

## Introduction

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Welcome readers to the forty-ninth edition of *Clio*, Western Connecticut State University's history journal. This year, the submissions received varied in subject, region, and time. This has led us to this unique edition, entitled *All of History in One Place*, in which history students discuss topics ranging from female empowerment across time and space, to revolutions, to art, in geographical areas from around the world.

This year's issue begins with the harrowing history of abuse and strength of women and mothers in Latin America by this year's Janick award winner Rebecca Clark. Stephanie Miller then considers gender from a very different angle: the relevancy and past social implications of the works of Shakespeare. Third is a piece by Karen Keeler, which discusses the vitality of the patron-artist relationships that were prevalent throughout the Italian Renaissance. Readers will next be brought into my analysis of the symbiotic relationship between the evolving values of society and who will be chosen as the next president. Next, readers will gain insight into an analysis of the religious connections between the long-mystified Mayan religion and the popularized Christian religion, a comparison written by soon-to-be history graduate, Francine Accousti. Returning to Latin America, Kayvon Atherton will tell us of the tenuous history and modern impact of revolutionary groups in Mexico and Peru. Before the journal closes, you will read one final paper from our history MA student David Frankel comparing, but also contrasting, the main themes of two major American battles that took place just decades apart: The Battle of the Bulge during World War II and the Tet Offensive of the Vietnam War.

This year's edition is a melting pot of varying ideas, histories, and cultures, and we at *Clio* have enjoyed compiling this potpourri. This year's edition is reflective of the diversity of ideas and culture that are prevalent in the world today. We are a diverse range of people with different ideas, values, traditions, and cultures, and you

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are a part of that! We hope we can inspire readers to continue to learn and grow as intellectuals. Enjoy the read!