

## **Note from the Davis Fellow**



When I was chosen to be the Davis Fellow for the 2023-2024 academic year, I was not sure what to expect. Several of my colleagues from previous years told me about their experiences and helped me along the way, especially last year's fellow, Ryan Langton. We have had an extremely busy schedule this year, including our regular lecture series and the All Roads Lead to Gettysburg Conference. Organizing this litany of events has put my skill set to excellent use, and provided a dynamic environment for interacting with the academic community. It has been a whirlwind of an experience, and I can scarcely believe that my term is coming to an end.

During my tenure, I have been faced with numerous challenges. I was tasked with revitalizing the look of

*Strategic Visions* and I was assigned to make the majority of the arrangements for the "All Roads Lead to Gettysburg" conference. I met all of these challenges head-on and it appears that each event was a success. We have had consistently large audiences for all of our events, and the community appears to be thriving. Beyond that, I have spent the year working on my own research, completing my comprehensive exams, and attending multiple conferences. The Davis Fellowship has provided ample opportunity to expand my horizons and complete research that otherwise might have been out of reach.

I would like to thank Dr. Alan McPherson for granting me the opportunity to fulfill this role, and for serving as a tireless supporter of my academic journey at Temple. Also, I would like to extend my thanks to each of our lecturers, panelists, conference attendees, and regular audience members for making this an outstandingly successful year. Finally, I wish good luck to the incoming Davis Fellow, **Grace Anne Parker**, who I know will exceptionally perform in this role.

Sincerely,  
Joseph Johnson