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Editors' Introduction

Upon publication of this, the first issue of *Genocide Studies and Prevention*, we, the four co-editors, are pleased to welcome you, the reader, to these pages. Our aim is to produce a high-quality peer-reviewed journal that addresses cutting-edge issues in the field of genocide studies and related areas such as preventive diplomacy, conflict management, intervention, sanctions, and post-genocidal issues.

Prior to delineating the procedures we shall adhere to in evaluating manuscripts, we wish to express our collective appreciation for the support and encouragement we have received from diverse sources. Israel Charny and the board of the International Association of Genocide Scholars have provided a constant source of encouragement. They, along with the International Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies (IIGHRS), a division of the Zoryan Institute chaired by Roger W. Smith, were instrumental in jointly conceptualizing the journal and co-developing the mission statement. This partnership provided the legal and financial structures required for such an undertaking. The partnership was further enhanced by the inclusion of the University of Toronto Press, an outstanding academic publisher that has an existing partnership with the Zoryan Institute. We would like to mention specifically the role played by Greg Sarkissian, President of the IIGHRS, and George Shirinian, its Executive Director, in coordinating these efforts with Israel Charny and Roger Smith. Without the aid and encouragement of all these individuals, this journal would have remained an idea without a physical presence.

Genocide Studies and Prevention is a peer-reviewed international journal. As such, it adheres to the most vigorous academic standards, similar to those of longer-standing scholarly journals such as the *American Political Science Review* and *The American Historical Review*. Every manuscript submitted to the journal is sent to three qualified referees in a double-blind review process. The editors read and assess the referees' comments and evaluations and decide upon publication, revisions and resubmission, or rejection. It is no secret that the most highly regarded academic journals reject more manuscripts than they accept. While we do not have a quota, we do plan to subject every article we receive to the most rigorous standards of the academy. Our goal is to produce a top-ranking journal in which articles present both significant findings and innovative ideas. To achieve this goal, we vigorously encourage readers such as you to submit their most significant work for consideration by *GSP*, and we hope that, in the process of so doing, you will be joining us in this exciting enterprise. In a very real sense, the success or failure of this endeavor depends on your helping us as writers, reviewers, and readers. We hope you find this first issue, as well as the ones that will follow, stimulating and informative.

Thank you for all your support.

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