

## Chair's Message

The Corvette serves many people, many ways.

For the readers it is an entrée through doorways to the past, portals to people, places and events that had been lost to time and are resurrected here in the pages of this journal.

For the authors it is a place to refine the craft of scholarship; a place to get something off our chest -- or conscience; a place to share some hard-won knowledge, and for some, a launching pad to careers in history, writing, journalism, policy analyses, politics, law...or just about anything that requires thinking and communicating.

For me, it was a launching pad. I co-edited the first incarnation of the *Corvette*, published by the UVic History Undergrad "Course Union" back when pterodactyls still dominated the campus sky. That work made me a better writer and editor; it helped me get accepted and funded when I applied to do a Masters in History, a degree which further refined my skills, and got me into a Ph.D. program, which got me into the best job in the world – historian, UVic professor, chair of a great History Department.

So I offer my thanks to the editors and authors of this year's Corvette, and the author/editors of the many volumes and incarnations that came before. You have generously shared your time, imagination, knowledge, and skill, and collectively you have launched a thousand careers -- mine included!

Thank you for sharing your knowledge and skills...Congratulations!

Sincerely,

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