

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 archival journey to find the voices of those opposed to the Commissioners' Plan of 1811, to a story of how a lesbian relationship in the 20th century sought to overturn Orientalism, and including a view of violence during the reign of the Carolingians.

On behalf of the entire journal, I would like to congratulate Ariel Norris, winner of the 2022 James Madison Award for Excellence in Historical Scholarship. Her article, "The Myth of the Crocodile Dundee: The 'White Australian' and the Racialization of Australian Citizenship from 1901-1958," unpacks the fabrication of the national identity of the "white Australian" and details how citizenship was systematically denied to Asian immigrants and First Nations peoples. Norris's work is an excellent example of graduate student research and writing skills.

Furthermore, the addition of Anna Neubauer as Associate Editor provided much support during the process, and for that I am very thankful. 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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