THE HISTORY TEACHER

Volume 59 Number 1

November 2025

Published by the Society for History Education, Inc.

The History Teacher is published quarterly in November, February, May, and August for members of the Society for History Education. <u>Editor's Office</u>: Jane Dabel, *THT* Editor; MAIL: Society for History Education; California State University, Long Beach; 1250 Bellflower Boulevard; Long Beach, CA 90840-1601; E-MAIL: jane.dabel@csulb.edu; PHONE: (562) 985-2408; FAX: (562) 985-5431; WEB: https://www.thehistoryteacher.org.

The Society for History Education (SHE) is a non-profit organization and publisher of the journal. <u>Director's Office</u>: Elisa Herrera, SHE Director; MAIL: Society for History Education; California State University, Long Beach; 1250 Bellflower Boulevard; Long Beach, CA 90840-1601; E-MAIL: info@thehistoryteacher.org; WEB: https://www.thehistoryteacher.org.

Membership/Subscription rates: Individuals: U.S. \$45, Canada and Mexico \$55, all other locations \$75. Students and Retirees: U.S. \$35, Canada and Mexico \$45, all other locations \$65. Institutional subscriptions to *The History Teacher*: U.S. \$79, Canada and Mexico \$89, all other locations \$99. All checks and money orders must be in U.S. dollars, drawn on a U.S. bank, and made payable to *Society for History Education, Inc.* Online ordering available at https://www.thehistoryteacher.org/order>.

Single and back issues: U.S. \$15, Canada and Mexico \$20, all other locations \$25. Issues are available for purchase at https://www.thehistoryteacher.org/order. Contents are also available for purchase from JSTOR at https://www.jstor.org/journal/historyteacher.

Returned or undeliverable copies of the journal and correspondence concerning subscriptions should be addressed to the Society for History Education at the Director's Office address above.

Changes of address and claims/notices of non-receipt should be sent to the SHE Director's Office. Changes of address should made no later than the month preceding the date of the forthcoming publication to avoid interruption in delivery. Claims should be made within three months of publication of the missed issue. The Society is not responsible for copies lost because of failure to report a change of address in time for mailing.

Periodicals postage paid at Long Beach, California, and at additional mailing offices. Publication number: ISSN 0018 2745; USPS number: 957:080; LC number: 74-3356.

Postmaster: Send change of address to Society for History Education; California State University, Long Beach; 1250 Bellflower Boulevard; Long Beach, CA 90840-1601.

Front Cover: What's on the Air (November 1930). Library of Congress, Historical Media Publications Collection, Control No. 38007772. Public domain (image modified). https://www.loc.gov/item/38007772.

Inside Front Cover: Radio Digest (March 1933). Library of Congress, Historical Media Publications Collection, Control No. 26018833. Public domain (image modified). https://www.loc.gov/item/26018833.

Inside Back Cover: Radio Digest (May 1932). Library of Congress, Historical Media Publications Collection, Control No. 26018833. Public domain (image modified). https://www.loc.gov/item/26018833.

Back Cover: What's on the Air (December 1929). Library of Congress, Historical Media Publications Collection, Control No. 38007772. Public domain (image modified). https://www.loc.gov/item/38007772.

Welcome to the new volume of *The History Teacher*. In homage to historical print media, this issue offers a selection of enchanting radio-era magazine covers, hot off the presses from the 1920s and 1930s. Industry publications such as *What's on the Air* and *Radio Digest* enticed readers into a wonderous, wireless world with cutting-edge radio technology and glamorous stars of the airwaves.

A century later, the legacy of this Golden Age of Radio continues through modern audio streaming services. Join us for this issue as we *listen* to history, as led by Lily Amidon's example in "History (Podcasts) for All: Democratizing and Diversifying the Field of History." With an in-depth examination of selected podcasts and recommendations on high-quality productions, Amidon shows how history podcasting encourages new voices, new communities, and new possibilities for our revered discipline.

We hope you and your students are enlightened and empowered by the possibilities presented in this issue of *The History Teacher*, which also includes our annual feature of the phenomenal prize-winning student essays for **National History Day**. Thank you for having the courage and skill to be a History Teacher.

The History Teacher publishes articles of three general types: (1) reports on promising new classroom techniques, educational programs, curricula, and methods of evaluating instructional effectiveness; (2) analyses of important interpretations, leading historians, historiographical problems, and recent trends in specific fields of historical research; and (3) critical review essays on audiovisual materials, textbooks, and other secondary works suitable for classroom use.

The History Teacher also publishes reviews of audiovisual materials, books, supplementary readers, and other printed classroom materials, with evaluations of their scholarly reliability, formats, and effectiveness of presentation. Reviews are commissioned in advance. Readers interested in contributing reviews should advise the Editor of their qualifications and fields of specialization.

Submission guidelines for *The History Teacher* are available on the final page of this issue. Additional information for contributing authors is available at https://www.thehistoryteacher.org/contributing>.

Correspondence regarding contributions to *The History Teacher* and materials for review should be sent to the Editor, *The History Teacher*; California State University, Long Beach; 1250 Bellflower Boulevard; Long Beach, CA 90840-1601.

The Society for History Education affirms that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, age, or sex. Inquiries concerning the application of Title IX and other federal and state statutes may be referred to the Affirmative Action Officer; California State University, Long Beach; 1250 Bellflower Boulevard; Long Beach, CA 90840.

The History Teacher disclaims responsibility for statements, either of fact or opinion, made by contributors.

The History Teacher is abstracted or indexed in Historical Abstracts, Education Abstracts, Professional Development, Academic Search, America: History and Life, and the U.S. Dept. of Education's ERIC.

© SOCIETY FOR HISTORY EDUCATION

Affiliated with the American Historical Association All rights reserved

Editorial Board, The History Teacher

Editor Jane Dabel

Managing Editor Elisa Herrera

Reviews Editor Jane Dabel

Members

Linda Alkana • Melissa Archibald • Donna Binkiewicz • Isacar A. Bolaños Gail Hamilton • Ali İğmen • Marissa Jenrich • Gunner Joachim • Raibir Singh Judge Eileen Luhr • David Neumann • Ulices Piña • David Sheridan

Print and Digital Production Elisa Herrera

The Richard & Louise Wilde Graduate Student Intern Thomas Mendoza

Board of Directors, Society for History Education

President Vice-President Eileen Luhr David Shafer

Secretary Treasurer Jane Dabel David Shafer

Members

Jane Dabel • Eileen Luhr • David Shafer

National Advisory Board, Society for History Education

Bob Bain Jennifer Baniewicz David A. Berry Linda Black Peter Burkholder

Lendol Calder Augustana College Windward School & Univ. of Calif., Los Angeles

Jean-Paul R. Contreras deGuzman Ross E. Dunn

Jodi Eastberg Noralee Frankel Krista Grensavitch

Lauren McArthur Harris Robert L. Harris Michael Lovorn

Craig Perrier Amanda Podany Brenda Santos Gloria Sesso Peter N. Stearns

Merry Wiesner-Hanks

University of Michigan American Historical Association Essex County College

Texas A&M University-Central Texas Fairleigh Dickinson University

San Diego State University Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design

Independent Scholar National History Day Arizona State University Cornell University

North Cedar Academy Fairfax County Public Schools

California State Polytechnic Univ., Pomona University of Rhode Island Patchogue-Medford School

George Mason University University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Editors of The History Teacher

Jane Dabel 1979-1984 Albie Burke 2005-2001-2006 Nancy Quam-Wickham 1977-1979 Augustus Cerillo, Jr. 1995-2001 William Weber 1974-1977 Keith Ian Polakoff 1985-1997 Edward A. Gosselin 1972-1973 Frederic A. Youngs, Jr. 1984-1985 William F. Sater 1967-1972 Leon Bernard

Staff, Society for History Education

Elisa Herrera

CONTENTS

November 2025

GENERAL

History Podcasts

7 History (Podcasts) for All: Democratizing and Diversifying the Field of History
by Lily Amidon

SPECIAL FEATURE NATIONAL HISTORY DAY 2025 PRIZE ESSAYS

- 45 Introduction by Jane Dabel, The History Teacher
- 47 Daughters of the Pyre: Sati Abolition Rights, Responsibilities, and a Reluctant Reform in Colonial India by Ryka C. Chopra, Senior Division
- 73 "The Strike for Better Schools": Fighting for Teachers' Rights, Taking Responsibility for Public Education by Lila E. Travis, Junior Division

REVIEWS

99 Gänger, Stefanie and Jürgen Osterhammel, eds. *Rethinking Global History*by Laura J. Mitchell

Matsumura, Wendy. Waiting for the Cool Moon: Anti-Imperialist Struggles in the Heart of Japan's Empire by Michael Hayata

Milford, Ismay. *African Activists in A Decolonising World: The Making of An Anticolonial Culture, 1952-1966* by Emmanuella Amoh

Murray, Oswyn. *The Muse of History: The Ancient Greeks from the Enlightenment to the Present* by John J. Haberstroh

Nájera, Jennifer R. Learning to Lead: Undocumented Students Mobilizing Education by Lance Thurner

Shaw, Jenny. *The Women of Rendezvous: A Transatlantic Story of Family and Slavery* by Erin M. Holmes

Steinmetz, George. The Colonial Origins of Modern Social Thought: French Sociology and the Overseas Empire by Eric Brandom

Whatcott, Jess. *Menace to the Future: A Disability and Queer History of Carceral Eugenics* by John Mckiernan-González

IN EVERY ISSUE

- 6 Contributors to *The History Teacher*
- 122 The History of *The History Teacher*
- 125 Questionnaire for Potential Reviewers
- 126 Membership/Subscription Information
- 128 Submission Guidelines for *The History Teacher*

ADVERTISERS IN THIS ISSUE

- 113 She Builds Podcast (shebuildspodcast.com)
- 114 The Partial Historians (partialhistorians.com)
- 114 Spill the Mead (rss.com/podcasts/spillthemead)
- 114 Women Who Went Before (womenwhowentbefore.com)
- 115 Your Most Obedient & Humble Servant (podcasts.rrchnm.org)
- 115 History on Fire (historyonfirepodcast.com)
- 115 William Heath: Inventing the Americas
- 116 Military Historians Are People, Too! (mhptpodcast.com)
- 116 History in Focus (historians.org/history-in-focus)
- 117 American Historical Association: The 139th Annual Meeting
- 118 Society for History Education: Celebrating National History Day
- 119 National History Day: 2026 Contest Theme
- 120 Organization of American Historians: Celebrate 250 Years
- 121 Society for History Education: The Richard & Louise Wilde Award

CONTRIBUTORS

November 2025

Lily Amidon earned a double B.A. in History and in Gender and Sexuality Studies from the University of California, Irvine in 2025, where she taught "History and *Hamilton*" as a UTeach student instructor. In addition to her honors thesis, titled "*Une Résistance Égale*: The Gendering of Resistance in World War II France," she completed a GSS thesis, titled "Building a Room of Their Own: Women's Intellectualism and Literature in the Long Nineteenth Century." Her digital humanities project, "Built on Hope: The Feminist *Star Wars* Project," explores feminist themes in popular media. Her research explores women and gender, European history, sports history, and media. She plans to obtain a Ph.D. in history, specializing in gender studies, to pursue her dream of becoming a professor.

Ryka C. Chopra is a senior and History Club president at Mission San Jose High School in Fremont, California. Her historical research explores underrepresented narratives in global history, particularly subaltern and feminist historiographies. A four-time California state finalist in National History Day, she is the 2025 Senior Paper Winner for "Daughters of the Pyre: *Sati* Abolition – Rights, Responsibilities, and a Reluctant Reform in Colonial India." Beyond history, Chopra pursues STEM research and is a pre-college student at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

Lila E. Travis is a freshman at Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her paper, "The Strike for Better Schools': Fighting for Teachers' Rights, Taking Responsibility for Public Education," won first place at the 2025 National History Day contest Junior Paper Division. Lila enjoys reading, writing, playing flute, wilderness camping, canoeing, and cross-country skiing. She looks forward to competing in future History Day contests.