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 analysis of the historiography of a seventeenth century war in New England, an exploration of economic populism in post-Soviet Lithuania, a study of cross cultural interaction between the Moghul and Ottoman empires, a study of race and gender in the Reconstruction era, and including a timely article on the measles vaccination. This year we have two book reviews. One reviewing a book on the Queer movement in Brooklyn, New York and the other a book on how food security played a role in the making of modern India.

On behalf of the entire editorial board, I would like to congratulate Kevin March, winner of the 2020 James Madison Award for Excellence in Historical Scholarship. His article, “The Violences of Place and Pen:” Identities and Language in the Twentieth-Century Historiography of King Philip’s War traces the twentieth-century historiography of King Philip’s War, a destructive eleven-month conflict between New Englanders and a loose alliance of Southern Algonquians led by the Wampanoag sachem known as Philip or “King” Philip. Of these historiographic debates concerned the relationship between categories of identity, wartime alliances, and intercultural encounters. The second historiographical debate concerns the most suitable name for the war. March’s work is an excellent example of graduate student research and writing skills.
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 Sam Constantine, Ali Kolleda, Nick Strasser, and Laura Butler. Furthermore, the addition of Jamie Bone 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. Colleen Moore, for her guidance and support in the publication of this issue.

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