## Letter from the editors

n 2004 Prof. Samantha Herrick and Prof. Norman Kutcher established CHRONOS, a student-run journal that would publish the best historical research papers written by undergraduate students at Syracuse University. The first issue of CHRONOS was released in 2005, and now, after a 4-year hiatus, we are proud to present Chronos Volume 15.

The previous volume of CHRONOS was completed in the first months of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and came out almost unnoticed since few students and professors were on campus. Four years later, COVID-19 no longer dominates headlines and CHRONOS has returned. We present a fascinating series of articles discussing different responses to the challenges faced by humanity, from  $2^{\rm nd}$ -century ways of coping with grief, to  $21^{\rm st}$ -century ways in which Kazakhstan has coped with its Soviet past.

In addition to editing this volume, we held our THIRD UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE on April 5, 2024. Eight student historical research presentations were followed by a panel discussion on the theme of *History Under Attack*; more than 60 students attended the conference. We hope to continue the tradition of hosting an annual undergraduate research conference in the future.

The Editorial Board wishes to thank Christina Cleason, Matt Coulter, the faculty and staff of the History Department, Bird Library, SOURCE, and the SURFACE team for their support of the CHRONOS project this year. We especially wish to thank Professor Albrecht Diem for his dedication to the journal's revival and for training the current editorial board from scratch.

Sincerely,
The 2024 CHRONOS Editorial Board

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Have you considered joining the Chronos Editorial Board? Our work includes selecting and editing historical papers, designing the journal, organizing an annual academic conference, and expanding the Chronos website. If you are interested, contact the Board at maxchronos@syr.edu, or directly contact any editorial board member.

If you have a historical research paper that received a grade of A- (90%) or better and you want to transform it into an article to be published in an academic journal, consider submitting it for our next issue by contacting us at maxchronos@syr.edu.

CHRONOS is back!