

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

One of the first goals of the History Association, when I revived the organization back in 2012, was to revive the journal. A few of our members spent 2013-2014 digitizing the previous editions of the journal while working to bring the journal back to life. I am so pleased with how far the journal has come and looking forward to see what it will grow towards. I believe that Volume 9 continues on the path of the department's previous academic journals as well as recognizing excellent undergraduate work. These following papers uphold the high caliber of intellect that the department prides itself on. After receiving many submissions, it is my pleasure to introduce the following five papers, with a wide variety of topics these papers also showcase the variety of the department.

I am incredibly thankful to my two editors, Erik Rujan and Alistair Poole for their dedication and commitment to this journal. This has been the smallest board of editors the journal has seen and even though we had some minor setbacks, without the two of you, we would not be publishing Volume 9, so my utmost thanks to you both.

On that note, I want to extend my congratulations to Erik Rujan who has been elected to serve as Editor-in-Chief for Volume 10 of the academic journal. Erik's drive and dedication to the journal and the association provides me with the confidence that he will help the journal continue to succeed and grow in new directions.

Special thanks to Elyse Hansen, for her help on all technology. The journal would not succeed without you and I want to take the time to recognize all the work you do for the department and for the students.

I have hopes that in the future years, the journal will continue to expand upon its web presence and form a greater collaboration with the department as well as seeking out other departments to encompass a wider range of students submitting work related to history. I look forward to the future of the journal. Please enjoy Volume 9, and thank you.

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