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## Letter from the Editor

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This, the tenth issue of the American Public University System (APUS)'s *Saber and Scroll Journal*, wraps up the third year of journal production. Over the past few years, the journal has benefitted from the contributions of a number of talented authors. The journal team is especially grateful for the participation of many APUS faculty members who have shared their fine work with us. We are pleased that the APUS historical community continues to respond so enthusiastically to the journal and are proud to bring to you one of our finest issues. In this issue, readers will find feature articles and book reviews reflecting the broad range of historical interests across our scholarly community.

As *Saber and Scroll Journal* readers are aware, most of our editors are either APUS graduate students or alumni who have finished their MAs with APUS. We would like to congratulate a number of our members who have wrapped up their master's program in 2014 – Joe Cook, Michael Majerczyk, Mike Gottert, Aida Dias, Rebecca Simmons Graf, Melanie Thornton, Kathleen Guler, and Anne Midgley. Additionally, we would like to recognize William Potter, who will complete his thesis in 2015.

While thanks are due to all our authors and to each member of our journal team, I would especially like to thank our copy editor, DeAnna Stevens, who has worked hard to format most of our issues. We continue to seek additional volunteers to help create a superb history journal; if interested, please contact any member of the current journal team.

Please enjoy this edited and revised version of Vol. III Issue III from the fall of 2014!

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