

## Foreword

Greetings readers,

It is my pleasure to introduce Volume 2 of *Vexillum: The Undergraduate Journal of Classical and Medieval Studies*. Despite some editorial adversities, we have met with great success this year! More than thirty submissions have been refined to a select number of papers which truly represent the breadth of classical and medieval studies research, the quality of papers that are being produced by students across the world, and the passion with which undergraduates approach the production of serious scholarship from such an early age.

In this volume we are publishing one book review (Guynes), one senior thesis (Ferris), eleven papers dealing with the ancient and Classical worlds, and five with late antiquity and the Middle Ages. We present literary studies (Bock, Clayborne, Graf, Owen, Walsh, Rider-Bezerra, etc.); archaeological studies (DiBattista, Gauthier, Hunter, Leggett, etc.); new interpretations (Ferris, Leggett, Potti, Denton, Ferro, etc.); and many other cross-disciplinary topics.

We encourage authors published in this volume to invite others to read *Vexillum*, and to familiarize your professors and colleagues with the journal. We at the Editorial Staff look forward to future years of great success that will match this year in quality, quantity, and interdisciplinary nature of the studies presented.

The editorial staff would also like to announce that the current Editor-in-Chief, Sean Guynes (Western Washington University), will be handing over the position to a highly qualified man, Mr. Jordan Long (Portland State University), who served as Editor this year. In addition, Mr. Guynes and Mr. Long have conferred, and are appointing Mr. Andrew Pedry (George Mason University) as Senior Editor of *Vexillum*.

Welcome to our new Editor in Chief, Jordan Long, and our new Senior Editor, Andrew Pedry. With them at the head of the journal, *Vexillum* will surely go far.

Thank you to everyone for your support and readership.

Sean A. Guynes  
Editor-in-Chief