We are proud to present the ninth volume of the Institute for European and Mediterranean Archaeology’s Graduate Student Journal, Chronika. As I prepare to pass the torch as editor, I can’t help but reflect back on what an amazing opportunity this position has been over the last two years. There are not enough chances for graduate students to get the kind of introduction to the publication process that Chronika has provided for contributors and the editorial board alike. Despite the overwhelming rewards of this process, it has not been without its challenges and setbacks. These challenges have been made easier to overcome because of the assistance I have received from my amazing editorial board, for which I am so thankful.

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