## Foreword

The five papers compiled in this edition of the journal are uniquely special from our standard editions. The Undergraduate History Journal Vol. 5, No. 2 publication commemorates the "Reflections of Power" Undergraduate History Conference, hosted in April 2026 by the Undergraduate History Journal. We welcomed six amazing panels at this conference, and accepted 18 speakers. Our presenters covered topic ranging from colonial deconstruction of Irish farming practices to infertility campaigns against Black communities in Chicago. Despite our incredible breadth, however, the conference was unified in its quality, comradery, and purpose.

The conference was built from the ground up following the success of the Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference in 2024 ("Conflict and Culture). The undergraduate team of that year's committees proved that it was possible. Our team at the UHJI decided to shoulder the responsibility of carrying on with a second conference, and we could not be more proud of the time, dedication, and labor that went into pulling it off.

The Undergraduate History Conference was a task set about by undergraduates, carried on by undergraduates, and ultimately for undergraduate work. In the conversations, presentations, and questions shared throughout our two-day event, we continued the art of the Historian, passed down to our present generation from eras past.

The five articles you will read here were papers that had presented and then sought publication. We are delighted to share them, and look forward to any future discussion and scholarship they may inspire. If you would like to see the full program for the "Reflections on Power" Undergraduate History Conference, you can find more information on our website.

We wish you happy reading, and thank you for your support:

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*on behalf of the Executive Board*