

## **Editor's Introduction**

We are pleased to present our third volume of *The Corvette*, a peer-reviewed history undergraduate journal at the University of Victoria. *The Corvette* has provided history students at UVic the opportunity to take part in the publication of a research journal and has encouraged academic excellence among students. Each year we publish the best history papers that we receive from undergraduate students on a variety of topics.

This past year, we received fifty-five submissions, six of which have made it to these pages. While each submission has contributed to the spirit of academic excellence that this journal seeks, these six authors need to be commended for the quality of the papers written. The subjects span three continents and 165 years, with topics ranging from the American Wild West, Ukrainian settlement in Canada, the space race in the Cold War era, the Nisga'a's fight for sovereignty, the Israeli-Egyptian political relationship and the journey towards same-sex marriage in Canada. These papers are thought-provoking, well-researched, and we are pleased to present them to you.

*The Corvette* could never have come to fruition without the help and support of so many people. Nineteen students acted as peer reviewers for this publication. Timely, eager, and thorough, our peer reviewers outdid themselves this year.

We are also grateful for two exceptional women who were prominent in the passage of *The Corvette* from pages to publication. Heather Dean, Associate Director of Special

Collections provided the editorial team with remarkable knowledge of the University of Victoria's vast array of primary documents. The eye-catching cover image is the result of her expertise. Secondly, no UVic journal would be possible without the generous guidance of Inba Kehoe, Scholarly Communication Librarian at the University of Victoria. Multiple meetings and email exchanges were required to get this publication to press. Inba and Heather have been integral to *The Corvette's* journey.

Our two faculty advisors, Dr. Mitchell Lewis Hammond and Dr. Peter Cook, have also been key in the publication of this year's *Corvette*. Their knowledge, expertise, and previous experience with *The Corvette* have been indispensable in this process. We have been lucky to once again have the support of the History Department and the University of Victoria. Dr. Jason Colby, Chair of the History Department, and Dr. John Archibald, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, have both aided in the final publication of *The Corvette*. We would also like to acknowledge the contributions of The History Undergraduate Society and the University of Victoria Students' Society whose generous support and funding have made this publication of *The Corvette* possible. We hope next year's editorial team will be as fortunate to receive the help and enthusiasm that we did this year.

Sincerely,

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