upon your own dreaming and consider sharing your ideas with us in a future edition.

Awkoushi pitamaw (that’s it for now),
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