From the Editors:

Although there is great variety within these pages, many of the articles are political in nature. Throughout history, politics and the lives of individuals intertwined and created events that shaped the progress of civilizations and nations, as featured in “Feminism and the French Revolution,” or “Enthrallingly Exotic: Victoria and Liliuokalani.” These individuals were often supported by lesser-known individuals, such as Jerome’s pupils in “Female Asceticism.” In other cases, individuals shaped whole fields of study and political thought, as in “The Role of Archaeology in Determining the Historicity of Homer’s Iliad,” and “A Change Of Heart: Soviet Reasoning Behind The Abandonment Of Their Self-Determination Policy At Brest-Litovsk.” Furthermore, the historiographical essays and book reviews show that the analysis and interpretation of such political and cultural events often causes disagreements among historians.

This year, the Phi Alpha Theta Tau Sigma Chapter is proud to present one of its most diverse journals yet. Not only do the research papers in this journal cover a variety of interests, topics, and time periods, this journal also includes historiographical essays and book reviews, a first in Tau Sigma’s history. We hope you enjoy the multiplicity of eras, topics, and arguments presented within this year’s journal. As the editors, we would like to thank Dr. Maple for his support, advice, and guidance; Oklahoma Christian University and Phi Alpha Theta alumna Rachel Giles for her aid in printing the journal; Brandon McWaters, former Tau Sigma Chapter President, for his advice in formatting and editing the document; and all of our contributors for both their contributions and their work in revisions. This journal would not have been possible without all of these individuals.

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