

INTRODUCTION

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This year marked many exciting changes for the tenth edition of the *MADISON HISTORICAL REVIEW*. After nine years, we redesigned the journal's website. In order to maintain the integrity of the *MADISON HISTORICAL REVIEW*, the archive has not been altered in format; papers are presented as they were originally published.

However, while the journal's design has changed, the quality of submissions has not. The *MADISON HISTORICAL REVIEW* received a number of outstanding research papers from students across the United States – and even one from Africa. Since the journal relies upon history graduate students who spend hours locating one relevant primary source and shifting through countless secondary sources just to write a single historiography paragraph, we thank you. The students who submitted their work this year made selecting finalists a difficult task for the staff.

As executive editor, I would personally like to thank the entire editorial board for their helpful critiques. Special thanks to Chris Carlberg, Lauren Fleming, and Jeff Hobson, who all gave up a perfectly beautiful Friday afternoon in April to help determine the finalists. Furthermore, Phil Ernst offered much guidance with any website issues I had, of which there were many. Finally, Dr. Andrew Witmer was always willing to talk about decisions that had to be made, providing a pragmatic voice to every problem.