

EDITOR'S NOTE

This year's edition of *The Forum* represents hours of research, days of writing, and years of anticipation. Many students of history dream of publishing their work in a journal, and the students whose work is included in this journal have achieved that goal today.

This journal features students who are just beginning to understand what it means to be a historian, as well as students who identify as historians after years of honing their craft. It highlights many different areas of history, including women's history, American history, European history, Russian history, local history, and even historical theory. Similarly, each author offers a unique writing style and perspective.

The production of this journal provides an unparalleled opportunity for history students to live out the Cal Poly motto, "Learn by Doing." We believe that enlarging the pool of historical scholarship that our journal represents will only enhance the production process. Thus, we are proud to announce that our journal broke new ground this year by accepting a submission from outside of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. As we look toward the future, we hope to incorporate scholarship from many colleges and universities.

The Forum has truly been a labor of love this year. We have grown as students of history and editors throughout the production process. Most importantly, we have a renewed respect for the production of history and its importance. We sincerely hope that you enjoy this edition of *The Forum*.

Sincerely,
Laura Neylan and Nicky Williams
Executive Editors

