Introducation and Acknowledgements

Editors of History in the Making

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Letter from the Editor

Welcome to the inaugural edition of History in the Making! After a year of hard work and collaboration, California State University, San Bernardino now boasts the completion of its first journal of history.

The four articles and one book review featured in the 2008 edition of History in the Making are diverse in content and style, showing the variety of research and study being undertaken by some of the most accomplished undergraduate students at CSUSB. Their work is of the highest quality and has been carefully edited by an exceptionally professional staff.

This journal was completely student operated by an editorial board consisting of a chief editor, three associate editors, and five assistant editors. These exceptional students have generously given their time and talents to this project, and without their participation, this journal would not have been possible.

Dr. Cherstin Lyon, Assistant Professor of History and faculty adviser for Alpha Delta Nu, CSUSB's chapter of the national honor society in history, Phi Alpha Theta, has truly dedicated herself to seeing this project through from conception to completion. Her advice and guidance is truly appreciated.

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Enjoy History in the Making!

Holly Roy, Chief Editor
PREFACE

Welcome to the first publication of History in the Making, a student peer-reviewed journal of history sponsored by Alpha Delta Nu chapter of Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society, and the CSUSB Department of History.

This publication is the capstone achievement of a year of hard work and commitment to excellence as demonstrated by the student authors and editors of CSUSB’s first journal of history. It also epitomizes the mission of Phi Alpha Theta. Phi Alpha Theta’s mission is “to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians.”

Publishing this journal represents one milestone in a decades-old story of historical inquiry and academic excellence at CSUSB. For decades, students and faculty have been working closely together to better understand peoples and societies, understand change over time, and engage in a careful and close analysis of the past in part to better understand our present and our future. As Marc Bloch wrote in his book, The Historian’s Craft, “Misunderstanding of the present is the inevitable consequence of ignorance of the past.”

Students who study history at CSUSB learn important skills as a result of their work with some of the top scholars in their fields, including: the ability to assess evidence, analyze conflicting interpretations of that evidence, interpret change over time, and convey their knowledge to others. “Historical study, in sum,” wrote noted historian Peter N. Stearns, “is crucial to the promotion of that elusive creature, the well-informed citizen.” The publication of this journal is just one part of the CSUSB History Department’s commitment to promoting the life-long learning and enlightenment of our students through the rigorous study of history.

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