

Editor's Note

The Academy's spring 2001 conference was hosted by Capital University. This volume of the Ohio Academy of History's *Proceedings* includes some of the best papers presented and continues to reflect the broad interests of the Academy in American, European, and non-Western history. These papers address such issues as imperialism, totalitarianism, big business, Progressive Era politics, and women's issues.

A special thanks is extended to our Editorial Board. Erving Beaugard, Jacob Dorn, Stuart Givens, and Dwight Smith tirelessly reviewed drafts of the Proceedings. Jacob Dorn joined the Editorial Board this year; his keen mind and sharp eye provided significant editorial consistency among the articles. However, I accept responsibility for changes, errors, and inconsistencies.

The Ohio Academy of History, founded in 1932, has provided a venue for historians to present their research to colleagues from Ohio colleges and universities. The *Proceedings* expand the opportunities to communicate current scholarship with colleagues.

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