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Letter from the Editor

Dear reader:

Once again, we are proud to present yet another edition of *Perceptions*. To see the journal grow so much since its inception in 2009 is truly an amazing feat. On behalf of the Temple Undergraduate History and Social Sciences Association, we are proud to continue serving Temple's first student-run undergraduate research journal--as a platform for exhibiting the finest undergraduate research in history and the social sciences.

For this edition, we decided to revolve around the themes of progress and advancement. Throughout various events in history, there is always a push for humanity to create a more ideal and prosperous society. While there are setbacks, we never stop to strive for a future more inclusive and fairer for everyone around us. As President Franklin D. Roosevelt had said, "The point in history at which we stand is full of promise and danger. The world will either move forward toward unity and widely shared prosperity - or it will move apart." Looking back, we want to appreciate and acknowledge all the efforts of everyone who dreamed of conquering adversity and hardship. With our title, "Onward and Upward," we rise to meet that challenge.

I would like to thank all the individuals who made this project possible. From the Temple University Library Press to the Department of History, we could not have done it without the support of various outstanding individuals. A special thanks goes to Annie Johnson for continuing to help *Perceptions* move forward to reaching new heights, both in outreach and technology. This edition of *Perceptions* is the first issue to use the new OJS 3.0 platform, upgrading to a more user-friendly version that will keep the journal moving towards the future.

We hope that you will enjoy this edition as much as those involved had in creating it.

Sincerely,



Christopher Chau
President of TUHSSA
Editor-in-Chief of *Perceptions*

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