


Letter from the Editor

8 Letters from the Editor tend to be very personal; a therapy of sorts following the arduous editing process that has resulted in the journal you now hold in your hands. Over the past year or so, since Ashlee Griffiths asked me to be her successor as Editor-in-Chief, CUJAH has proven to be a challenging endeavour, demanding endless hours worth of planning, meetings (many of which could have easily been an e-mail), running around, and trying to upkeep CUJAH's reputation as a centralized space for aspiring art historians to engage in academic dialogue. In light of this, CUJAH has published its twelfth volume, organized an undergraduate conference on the topic of **Art, the Sacred, and the Profane**, put together workshops on how to prepare funding and grad school applications, and collaborated with the Gallerie VAV Gallery to create EXPAND, an exhibition and catalogue that seek to push the limits of art-making and art-historical writing.

CUJAH, however, is as rewarding as it is challenging. Managing a forum that provides students with a myriad of opportunities for professional development is of utmost importance in an increasingly-competitive job market. With twenty-one students involved in the CUJAH team, ten writers published in our twelfth volume, eleven presenters and four artist talks at our conference, as well as twelve artists and twelve art historians involved in EXPAND, I am delighted to see that at least seventy students have somehow benefitted from CUJAH and took the opportunity to develop as scholars, writers, event organizers, and artists.



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This concludes my therapeutic exercise. It is with great pride and relief that I invite you to read the wonderful essays presented in this volume.

May CUJAH live long and prosper!



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