Editor’s Note

This year’s editorial board is excited to present the twenty third edition of *Past Imperfect*. We would like to thank our contributors, editors, reviewers, and the editorial board for their contributions and dedication for this year’s publication. Without their help, this edition would not have been possible and we are forever grateful. Thank you to the previous editor, Samantha Blais for introducing us to journal editing and guiding us through the process of publishing a journal. We would also like to thank the University of Alberta’s Department of History, Classics, and Religion as well as Dr. Heather Coleman for their help and support, without which this edition would not have been made possible.

This edition contains five articles and one book review. In “ἄριστον μέν ὕδωρ: An Examination of the Public Waterworks in Athens in the Early 5thC BCE” Seraphina Vasilodimitrakis-Hart looks at how political developments in the fifth century BCE impacted public water systems.

Olivia Cotton Cornwall in her paper “The Dichotomy of Intimate Garments: Women’s Stays and Pockets in Georgian Britain” examines how women used garments to challenge, adhere to, and skirt gender norms in Georgian Britain.

In “Roman and Christian Just War: A Re-Analysis” Timothy Olinski examines the concept of just war in relation to early Christianity’s war and warfare. Moreover, Timothy looks at the variety of discussions around just war in the literary scholarship and focuses on Imperial and Roman Republican just war.

Heva Olfman in “Love and Death in Latin Elegy” looks at a variety of elegiac love poems by poets such as Propertius, Tibullus, and Ovid, and explores the distinctive ways in which each poet examines the themes of love and death in their respective poetry.

Finally, Sean Remz explores Hungarian-Jewish funeral practices during World War II in “The Hungarian-Jewish Social Contract, its Rupture, and Jewish Death Rituals”. He also explores
how suicide in that time was a form of protest, in particular against the Hungairan state and their treatment of Jewish citizens.

In our book review section, Sean Remz looks at Holly Case’s “The Age of Questions: Or, a First Attempt at an Aggregate History of the Eastern, Social, Woman, American, Jewish, Polish, Bullion, Tuberculosis, and Many Other Questions Over the Nineteenth Century, and Beyond” published in 2018.

Please enjoy our latest edition of Past Imperfect. We would like to welcome any contributions for future editions.

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