

EDITOR'S NOTE

I am thrilled to present this years edition of *The Ascendant Historian*, the University of Victoria's undergraduate history journal. The papers in this volume are an excellent example of the type of work produced by the students in the history undergraduate body at UVic. It has been my honour to work on this journal for the past year, and I am so excited to finally be able to share the finished product.

I would like to thank everyone who made the publication of this journal possible. Our peer review team, who evaluated all our original submissions to determine which papers would be selected for the final journal. Our faculty advisors, whose experience and insight provided our authors with invaluable feedback. Our editing team, who dedicated countless hours to reading and re-reading drafts. To our authors, than you for trusting us with your work and allowing us to present your ideas to a new audience.

Finally, thank you to you, the reader. The opportunities for young historians to publish their work can often feel inaccessible or daunting, but in picking up this volume you have helped each of our authors begin their academic careers.

Gwendoline Hodges, Editor in Chief, June 2025