

Letter from a Faculty Member:

The History Department faculty would like to congratulate the editors of the *Chicago Journal of History* for another wonderful issue. We would also like to extend our congratulations to our majors graduating this spring: it has been a challenging, but hopefully productive and engaging, four years. The excellence of the 56 BA theses submitted this year is truly unprecedented. We hope that you enjoyed the process as much we enjoyed working with all of you.

Like many disciplines in the Social Sciences and Humanities around the nation, History finds itself struggling to gain recognition and support from administrations, as cost-cutting and the emphasis on careerist majors seem ubiquitous. However, our History concentrators continue to prove the relevancy of our field and our work, and History majors at the University of Chicago remain one of the few concentrations left requiring a BA. We are rigorous and carry high expectations of our students, but we also get to know and support our students in ways that other departments simply can't.

Thank you for the effort, work, and energy you give us. Our Department is nothing without our undergraduates.

Professor Matthew Briones
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