

Chair's Message

What a pleasure to see a new issue of the Graduate History Review! As chair of the History Department I have a mandate to foster excellence in research, outstanding teaching, and the richest possible student experience. The GHR is what happens when all of these things come together perfectly.

This journal is not just a collection of the excellent work produced in our department by graduate student scholars, it is also a hologram of the UVic Department of History showing, from different angles, its better qualities. The best of graduate student writing is research that merits a wide audience and is of interest to many. The existence of so many high caliber articles speaks both to the quality of the students and the commitment to graduate teaching exhibited by History faculty. And the opportunity to experience both the role of an editor, peer reviewer, and to have one's work carefully edited are examples of rich, experiential educational opportunities.

The GHR is also an example of other qualities of our department that we can all celebrate: a strong culture of student-faculty collaboration—eleven faculty and twenty-two students did peer reviews or otherwise contributed to the editorial work; a commitment to interdisciplinarity drawing, as it does, from anthropology, biology, cultural studies, linguistics and from across the historical spectrum; and a wide-ranging, open-minded perspective on history that encompasses the globe.

Finally, this journal is a gift on the part of the authors and editorial team who laboured long and hard to bring it to you in this engaging format. Congratulations and thanks for this rich offering!

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