

Introduction to Spring 2021 *InULA Notes*: Peer-reviewed Edition

THE InULA COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE, 2020-2021

Greetings, InULA Notes Reader.

Back in July, we decided that this year's *InULA Notes* needed to be different. The COVID-19 pandemic has provided all of us with unprecedented obstacles, and we decided to make two changes as a result:

1. Publish one issue of *InULA Notes* in May 2021 (instead of the usual two issues), and
2. Give authors the opportunity to publish peer reviewed content for the first time in Notes.

This second decision was inspired by the stress we felt to publish during the chaos of a global pandemic. We thought an additional, local peer reviewed publication venue would be a welcome outlet. And we were right! Ultimately, we received and accepted two peer reviewed submissions. A small submission pool meant that we had time to focus on crafting an open, collaborative, and thoughtful peer review process that we're proud to envision as building blocks for potential *InULA Notes* peer review publishing practices in the future. And we're very proud of the content of this lean issue. Special thanks are due to our volunteer peer reviewers for their service in strengthening both articles:

- Robert Noel, IUB
- Jere Odell, IUPUI
- Chris Procter, IUSE
- Elizabeth South, IUE

And thanks also to the InULA Board for allowing us to experiment with the *InULA Notes* format during this past year.

Happy reading and happy summer to all,

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