A Note from the Editors

The editors of *Perspectives*, Volume 47 bring you this issue during a global pandemic. Regular on-campus class sessions have ceased, public gatherings restricted, mandated social distancing and sheltering in place are concepts we are becoming familiar with. Travel by air has been reduced to a minimum to stop the global spread of coronavirus and COVID-19, the disease it causes. These drastic measures are creating new obstacles such as economic insecurity and a rapidly declining financial system placing enormous stress on our infrastructures. In these unprecedented times, historians are experiencing firsthand the unfolding of a very important historical event—one that will undoubtedly leave the world a different place. As our situation changes by the day, and sometimes even by the hour, we look back at the events depicted in the pages of this journal with a deeper sense of understanding. Specifically, the histories in this volume speak to U.S. foreign intervention, nationalism, and the complexities of gender, race, and class. Many elements of the events written about clearly reflect the unfolding of today's pandemic. We are witnessing racism disguised as nationalism, a crisis at the forefront of presidential debates, and a sense of helplessness as we are swept along by momentous events. However, we are also heartened by the actions of communities coming together, even as they are physically separated, to ensure networks of support for the most vulnerable among us. It is our hope as historians that these narratives are not forgotten, and that they someday find their way into the pages of journals like this.

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