

## President's Message

I am pleased to introduce this issue of the *Graduate History Review*, the University of Victoria's graduate journal.

UVic is home to dynamic researchers with extraordinary ideas. Our university is committed to providing students with a fully immersed, research-enriched academic environment that empowers students to explore and create knowledge alongside their peers and mentors. An education in humanities is a great foundation for academic learning, critical and creative thinking, developing communication skills, and for creating innovative and active citizens.

The *Graduate History Review* features some of our finest graduate researchers. This year's publication takes us on a journey to Medieval Iceland, pre-communist Russia, modern Australia, and back again, with research topics on Canadian history. The articles represent the diversity of historical thought and study on campus that contributes to new perspectives and ongoing debate and dialogue. This issue also highlights the collaboration between graduate students and faculty members from the UVic History and Art History departments who worked together to bring the publication to completion. The result is an excellent collection of work from students who are directly engaged in research-inspired learning.

Congratulations and thank you to the many dedicated UVic graduate students, faculty advisors and mentors for sharing their passion for history and research.

Sincerely,

Professor Jamie Cassels, QC  
President and Vice-Chancellor