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Welcome!

This has been a new year for the *Journal*, with a change in editor and the burgeoning of new ideas for the *Journal's* direction (and even a minor name change). But throughout we have continued to strive for the high quality which makes the *Graduate Historical Journal at UCLA* a success. In this the 26th issue of the *Journal*, the articles cover several topics and touch upon subjects that still affect the modern world, including: the role of literature in understanding community and communal space; race and ethnicity as motivators for prejudice (under a variety of situations); and, the uncovering of previously untold histories. These articles are a welcome contribution to the historical conversation and we hope you find them as intriguing as we did.

This journal serves as a platform for many scholars, especially our readers and the scholars who choose our journal for publication. But these ideas and research would not appear here today without the continuous support of those around us. For this we would like to take a few moments and thank those responsible for the dedication required to publish this journal. And so, we thank the UCLA History Department, the Department Chair, Stephen Aron, our Graduate Advisors, Hadley Porter and Deborah Dauda, the History Graduate Students Association, the Graduate Student Association Director of Publications, Stacey Meeker, and the numerous graduate students who volunteer their time to our *Journal*. As always, we are confident that this volume of the *Graduate Historical Journal at UCLA* will continue the proud tradition of historical scholarship and original research.

Anna Accettola
Editor-in-Chief