

Letter from the Editor-in-Chief

The first issue of the *Chicago Journal of History* marks roughly one year from inception to unboxing about ten pounds worth of journals. As some may remember, there was a previous version of the *Journal*, identically named but completely separate from what you are reading currently. Admittedly, I did borrow a core tenet: an interdisciplinary approach to the study of history.

The four papers featured in the fall edition of the *Chicago Journal of History* are reflective of this tenet. You will engage with journalism, medicine, and fashion under a historical light, one that illuminates ideas and nuances left uncovered by hyper-focused studies. In other, less jargonful words, this *Journal* has some pretty interesting stuff inside. Here I would like to recognize our chosen authors: Ginger Trask, Miller Bacon, Mrinalini Sisodia Wadhwa, and Richard Schelo for their hard work, cooperation, and stellar essays. We are tremendously proud to present an array of articles that argue and advance thought-provoking and conversation starting ideas. These papers grapple with themes and topics prevalent throughout history, including today. Additionally, we have the privilege of featuring the wise words of historian and dean emeritus, John Boyer, in the foreword for our first edition.

All of this would not be possible without the dedicated help of many. I would like to thank the entire staff board of the *Chicago Journal of History*—the editors, resource coordinators, treasurers, website and layout managers. Each and every individual person on board crucially helped the *Journal* through its infancy into the copy you're reading today. For that, I cannot thank them enough. Like any project, it had its bumps, but those who remained dedicated showed their passion and love for the field of history and its success. I would also like to thank our board of graduate students and faculty, who were paramount to the success of the *Journal*. Additionally, I must spotlight Professor Heffington and the University of Chicago's history department as a whole, for cultivating a passionate and curious student body and a world class program, as well as graciously funding the first iteration of the *Journal*. Lastly, I would like to thank my dad, Jay, and mom, Sara, for their unwavering support throughout

this long process.

All in all, many people and many hours of work have brought you the 64 pages in front of you. On behalf of the whole organization, we sincerely hope you enjoy and learn something new from the first ever edition of the *Chicago Journal of History*.

Sincerely,
Jack Sanders