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The eighteen CDM participants who generously shared their stories for this special issue come from a range of backgrounds and are contextualized in the issue's introduction. They face uncertain futures and at least one contributor has already passed away since telling their tale. All CDM soldiers continue to be at risk and the IJBS is very grateful for their contributions.

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