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Journal Editor is Shortlisted for Award

On 21 April 2026 the Editors' Association of Canada announced three finalists for the Tom Fairley Award for Editorial Excellence. *Arctic's* copyeditor, Marguerite Pigeon, was one of three shortlisted for the award. Marguerite was chosen for the sensitivity and awareness she brought to her editorial work on an issue of *Visions Journal*. The issue focused on involuntary treatment and involved Marguerite communicating with contributors who shared personal and difficult stories. Her careful work on this project allowed for the preservation of the authors' voices. We are proud to have her on our team; our authors frequently express gratitude for her careful, skillful editing that assists authors publish their research work with clarity and accuracy.

The Narwhal Reports on the Work of a Recent AINA Researcher

Dr. Srijak Bhatnagar, a former AINA postdoctoral fellow and now assistant professor at the University of Calgary and Athabasca University, was featured in *The Narwhal* article, "A New Way to Fight Climate Change: Cataloguing the DNA of the Arctic Ocean," published 9 December 2025. Bhatnagar and a team of collaborators are extracting environmental DNA from the Arctic Ocean. The data collected will allow them to identify the biological characteristics of the ocean at present and track any changes in the profile of living creatures to assess the density and diversity of populations, their distribution over regions, and the impacts of disease and introduced contaminants. The project is expected to assemble trillions of data pieces that the team believes will identify over 80% of the environmental DNA in the Arctic Ocean. The potential for making new discoveries from this data is vast. To read the full article, following this link: https://thenarwhal.ca/arctic-ocean-dna-genomics-science/?utm_source=chatgpt.com