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Dear Reader,

On behalf of the editorial board, it is my great pleasure to present the latest issue of the *Iowa Historical Review* for the 2023-24 academic year. This edition brings together a wide variety of texts that make up an impressive, creative, and inspiring view of current undergraduate historical research.

Our chosen pieces were selected not only based on their collection of fascinating and original independent work, but also due to the variety of historical methods employed by the authors through both their research and writings. Each article serves as a glimpse into the past, interpreting the current historical record and adding to the broader conversation. They craft an interesting narrative that pulls from the relationship between religious control and national identity in Ireland to what we can learn from the only successful coup in American history.

We are excited and proud to present these articles to you and hope you enjoy the hard work of not only the authors but the editors of these pieces. Without either, it would be impossible to present the burgeoning research of undergraduate authors through the *Iowa Historical Review*. This issue was created with the kind support of Dr. Elizabeth Yale and the rest of the University of Iowa History Department to whom we are extremely thankful.

Now go forth and read!

Leighton Barnes
Editor-in-Chief