

# Editorial Introduction

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I am delighted to introduce the fifth volume of the journal. This current issue continues our mission to promote scholarship of Central Europe among undergraduate students from across the disciplines.

The Center for Austrian Studies and the Central Europe Yearbook Editorial Team also wish to thank Professor Elizabeth Dillenburg's leadership over the past five years. As lead editor of the CEY, Elizabeth oversaw the publication of the journal starting with its founding issue, and devoted significant time and effort to this project even after she had left Minnesota for her position at the Ohio State University. We are grateful for her commitment to undergraduate scholarship as are the many students who have worked with her on the Central Europe Yearbook.

In this volume, we have a superb collection of publications, as well as a digital project, that inevitably draw parallels to other issues of topical importance. **Natalia Bobowiec** draws from her research of textbooks in Poland published in the last two decades, and how textbooks frame (or elide) the Holocaust within Polish memory culture. The prevalent binaries that Bobowiec uncovers point to the challenges of teaching uncomfortable truths about one's individual and collective past. **Jackson Bowman** dives deeper into the aftermath of Reinhard Heydrich's assassination, which resulted in war crimes committed against the towns of Lidice and Ležáky in 1942. Bowman argues that a combination of allied coverage of the crimes in the United States, Britain, and the Czech government in exile, were crucial in shoring up support for the allied war effort. **Andrea Cuniolo** used the past few decades of scholarship on Martin Heidegger, to expose the ways Heidegger's actions before and after serving as rector of the University of Freiburg were in line with antisemitic policies enacted by the Nazis. And lastly, **Emmey Harris'** ArcGIS StoryMaps project highlights the role of Adam Olearius' travels from Northern Germany through what is today Russia, Azerbaijan, and Iran in the form of his travel accounts. Olearius' writings serve as an important case study for the history of travel and

publishing in the seventeenth century. The temporal and topical range of student research published here reflects the breadth and depth of academic research in undergraduate programs across the world today.