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From the President:

Love of historical scholarship and community service warrants active membership in UNLV’s History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta—Psi Sigma Chapter. Psi Sigma was honored with Phi Alpha Theta’s Best Chapter Award in 2010, and we hope to continue meeting, and exceeding, the high standards set by Psi Sigma's history.

This semester, Psi Sigma has worked to maintain the high standards of academic scholarship befitting Phi Alpha Theta members. This effort is reflected in the publication of this, the first issue of our revised historical journal — the *Psi Sigma Siren*. Published Psi Sigma historians, welcome to a vibrant, active community of faculty and student scholars!

Ashley Guthrie

From the Editor:

The five essays presented in this issue of the *Psi Sigma Siren* represent the strengths of our History Department and the hard work of our Phi Alpha Theta members. Amanda McAtee’s comparative book review reflects the breadth of our program, Angela Moor’s exhibit review showcases our public history program, Summer Burke’s and Stefani Evans’ essays illustrate the strength of the social history and urban history perspectives in our department, and Richard Keeton’s essay demonstrates the quality of original research our students are conducting. It is my pleasure to present these essays as the best of UNLV student writing in history for Spring 2011!

Marie Rowley