

## From the Editor

Welcome to the ninth issue of the American Public University System (APUS)'s *Saber and Scroll Journal*. We are pleased that the APUS historical community responded so enthusiastically to the spring 2014 issue call for papers. This combined spring-summer 2014 issue contains feature articles and book reviews reflecting the broad range of history interests across our scholarly community.

As most *Saber and Scroll Journal* readers are aware, the journal team has recently undergone some changes. I would like especially to thank two team members, Melanie Thornton and William Potter for their contributions. Melanie has recently completed her Public History master's degree at APUS and retired from her role as a *Saber and Scroll* editor, after providing us with her expertise and hard work in the creation of several of our past issues. I want to extend a special thanks to William Potter, who stepped in as the interim Editor-In-Chief to allow me to concentrate on my thesis this spring. Additionally, I would like to thank our copy editor, DeAnna Stevens, who not only formats our journal, but who also designs the beautiful artwork that graces its cover. We are pleased to welcome several new members to the team, including Susanne Watts, Aida Dias, and Michael Majerczyk as well as our faculty advisor, Emily Herff.

We continue to seek additional volunteers to help create a superb student-led history journal; if interested, please contact any member of the current journal team.

Please enjoy this issue of the *Saber and Scroll Journal*!

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