

The *Waterloo Historical Review* is pleased to present the twelfth volume of our journal for the 2025–26 academic year. This edition represents many months of careful work, thoughtful collaboration, and a shared commitment to student scholarship. It would not exist without the diligence, patience, and enthusiasm of our editing committee, reviewers, and authors, whose dedication carried this project from early submissions to final proofs.

We also wish to acknowledge, with humility and appreciation, the delays that accompanied this year's publication process. Academic work, particularly collaborative work, and especially collaborative work organized and executed by busy students, often unfolds at a pace shaped by competing responsibilities, unforeseen challenges, and the realities of student life. But throughout this extended timeline, our authors and reviewers remained patient, supportive, and engaged.

Therefore, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to our authors and reviewers for their generosity of time and spirit. Your willingness to share your expertise, your passion for historical inquiry, and your trust in this journal sustained us through a longer-than-expected production cycle. Your belief in the value of this journal, and in the importance of creating spaces for undergraduate and graduate research, made it possible for us to bring this volume to completion. This volume reflects your intellectual curiosity and methodological rigour as emerging historians whose work strengthens our understanding of the past.

To our readers also, thank you for continuing to support the *Waterloo Historical Review* and the vibrant community of emerging scholars it represents. Each article in this volume reflects the curiosity, discipline, and creativity of students who are actively shaping the future of historical study. We are proud to share their work with you, and we remain committed to fostering a publication that highlights the breadth and depth of student research at Waterloo and beyond.

On behalf of the editorial committee, thank you all for your commitment to this project and for contributing to another successful year of student-led historical scholarship. We hope this volume inspires new conversations, new questions, and new avenues of inquiry.

Thank you for joining us in celebrating the twelfth edition of the *Waterloo Historical Review*.

Kindest regards,

The Waterloo Historical Review Editorial Team