

## ABOUT THE EDITORS

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**Emily Cassie** is a fourth-year history major who enjoys modern European history, the history of gender and sexuality, and all historical knowledge useful in her quest to become the ultimate Jeopardy champion. When she is not busy enriching her life through the study of history, Emily can be found riding her horse, sitting in her spot on the history department lawn, or training for Olympic-level croquet. Upon graduating in June, Emily is moving to the Mississippi Delta to teach social studies with Teach for America and plans on devoting the rest of her life to closing the achievement gap.



**Joycelyn Cheung** is graduating with honors from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in June 2011. She majored in History and has minors in Art History and Asian Studies. Her favorite part of history is being able to study different cultures and their influences on today's society. This summer, Joycelyn is looking forward to interning at the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles. She is ecstatic for this internship because of her love of museums and artifacts. Joycelyn hopes to one day be a curator at a house museum and work to enhance living history programs as a way to help students find a deeper connection to history. After her internship, Joycelyn will be traveling to Taiwan to teach English and learn more about her family's culture and origin.



**Shawn Greenelsh** is currently finishing his thesis for Master of Arts in History at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. He is also a teacher at Lopez High School, in Arroyo Grande, CA, with fifteen years of teaching experience in English, U.S. History, Government, Economics, World History, Video Production, Health, and AVID. Shawn also authored/facilitated Lopez High

School's WASC application for accreditation, and holds a certificate from the Central Coast Writing Project. Shawn is a former Commissioned Officer, First Lieutenant, Infantry, in the Army National Guard. Shawn's varied list of hobbies includes creative writing, hiking, biking, and family time. Shawn has earned both a Bachelor of Arts in History, a minor in English, and a teaching credential in English from Cal Poly. Shawn instills a deep love, hope, and faith in Jesus Christ. Shawn has been married for twenty years to his high school sweetheart, and is the father of three beautiful children—two boys and one girl.



**Andrew “Sylvan” Levin** is currently a high school teacher of Geography, History, and Government and a proud father of two daughters. He received his Bachelor of Arts in African-American Studies with a concentration in History from Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT, and his teaching credential from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo,

from where he is on track to complete his Master of Arts in History in June, 2011. His interests are in world, environmental, and modern Middle Eastern history. Sylvan was awarded the Richard Spencer Wood Memorial Award in 2011. He has been an Advanced Placement World History exam reader and looks forward to having more time to devote to greening his home, school, and community.



**Justin McCollum** earned his Bachelor of Arts in History with a minor Anthropology and Geography from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in 2006. Upon graduation, he concurrently enrolled in both the Single Subject Teaching Credential (social science) and M.A. History programs at Cal Poly. He is most

interested in contemporary modern world history, environmental history,

island history, Cuban history, Hawaiian history, and the history of (socialist) philosophy. He has been a full-time high school teacher since 2008, and recently became tenured in the King City Joint Union High School District. Justin was published in the inaugural edition of *The Forum*, and served as an assistant editor for the journal last year. He resides in Oak Creek Commons, a progressively-minded co-housing community located in Paso Robles, with his wonderful wife, Kaela, and their two cats, Cozy and Bubba. Outside of academia, Justin enjoys cheering on the San Francisco Giants, traveling, playing guitar, practicing martial arts, continuing to “green” his life, and almost anything outdoors.



**Michelle Oga**, a graduating history major, will take a couple years to gain work experience before attending graduate school. During her four years at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, Michelle has been a violinist in the Cal Poly Symphony while fostering her interest in the history of East Asia and the field of Anthropology. Eventually she would like to participate in Anthropological/Archaeological fieldwork before settling down as a curator of a natural history museum. Michelle gives thanks to her family for all the love and support they have given her, not only during the past four years, but throughout her academic career.



**Daniel Slusser** specializes in mid to late nineteenth-century American history and has published articles on the caning of Charles Sumner and is currently finishing his thesis on the education of the Wright brothers. His interests within the subject of history are broad and include economic, political, and technical history. Daniel is the father of two children and loves spending time with them and his wife of twelve years. He also enjoys cycling, metalwork, baseball, and bowling. Additionally, Daniel is currently working on a side project designing and marketing cycling apparel.



*Kate Triglia* is graduating with honors from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo this June with a Bachelor of Arts in History. She was honored to receive the Phi Kappa Phi Scholarship this year and the Jeri Ewy Thiel Memorial Scholarship last year. Kate was the 2009-2010 chapter president of Phi Alpha Theta, and has been an editorial board member for three years. Kate is looking forward to her trip to London this summer, and can not wait to see all the places she has been reading about for so long! Kate especially enjoys American and British political and social history, and hopes to pursue a career in government or international relations.