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Introduction

Welcome to the thirty-sixth edition of *Perspectives: A Journal of Historical Inquiry*, the CSULA History Department's peer-reviewed journal. Under the supervision of Dr. Birte Pfleger and in conjunction with Phi Alpha Theta's Eta Xi Chapter, this and past editions are written and edited entirely by undergraduate and graduate students in the History Department. Since its inaugural edition in 1973, *Perspectives* has provided the academic community with an accessible forum for historical inquiry. The following articles proudly continue that tradition.

First, Dustin Black deconstructs the meaning of slander in seventeenth-century New Amsterdam. Next, Elwing Suong Gonzalez examines the social and cultural changes of Alhambra from a white suburban enclave to an ethnically diverse urban center. In the third article, Rosa Cesaretti discusses the fascinating experience of archival research as she traces the life story of Eugenio Hernandez. Then, Ryan Johnson reflects on how the transcontinental railroad changed the meaning of masculinity in the American West. Abbie Perry explores how African American welfare mothers of the 1960s used stereotypes about them to assert control over their lives. Lastly, Kristina Werden focuses on the importance of masculinity in the presidential election of 1960.

Volume thirty-six is the product of History 497, an upper-division course in journal editing and publishing and the result of collaboration among a diverse, energetic and creative group of student editors. This edition features book reviews, advertisements and a new interactive online version. In addition, we premiere a scholarship opportunity page, listing scholarships from Phi Alpha Theta, the History Department, and the College of Natural and Social Sciences. This year the editors received a record number of submissions, making the selection and editing process particularly exciting and intellectually challenging. Coincidentally, unlike previous editions, all of the papers selected deal with issues in American history, from the colonial era to the present. This volume thus serves as a reminder of last year's historic presidential election and the imperative for historians to reflect on the past and present struggles of American identity and experience. The editors of volume thirty-six are confident in the scholarly relevance of this volume to the CSULA community and beyond. We welcome your feedback at our website: www.calstatela.edu/centers/Perspectives

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