

## Letter from the Editors

We are extremely proud to present the first issue to the second volume of the Undergraduate Historical Journal at the University of California, Merced. We celebrate the completion of yet another great issue, and it is extremely gratifying to finally see the fruit of our labors make it to publication.

This journal is the result of the tireless work of many individuals: our passionate authors who share our love for history, who not only worked so hard on their original papers but demonstrated great courage to submit those papers for publication. And we cannot forget the dedicated and tireless editors who went through countless hours of editing to help produce this issue. Unfortunately, some papers did not make it to publication, but we were greatly impressed with the wide range of submissions that we received nonetheless. After assembling these articles and formatting them in the Journal, we are proud to say that we have created an issue that both reflects our diverse student body and represents the proud history majors and enthusiasts on campus.

Ranging from ancient China to the Cold War and beyond, the editors of the UHJ present our readers with a diverse collection of subjects and themes that will undoubtedly kindle the interest of all history readers and enthusiasts. From novice students to veterans of academia, our contributors showcase a true passion for history in areas including: international politics, war, ancient civilizations, and the arts to name a few.

The future of the Journal is full of possibilities and open to constant change and improvements, and as UC Merced grows, this Journal has the potential to grow to the full recognition that it deserves. We thank all the individuals who helped us along our journey and made it possible for the Journal to make it to publication once again. We at the UHJ hope that our readers enjoy this issue, along with the future issues that we plan on producing in the future, and we invite you to watch the Journal grow and prosper in the following years to come.

Congratulations to the authors and our sincerest gratitude,  
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