



Saber & Scroll Journal

2018 Winter Call for Papers

From the Journal Team

Michael R. Majerczyk

Here in Michigan life slows down a bit in the winter. One of the biggest concerns is whether or not the road crews plowed. Yes, I believe fresh snow is beautiful when the sun hits it in the morning, but it is not so pleasant when one must shovel the walk! Still, it is quite inspiring and goes a long way when reading or writing. With this in mind, the winter call for papers is open to any topic, see page four for details. Our last two thematic issues went over well and I want to thank our authors for their hard work, thank you. So, whether you curl up with a good book in front of the fire place, brave the elements to visit a museum or put the finishing touches on a recent research project, the Journal Team is eager to hear from you. Below are thoughts from a few members of the Journal Team on what winter is like in their area.



The sun setting on frozen Lake LeAnn in southern Michigan.

Anne Midgley

Winter in North Carolina flirts like a Southern belle who can't make up her mind. One day it's seventy degrees and sunny, two days later a snow storm hits. Unfortunately for the northern transplants who love to brag about driving in any winter conditions, winter storms in the South are more frequently ice storms than snow storms. However, on rare occasions we are blessed with a real snow storm! Then the snow dazzles and kids of all ages grab the opportunity to make snow angels, snow men, and snowballs. Sleds appear from every garage as kids find even the smallest hill for an adventure. No time to waste, though, for it will all melt soon in the southern sunshine.



Chris Schloemer

Winter in Texas is a bit different than the “White Christmas” postcard scenes you might think of. In late November, you could see some leaves turning at Lost Maples state park. For most of the year though, winter means participating in many of the same activities you would at any other time. Swimming may be out, but over winter break, hiking, fishing, picnicking, golfing, and other outdoor activities go on as usual—only more comfortably since you MIGHT not be sweating. Although you could possibly see some snow and ice in a place like San Antonio, it is rare. If it does happen though, stay inside. Driving can be a challenge here on dry pavement. Also, don’t be surprised to see a winter coat and flip-flops!



Lost Maples State Park, Texas.

Jeff Ballard

Except for a few very hot weeks in late summer and a week or two of cold temperatures in January and February, the weather in Southern California is very predictable. A typical Christmas Day will sport a high in the low-70s and a low in the mid-50s. What is not predictable at this time of the year, however, is the Eastern Pacific Ocean whose beaches are the western border of Huntington Beach California, also known as “Surf City USA.” Tidal swells as great as twenty-five feet, remnants of the hurricanes which sweep over Baja California, create large and unpredictable waves at the south-facing beaches south of Los Angeles. In the fall and winter local surfers, beach-combers, and tourists are all awe-struck by eight to fifteen-foot waves at local spots with curious names like “The Wedge,” “Trestles,” and “Swami’s.” Unless you are Aquaman, all but the bravest and best swimmers are advised to stay out of the water. At these times like these, the “black ball” flag flies from the Lifeguard Tower No. 1 on the Huntington Pier. When I was young, and before I caught a glimpse of my mortality, I might have braved these conditions. Now, I sit on the shore, reading Herman Wouk and understand what the USS *Caine*’s crew must have been feeling.



Huntington Beach California.

Tormod Engvig

Being of Scandinavian stock, one thing I miss about living in Southern California is the lack of seasons. Sure, it cools down a bit, which is nice, and if we're lucky we get some rain. But barring exceptional circumstances, one has to wait approximately eighty years between snowfalls. It is, however, nice to not have to worry about heavy winter clothes, or digging the car out of the snow to go to the store.

Susanne Schenk Watts

Winter in North Dakota arrives early and stays long , usually from mid-November through the end of April. The sight of the first snow is still pretty, even though it reminds North Dakotans that this also means winter is here, and it is here to stay for the next five months. But winter this far north does not bring life to a standstill. Even temperatures well below zero do not deter people. After all, it's a dry cold, and you can always add more layers.



Grand Forks North Dakota

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The journal welcomes papers of history, art history, military history, or historiography that explore the spring-summer theme. Short book reviews, opinion pieces, and exhibition reviews should be on recent events or publications. All submissions should meet high academic standards. The journal team, composed of a group of APUS graduate student and alumni editors, reserves the right to reject any manuscript that does not conform to high academic standards and to the most current Chicago Manual of Style/Turabian style guidelines. **Please note that all journal submissions must conform to Turabian 8th edition style and formatting specifications.**

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