

Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

It is our pleasure to introduce to you *The Atlas – the first annual UBC-SFU Undergraduate Journal of World History*. This marks one of many initiatives between our two universities and supports the History Students' Association's commitment to creating a more tangible relationship between undergraduate students studying history in the Lower Mainland. We believe the collection of essays chosen for this year's edition of *The Atlas* represents the talent and broad range of interests of our fellow history students. We are very proud of the initiatives taken by this year's editing team to further establish *The Atlas* as an outlet for undergraduate work.

On behalf of the History Students' Association and *The Atlas* editing staff we would like to thank all the contributors for their submissions. We would also like to thank Dr. David Breen and the History Department for their overwhelming support for this project. Finally, we would like to thank the Simon Fraser History Students' Union for their support in this initiative. We hope that the friendship between our two universities will continue for many years to come.

We encourage you to get involved with *The Atlas* by submitting your papers for next year's edition and by joining the History Students' Association. For more information about next year's journal please e-mail us at atlaseditor@yahoo.ca. To get further information about or to join the History Students' Association please do not hesitate to visit our webpage, <http://www.geocities.com/ubchsa>, or send us an e-mail at ubchsa@yahoo.ca.

Enjoy,

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