

Note from the Davis Fellow



Dear CENFAD Community

In the midst of a global pandemic, CENFAD continues to live up to its mission of supporting graduate students and faculty at Temple and providing a platform for scholars of force and diplomacy to share their work. A community is only as strong as its members. We thank you for your patience and contributions during these trying times.

This edition of *Strategic Visions* includes four interviews with visiting lecturers discussing topics of their work in greater depth. We also conducted five interviews with graduate students and post-graduates from the Temple Community highlighting their experiences with temple faculty, their



journeys through their dissertations, where they've landed, and their current projects.

This issue of *SV* also includes four book reviews authored by Temple graduate students. These new pieces of scholarship are studies of force and diplomacy, broadly defined. Two focus on Latin America during the Cold War including Stephen Rabe's brand new book viewing the hemisphere through the actions of Henry Kissinger and a CENFAD lecturer Thomas Field Jr.'s co-edited volume on Latin American countries' role in the global Cold War. The other two highlight particular imperial strategies by the French in Africa and the United States more generally.

I look forward to the Spring semester and welcome any and all ideas for submissions or improvements to *Strategic Visions*. Send me an email to request topics and discussions on historic and current events, sponsored speakers for your class, and scholars for our lecture series this coming Spring.

I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Sincerely,

Joshua Stern