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Chair's Note

It is our pleasure to present the sixth volume of our undergraduate research journal, the *Global Africana Review*. As with previous editions, this volume showcases some of the best research and scholarship of our students, with topics ranging across Africa and its diasporas, past and present. In addition to the contributors, a number of people helped to make this issue possible. We are grateful for the fine work of Professor Georges Nzongola-Ntalaja as the executive editor, along with the editorial talents that our managing editor Angela Pietrobon has once again brought to bear. We have benefited from the assistance of Rebekah Kati of Davis Library, who has been instrumental in the publication of this edition. Additionally, we are especially thankful to the Dean's Office and to Nicci Gafinowitz and her family for helping to defray the cost of this year's volume.

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