

LETTER FROM THE EDITORS...

We find ourselves at the end of our third issue of the journal. We've delighted that we had such a strong response from students again this year, submitting their work to us, helping the journal grow. There is always the concern that the students will lose interest and our journal will fade into the woodwork as a novel idea that simply lost its steam. However, as a testament to the hard work of the board, the encouragement of the faculty, and the drive of our undergraduates, we continue to build on our modest beginnings.

Our continued success is due in large part to the support of our faculty advisor, Professor Samantha Herrick, who has been our foundation. Professor Herrick has never let us forget the magnitude of the task we've taken on and the importance of our efforts. We are grateful to her for her commitment to the journal in general, and to each of us on a personal level. We are also sad to report that Professor Herrick will be stepping down as our advisor to give other professors the opportunity to be a part of our endeavors. We will miss her guidance and enthusiasm, but she will hold a special place in the history of the journal as one of its driving forces from the very beginning. We are also fortunate to have the enthusiastic encouragement of the chair of our department, Professor Craig Champion. Our faculty continues to support us and more importantly, they continue to encourage our student body and we thank them all. We would also like to thank the administrative staff of the History department, Patti Blincoe, Patti Bohrer, and Fran Bockus, who always go out of their way to help us with the journal. We are also grateful to the College of Arts and Sciences for their continued financial support, which has allowed us to continue to succeed.

In this issue, we have continued the additions from our last issue. We have a new collection of papers, covering a range of topics and we are grateful to all the students who sent us their best work, making it very difficult to narrow our selections again this year. As always, the papers are the work of undergraduates, but are not limited to graduating seniors and, therefore, have been written for a variety of projects and assignments. It is our hope that our readers will appreciate the efforts of our contributors, as well as see their potential. To our undergraduates, we hope this journal will encourage them to strive to excel and see their own potential. To our departing seniors, we wish them well in their future endeavors. And among those leaving us, two of our board members will be graduating and moving on to undoubtedly grand pursuits. Best wishes to Nicole Sanford and Lydia Stamato. We hope all will remember to stay in touch.

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