

Letter from the Editor

The *Madison Historical Review* is pleased to present our readers with this latest edition of original historical scholarship. We are proud that the *Madison Historical Review* is one of the only scholarly journals run by graduate students with a focus geared toward the publication of Master's level research. The ensuing articles represent a wide variety of graduate student scholarship, from an overlooked Russian empress, to viewing Wikipedia as a viable space to produce historical knowledge, and including a view of Donington Hall and the conditions prisoners of war faced during World War I. Our lone book review focuses on a more contemporary topic, police brutality of African American citizens and its role in sparking the Black Lives matter movement.

On behalf of the entire editorial board, I would like to congratulate Jacob Bell, winner of the 2019 James Madison Award for Excellence in Historical Scholarship. His article, "Russia's Empress-Navigator: Transforming Modes of Monarchy During the Reign of Anna Ivanovna, 1730-1740," looks at the often-overlooked rule of Anna Ivanovna and the ways in which she helped refine the process of change in Russia. Bell's work is an excellent example of graduate student research and writing skills.

This year we continued our series of interviews but decided to shift from interviewing historians in the public history field to broadening our academic scope. Rather than interviewing a history professional, we interviewed two scientists to get an outside perspective of the ways in which science and history can inform one another. Dr. Sunshine Brosi and Dr. Jarrod Burks offer insights into how the study of history ties into their work and the ways we can expand collaboration in the future.

I would also like to thank our editorial board; without their hard work, the publication of this journal would not be possible. Members of the editorial board review all submitted articles and copy edit the papers chosen for publication. Thank you to Blake Bergstrom, Alex Brooks, Rachel Childers, Sam Constantine, Kayla Heslin, Emily Innes, Ali Kolleda, Will Stanley, Nick Strasser, and

Matt Wingfield. Furthermore, the addition of Lara Ressler-Horst as Associate Editor provided some much needed respite during the process, and for that I am forever grateful. Additionally, I would like to thank Rebecca Kruse for her technical support and expertise in operating the journal's Scholarly Commons website. All of us at the *Madison Historical Review* are especially indebted to our faculty advisor, Dr. Philip Herrington, for his guidance and support in the publication of this issue.

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