

## Chairman's Note

Dear Reader,

It is my distinct pleasure to present to you the 2005 edition of *The Atlas Undergraduate Journal of World History*. This is momentous occasion indeed, as 2005 marks the first year that the History Student Unions from the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University have come together to produce a joint publication. I believe this is the first of many great inter-university collaborations.

Inside this edition of *The Atlas* you will find the best and most provocative works from both Simon Fraser and the University of British Columbia. Articles contained within come from all areas and interests within the discipline of history, and are written from a myriad of historiographical perspectives. I hope they will challenge you to question the world around you, and encourage you to add your voice to *The Atlas* in 2006.

Our appreciation to UBC must be expressed for inviting us to be a part of this project, which has been a UBC tradition for several years. I would also like to recognize all those at Simon Fraser who have come together to make this journal a reality. Catherine Rose, Faculty Undergraduate Representative, must be recognized for outstanding contributions to *The Atlas*, as must Mischa Makortoff, HSU Treasurer, for his assistant editorship. Also, I wish to acknowledge the help, guidance, and support of Tessa Wright in the Department of History. Perhaps most importantly, thanks must go to all those who submitted articles to *The Atlas*; selected for publication or not, it is your enthusiasm for projects like this that make them worthwhile.

Kyle R. Franz, *Chairman*

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