

Note from the Editors and Faculty Coordinator of *The Journal of Integrated Studies*

We would be remiss if we did not give a special thank you to Dr. Angie Abdou for being the judge of our 10-year anniversary writing contest. The theme of the contest was the interdisciplinary nature of fiction: a literary mode that, as Dr. Abdou reminded us, is inherently interdisciplinary. We wholeheartedly thank you, Dr. Abdou, for your efforts on our behalf in this venture.

We are proud to announce the winners of our 10-Year Anniversary Special Issue Edition's fiction contest:

1. **Heather von Stackelberg:** 1st prize for "What once was lost."
2. **Aaron Lagadyn:** 2nd prize for "The Buccaneer's Binnacle."
3. **Alex Condie:** 3rd prize for "Diary of a Diplomat" – previously published in the JIS Fall 2020 issue.
4. **Amy Spencer:** Runner up for "The Sprinkler" – also previously published.

We thank all who participated in the fiction contest and we encourage you to keep writing. Everyone has a story only they can tell. As we look back on ten years and forward to the next, we feel gratitude for all the stories, ideas and voices we have been able to share.

*Angie Abdou is a Canadian author who has published seven books, including *The Bone Cage* (a CBC Canada Reads finalist in 2011, defended by NHL star Georges Laraque). *Chatelaine* magazine named Angie's most recent novel, *In Case I Go*, one of the most-riveting mysteries of 2017, and *The Vancouver Sun* called it a "spectacularly successful" novel. It was a finalist for the Banff Mountain Book Award, in the fiction and poetry category. With her seventh book, Abdou turns her attention to nonfiction. *Home Ice: Reflections of a Reluctant Hockey Mom* chronicles a year in the life of a busy sport family. A starred review in *Booklist* calls *Home Ice* a first-rate memoir, a fine example of narrative nonfiction, and a must-read for parents with youngsters in organized sport. Angie is an Associate Professor of Creative Writing at Athabasca University.*
