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With this journal, we seek to emphasize the diversity of study within Rice's History Department. We hope to foster discussion of historical topics on campus and in the greater Rice community. We accept submissions on a rolling basis between late November and mid-January. For more information about submitting a paper, please visit our website: ricehistoricalreview.org.
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Welcome from the Editors

We are honored to present the inaugural issue of the Rice Historical Review, a publication that holds a special place in our hearts.

The idea for the journal first came about as we sat together in a classroom on the third floor of the Humanities Building. As two junior history majors, we chatted about our current research projects and discussed our mutual love of the history faculty. We lamented the fact that although we knew classmates who were conducting fascinating historical research, their work was not being shared with the Rice community as a whole.

Almost exactly one year ago, we approached Dr. Lisa Balabanlilar, director of undergraduate studies in history, about the possibility of creating a space for students to share their historical scholarship. With her enthusiastic support, we embarked on a journey towards making Rice’s first undergraduate history journal a reality. We are proud to share the result of these efforts with you.

This project would not have been possible without the incredible support we have received from so many. First and foremost, Dr. Balabanlilar, who has been a source of unending encouragement, wisdom, and cheer. Next, Dr. Lisa Spiro, who taught us everything we know about journal publishing and continues to provide expert guidance and motivational sweets, and our faculty reviewers, who happily joined us in this endeavor. Finally, we are eternally grateful to Christina, Ephraim, Katie, Monica, and Roger, our fearless editorial board. This journal is the result of our collective hard work, and we could not have asked for a better team.

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We look forward to watching this journal flourish in the coming years. It is our fervent hope that the Rice Historical Review will become a cherished tradition in the scholarly community at Rice and beyond.

In this issue, we offer five exceptional essays. Turn to page 7 to begin reading.

With gratitude,

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