

Editor's Introduction

I am pleased to introduce the newest issue of the University of Victoria's History Undergraduate Journal, *The Corvette*. The journal is the embodiment of the hard work and ingenuity of history students over the years. The pages of *The Corvette* are filled with rich historical research and detail that illustrate the high quality of work at the University of Victoria. Each year the publishing process provides students with the opportunity to collaborate with peers and professors to create a quality undergraduate research journal.

There were a variety of excellent submissions this year, however only seven were chosen for this issue. Though we received many commendable papers, these seven stand out both for their unique topics and excellent writing. The papers draw from history all over the globe, spanning five centuries and exploring topics in Africa, North America, and Europe. Distinctive subjects such as J.R.R. Tolkien's mythical world, Liberian colonization, and the Basque separatist group, ETA, are explored within this volume. Overall, these seven diverse works give the reader a real sense of historical breadth.

In addition to the authors, there are many people who deserve mention for their work on this issue of *The Corvette*. I would like to acknowledge the hard work and assistance of all eighteen of our peer reviewers and copy editors. Particularly, I would like to offer a special thanks to Matthew Miskulin, who has been an extremely important part of the editing process. As well, the journal could not have been produced without the exceptional support of our professor advisors, Dr. Peter Cook and Dr. Mitchell Lewis Hammond. Their tireless work and expertise

have helped to guide and streamline the process. It is also important to note the help of the History Undergraduate Society, especially the encouragement and advice of David Heintz and Lauren Chancellor. Furthermore, I would like to mention the funding generously provided by the University of Victoria's Student Society that has made this journal possible. All of the assistance provided by this team has helped to create what I believe is another exceptional issue of *The Corvette*.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Rempel
Editor-in-Chief