

Contributing Authors

Oleysa Baker, a native of the Ukraine, moved to the United States in 1995. While attending Bakersfield College, Oleysa was an active student and a high achiever, serving as a student body Senator, maintaining a 4.0 grade point average and earning both an Academic Achievement Award and a Presidential Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement. She is currently a fourth year Mathematics-Economics major, maintaining a 3.83 GPA. Additionally, Oleysa is a member of the Mathematical Association of America, a Research Assistant in the Department of Economics and an Editorial Assistant at the Department's journal, *Review of Economic Dynamics*. She plans on attending graduate school in Economics in the fall of 2003

Theodore Chang is currently double majoring in History and Business Economics with a minor in Accounting. Ted also serves on campus as an ASK Academic Counselor in the College of Letters and Science and works with at-risk youth around the Los Angeles area as a team leader in the Americorps Program. He was recently inducted as a member of the Golden Key National Honour Society and is attending UCLA on a National Merit Scholarship. In the course of his studies, Ted has primarily focused on classical and medieval history, with an emphasis on English history from the late medieval period. This paper was written under the watchful tutelage of Professor Teofilo Ruiz, who provided the initial encouragement for the author to pursue his research project. Ted eventually intends to submit a revised version of this work as his honors thesis.

Beau Epoch Lindsay is graduating this June with a double major in History and Classical Civilizations. The paper that Beau submitted to this journal was also presented at the 2002 Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference at Loyola Marymount University where it was awarded third place. It comprises only one chapter of his History Department honors thesis written under the guidance of Professor Ronald Mellor and for which he was awarded second place in 2001 at the annual departmental thesis contest. Beau has been a member of Phi Alpha Theta for two years and is currently the chapter Treasurer, in which capacity he has both managed the financial aspects of the organization and planned academic events. For the last two years he has also dedicated himself to the study of Greek and Latin, and intends to pursue graduate study in either ancient history or classics.

Courtney Luckhardt is a junior majoring in History with an emphasis on medieval studies. Under the guidance of Professor Richard Rouse, Courtney is currently working on her honors thesis which focuses on medieval Wales and Brittany. She is also a recipient of the 2002 Beinecke Brothers Memorial Scholarship that will provide a total of \$32,000 for her first two years of post-baccalaureate study. After graduation in spring 2003, Courtney intends to pursue her Ph.D. in a medieval European history program beginning in the fall of that year. Her goal is to attend either Harvard University or UC Berkeley.

Frank Miranda is a senior majoring in History with an emphasis on the Roman and late antique periods. Frank is also involved in outreach with the Academic Advancement Program and has served in various capacities with Phi Alpha Theta over the past two years, including as the current chapter President. In 2001, he was awarded an Undergraduate Research Development Stipend from the UCLA Undergraduate Research Center which he used to work on the paper submitted to this journal. This paper- supervised by Professor Ronald Mellor- was also awarded first place at the 2002 PAT Regional Conference at Loyola Marymount University. As a Wasserman Research Scholar, Frank is currently writing an honors thesis under the guidance of Professor Claudia Rapp. In 2002, he received the prestigious Charles and Sue Young Undergraduate Student Award from the College of Letters and Sciences. His additional accolades include the César Chavez Memorial and Ebell Flint Scholarships, Golden Key and publication in the 2002 issue of *Westwind*. Frank will be graduating *summa cum laude* this June with College and Departmental honors.

Katherine Ng will be graduating in June with College honors in History and Asian American Studies. She is currently finishing up her honors thesis with Professor Henry Yu. The thesis contains a more in-depth look into Rose Hum Lee's lifelong intellectual struggle with assimilation and belonging in America. She would like to take this opportunity to thank Professor Thu-Huong Nguyen-Vo whose discussions with the author sharpened many of her arguments. Katherine would also like to note that this essay and the forthcoming thesis would not have been possible without the assistance of Professor Yu whose generosity and guidance during his intellectual history class proved invaluable.

Katie J. Nolan is a History major, with a minor in Near Eastern Languages and Cultures. Katie is particularly interested in the history of Jewish, Christian, and Islamic relations in the late medieval period. Upon entering college, she was awarded the Regent's Scholarship for \$7000 from UCSB. In 2001, Katie was awarded the Undergraduate Research Development Stipend from the UCLA Undergraduate Research Center which helped to finance her work with the Center for Near Eastern Studies in developing the MEARO (Middle Eastern American Resources Online) database. In addition to membership in the Alpha Lambda Delta and Golden Key National honor societies, Katie is currently the Public Relations Officer for the UCLA chapter of Phi Alpha Theta. She will be graduating *summa cum laude* this June and plans on studying history at graduate school. Katie's essay was originally written for a class entitled "Study of Religion 120: Abrahamic Religions: Traditions in Tension" during spring quarter 2000.

Pavitra Mohan Ram is a second year international student who is double majoring in History and French. The essay she submitted to this journal was originally written for the International Baccalaureate Program's Extended Essay requirement in her senior year of high school, and it was this work that truly sparked her interest in pursuing History as a field of study.

Brian Smith is a fourth year History major and Political Science minor who will be graduating this June with College and Departmental honors. Brian completed his honors thesis under the guidance of Professor Patrick Geary and plans on pursuing a doctorate in early modern European intellectual history, specializing in the Scottish Enlightenment. His work has also appeared in the 2001 issue of *Westwind*, the journal of the UCLA Undergraduate Research Center, for which he received the Vice Provost's Prize for Best Non-Fiction Essay. Brian is a member of Phi Alpha Theta and participated in the chapter's award-winning delegation to the 2002 PAT Regional Conference at Loyola Marymount University.

Joshua Sternbach is a third-year student majoring in History and Pre-Medical Studies. Joshua is an active member of Phi Alpha Theta, having served as the UCLA chapter's Membership Secretary for the past year. He is also a member of several other campus organizations, including Golden Key National Honour Society, the College Honors Program, the Student Health Advocates (SHA), the Order of Omega, the UCLA Ski Team, and Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. In addition, Joshua has assisted in the laboratories of the Life Sciences Department as an Undergraduate Assistant, and is a clinical volunteer for the Arthur Ashe Student Health and Wellness Center. He has been an eight-time recipient of his fraternity's alumni honorarium, and in 2001 was awarded the Interfraternity Council (IFC) Merit-based Scholarship.
