

## ***EDITORS' NOTE***

The University of Victoria stands on the unceded and unsundered lands of the Songhees, Esquimalt, and WSÁNEĆ peoples, whose historical relationship to their land continues despite the ongoing encroachment and theft perpetrated by uninvited settlers. It is critical that we recognize our positionality in relation to the lands we work, live, and play on. Let's aspire to carve a path towards reconciliation and good relations by using our understanding of the past to create a better future.

From women's liberation to representations of war and the history of asexuality, the research presented in this edition of *the Ascendant Historian* shows the value of studying the past and demonstrates the contributions that the next generation of scholars will make to the field. As the editors of this journal, we are always striving to include and promote marginalized voices and underrepresented historical subjects. In the diversity of this year's offerings, we continue this tradition.

The creation of a journal such as this is not the work of just one or two people, but of a whole team each playing a crucial role. We'd like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to peer review submissions and copy-edit the accepted papers. Without you, this journal would not have been possible. Also, a big round of appreciation goes out to all of those who submitted their research. It has been an honour to read all of your incredible work. Lastly, thank you to our professorial advisors Dr. Bunton, Dr. Cook, Dr. Hammond, and Dr. Lutz who gave us much-needed advice and guided us in the right direction.

This edition of the journal has been a labour of love and we are so happy to share the finished product with you. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

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