

ABOUT THE EDITORS

Matthew Brown is graduating in June 2013 from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a Bachelor of Arts in History and a minor in Anthropology/Geography. He has a wide range of academic interests, but is especially interested in the Cold War, political theory, the history of Warsaw Pact countries, and American cultural history of the 20th century. Completing his degree in 3 years, Matthew is an officer in Cal Poly's chapter of the Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society. When not pursuing academics, he enjoys planning and participating in Korean War living history displays and traveling with friends and family. Following graduation, Matthew plans on returning home to Long Beach to enroll in teaching credential program, with the eventual goal of pursuing a Master's degree and teaching high school social studies.

Laura Neylan is a third year history major with two minors: psychology and law and society. She loves colonial American history and theory. Laura would like to pursue a Master's in Higher Education Administration after she graduates next year. Her other interests include hiking and traveling. She considers her experience studying abroad in Peru last summer to be one of the coolest things she has ever done; she can't wait to travel to Asia and Australia in the near future.

Marissa Millhorn is graduating with honors from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in June 2013. A former economics major, she found her true home in the History Department. While she enjoys most every area and period of history, she is especially interested in the study of modern European history, revolutions, colonialism and social history in general. When she is not having adventures with her friends or working at UPD, she takes delight in watching classic films, reading, camping, hiking, baking, having tea, and supporting the San Francisco Giants. Quite the anglophile, she studied abroad in 2011 at the University of Essex in Colchester, England. She was able to travel all over Europe and see her favorite historical places; she even found herself exploring the pyramids in Egypt. In the future she plans to teach abroad and explore more of the world.

Wendy Myren graduated with honors from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in March 2013 with a bachelor's degree in History. Her particular historical interests lie in ancient civilizations and modern America. She participated in WOW orientation and actively involved herself in Phi Alpha Theta honor society. She enjoys reading, visiting historical sites, and socializing with her friends. Come fall, Wendy will be further attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to attain her Master's degree in History.

Wyatt Oroke is a fourth-year History major and Women's and Gender Studies minor who will be graduating in June 2013. He has served as the Out Reach Chair for Phi Alpha Theta for two consecutive years. Wyatt has been awarded the Hilda Heifetz Family Scholarship, the J. Irving Snetsinger Award for Political and Diplomatic History, and the J. Irving Snetsinger Award for Writing by the Cal Poly History Department. Wyatt has served as a Resident Advisor for University Housing for the past three years in Trinity Hall and Sequoia Hall. Following graduation, Wyatt will be joining the Teach For America program in Baltimore, MD and will be attending Johns Hopkins University to pursue a Master's degree in Educational Studies. Through Teach For America he will have the opportunity to teach English at the secondary level. He hopes to one day receive doctorate degrees in both education and history, as well as remain a teacher throughout his life.

Andrew Pagan, known as Ondy to many of his friends, graduated with honors from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in March 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts in History. His academic interests include Modern Southeast Asian History, especially that of the Philippines, historiography and theory, and the application of modern historical scholarship to social studies curriculum in secondary education. Outside of the classroom, he enjoys trying new foods and embarking on random adventures with friends. In his four years at Cal Poly, he played an active role in Epic Christian Fellowship and Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society, and also served as a group leader in the University's Week of Welcome and Summer Institute programs. In the Fall of 2013, he will move to Detroit, Michigan to serve as a Social Studies Teacher as part of Teach For America. While his time at Cal Poly has expanded his intellectual horizons beyond what he initially expected, he counts as most valuable the friendships developed in his years as a college student.

Elena Reynolds is a member of Cal Poly's Phi Alpha Theta chapter and will be graduating in June 2013 with a Master of Arts in History. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History with a minor in Political Science from Bob Jones University, where she graduated cum laude. Her academic interests include Armenian and Middle Eastern history, Holocaust and genocide studies, and United States foreign policy. She plans to travel and pursue a career in teaching upon graduation.

Nicola Williams is going into her fourth and final year at Cal Poly with a History major and minors in both Women and Gender Studies and Anthropology/Geography. She was born in the UK in Canterbury before making her all-important voyage 'across the pond' to the US. She has a penchant for both gender and religious themes throughout history, and possesses a particular fascination for the changing fates and fortunes of women throughout each. Upon her graduation, Nicola plans to travel and observe more of the world and to explore whatever exciting adventures and potential careers it reveals to her.