

## Introduction

Welcome to the thirty-eighth edition of *Perspectives: A Journal of Historical Inquiry*, the peer reviewed academic journal for the History Department at California State University, Los Angeles. All content has been written, edited, and arranged by graduate and undergraduate students of CSULA under the supervision of Dr. Birte Pflieger. Sponsored by the Eta Xi chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the International Honor Society in History, the journal exemplifies our commitment to excellence and scholarly research. Since 1973, *Perspectives* has created a forum for historical discourse that is diverse and relevant to students of history, faculty, and the academic community at large. The past two editions of *Perspectives* were honored with a Gerald D. Nash History Journal Award. Humbled by the journal's award-winning tradition, we are proud to present this publication as we aim to uphold this standard of excellence.

Volume thirty-eight is the product of History 497, an upper-division course in journal editing and publishing. Student editors worked diligently to produce a journal that represents the diversity of interests within the History Department and the CSULA campus. There has been a growing enthusiasm among students for the journal, evidenced by a record number of submissions this year. The editors enjoyed the wide-ranging scope of research conducted by their peers, finding that each paper had a compelling story to tell. This edition features six scholarly articles, ten book reviews, as well as a special section exploring gender roles through women's oral histories. We are also pleased to offer an online version of the journal where comments are welcome and encouraged.

This edition opens with Nicholas Beyelia, who gives a voice to Mexican American child agricultural laborers in the Southwest and highlights their resilience in the face of hardship. Sandra Cervantes addresses the peasant insurgency in Guerrero and challenges traditional viewpoints on the Mexican Dirty War. Rio Hartwell chronicles how memories impacted mid twentieth-century constructions of manhood in the U.S. Forest Service. Gregg Hunt illustrates how anti-Semitic imagery and propaganda in Nazi Germany contributed to manufacturing consent. Stephanie Schott focuses on the use of psychological warfare in the campaigns of Alexander the Great. Lastly, Lori Jean Wilson explores the debates over first cousin marriage that took place during the American Progressive era.

This edition of the journal is being published during a period of severe economic crisis, greatly impacting the California public education system. Students are struggling with the ever-increasing cost of education, reduced course offerings, as well as the juggling of full-time jobs and family life. We take great pride in the quality of work produced despite these enormous challenges. Our contributors' diversity of interests, optimism, and excellent scholarship have made this an exceptional edition of the journal that we hope you will enjoy reading and discussing with others.

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