

Editor's Notes

Thanks so much to all the scholars who submitted their work to *Essays* over the last year. The overall quality of submission has been growing steadily over the past couple of years.

We received 23 new submissions since April 2014, which coincidentally is the same number we received the year prior. We also had five submissions still pending from last year. Of these 28 papers, a decision was reached on 25 (with the other three still pending). Six papers were accepted, and appear here, while the remaining 17 were rejected, for an acceptance rate of 26 percent. The average time between submission and initial decision was 47 days. We strive to get back to authors within 80 days of submission and we succeed in this goal in all but three cases (my apologies to those three authors).

I wish to express heartfelt thanks to the 45 or so individuals who have refereed for *Essays* over the last year. In keeping with our tradition, we acknowledge our referees every two years so as to better maintain anonymity so formal thanks will come in Volume 34.

The Economic and Business History Society sincerely thanks Central Michigan University's College of Business for generous financial support toward the publication and production of the journal.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason Taylor". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jason" and last name "Taylor" clearly legible.

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EBHS PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2014

By Neil Forbes, EBHS President, 2013-2014

We are delighted to report that the 2014 Conference in Manchester was, by all accounts, a great success. Approximately 100 people attended the conference and there were 78 papers presented as well as a roundtable discussion on the intersection of business and the humanities. Over 40 participants came from the UK and a further 27 colleagues came from a wide spread of other European countries. The conference attracted 23 contributors from the US and six colleagues from elsewhere in the Americas and from Asia.

The Conference was held at the Chancellors Hotel, which is on the grounds of the University of Manchester. Our group excursion was to the historic Quarry Bank Mill complex, one of the birthplaces of the industrial revolution. The keynote speaker at annual banquet was Professor Leslie Hannah (London School of Economics); we are enormously grateful to him for delivering a talk that was, at the same time, stimulating, erudite and entertaining!

We are appreciative of Coventry University and the University of Exeter for supporting the conference; special thanks must be extended to colleagues at the latter institution for their help with preparing conference materials. A vote of thanks is also due to the EBHS webmaster, Olli Turunen (University of Jyväskylä), for managing the online processes which greatly eased the burden of handling conference registrations and proposals.