

President's Message

I am pleased to introduce this issue of *The Corvette*, the University of Victoria's student-run history undergraduate journal.

We have extraordinary students with extraordinary ideas at the University of Victoria. Our university is committed to providing students with a fully immersed, research-enriched academic environment. At its core an education in history and other humanities disciplines develops valuable skills in our students, such as critical and creative thinking, close analysis of texts, social and cultural patterns, and finely developed communication skills. Students engaged in exploring and creating knowledge alongside their peers and mentors is a great foundation for academic learning, skill building, and for creating innovative and active citizens.

The Corvette seeks to showcase our finest undergraduate researchers of whom we are so proud. Students have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience of the academic process through research, writing, and publishing, as well as acting as copy editors and peer reviewers. The result is an excellent collection of work from students who are directly engaged in research-inspired learning. The history explored in this issue takes us around the world –from the Scottish Highlands to the ancient city of Pompeii– demonstrating the diverse range of historical study on campus. These essays are thought-provoking, well-researched and creative, and are wonderful examples of the dynamic scholarship at UVic.

Congratulations on the continued success of *The Corvette* and thank you to the many dedicated UVic undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty advisers and mentors for sharing your knowledge and passion for history.

I wish each of you all the best for a successful future.

Sincerely,

Professor Jamie Cassels, QC
President and Vice-Chancellor