LETTER FROM THE EDITORS...

The Spring 2012 issue of *Chronos* builds upon the successes of the 2011 issue. The process of acquiring and assessing submissions, which was overhauled during the 2010-2011 academic year, remained unchanged. The most significant development this year occurred in our editorial staff. Joclyn Wallace and Eugene Park, whose work proved instrumental in publishing the Spring 2011 issue of *Chronos*, departed. Fortunately, we acquired four new members, all of whom have demonstrated an equally robust commitment to publishing the journal. That, combined with continuity at the editor-in-chief position, made our transition between last year and this year virtually seamless.

We would like to thank all the people who made this publication of *Chronos* possible. Professor Michael Ebner of the History Department has been unwavering in his support and guidance as our Faculty Advisor and this issue of *Chronos* would not have been possible without him. We would also like to thank Fran Bockus. Her assistance and encouragement also made this publication possible. Finally we would like to thank the History Department and all the writers who submitted their papers for evaluation and publication. Their passion and enthusiasm for history is truly the backbone of the project.

This year we received thirty-four submissions to our journal. These papers covered a wide range of topics, geographical regions, and time periods. In the process of determining this year's selection of papers, our committee strove to have a diversity of topics while also choosing the most well written papers. In this regard, we are confident that we have come to the right decision. Once again, we want to thank everyone who submitted papers, and we encourage those who were not selected to enter again next year.

Sincerely,

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