

# Notes on Contributors and Editors

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Sonny Assu (who created the art on the cover of this volume) is Laich-kwil-tach of the We Wai Kai First Nation. An interdisciplinary artist, Sonny graduated from Emily Carr University of Art and Design in 2002. His work merges Aboriginal iconography with the aesthetics of popular culture to challenge social and historical values, and deals with the effects of colonization upon the Indigenous people of North America. His work has been accepted into the National Gallery of Canada and various public and private collections across Canada and the United States.

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Jennifer Brant—Mohawk, Turtle Clan—is a master's degree candidate at Brock University. Her thesis reveals the barriers that Aboriginal women face in university and envisions Aboriginal women's access to, and success within, university through culturally relevant educational experiences. She is currently program developer for the Gidayaamin Aboriginal Women's Certificate Program at the Tecumseh Centre for Aboriginal Research and Education.

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Vivien Carli has worked as an analyst and project officer at the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC) in Montreal since 2008. She earned a BA (Hons) in international development and economics and an MA (Hons) in medical sociology, both at McGill University. Vivien has worked internationally and locally in health institutions and non-governmental organizations. She is currently working on Indigenous community safety issues at ICPC, and is collaborating with international institutions such as UN-HABITAT and UNODC on several initiatives.

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Don McCaskill has taught in the Department of Indigenous Studies at Trent University for almost forty years, where he has held many positions, including founding director of the Indigenous Studies PhD program. He has written many articles, edited eight books, and has been an editor of the *Canadian Journal of Native Studies* for over thirty years. He has conducted research on such topics as Aboriginal education, community development, self-government, urbanization, justice and corrections, and international development, and recently completed a major study of Aboriginal people in Toronto, which resulted in the Toronto Aboriginal Research Project Final Report.

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