



Front Row (left to right): Caitlin McHugh, Theresa Wynn, Anna Bardakh; **Middle Row:** Victoria Gao, Denis Hurley, Maya Koretzky, Elen Aghekyan, Aria Hemphill; **Back Row:** Andrew White, Robert Schur, James Wang, Justin Salman; **Not Pictured:** Zachary Newkirk, Mark Collins, Jonathan Davis, Brittany Lloyd, Emily Olsen, Abby Golub.

This year saw the creation of two new initiatives on the part of undergraduate History majors. It all began when two students, Andrew White and Maya Koretzky, met in **Claudia Verhoeven's** HIST 2273: Russian Revolutionary Intelligentsia seminar, a class that Koretzky described as "a life-changing experience." White and Koretzky, with the encouragement of Verhoeven, founded the Cornell Historical Society, which brought together a group of interested History majors to design and publish the first issue of the Society's journal, *Ezra's Archives*. White said the goal was to create an undergrad social and intellectual scene for History students to come together and share ideas. Already the Society has over thirty students on its mailing list and has organized two talks by History faculty **Durba Ghosh** and **Mary Beth Norton**, who presented on their work and experience as historians to an audience of undergraduate History majors as well as faculty and grad students. The Society's journal came out in April, and was feted at a reception on May 5. *Ezra's Archives* features contributions by six students whose work was selected from thirty-three submissions. One of the student authors is Robert Schur, whose contribution on the history of the ballpoint pen appeared in the journal. Schur wrote the original paper for **Eric Tagliacozzo's** course HIST 2430: History of Things. He hopes the Society and the journal will "get people excited about history and attract people to the major." In speaking of the Society's future, Koretzky said they would

like to publish the journal more frequently (biannually) and bring in other universities and reach out to other departments. They also plan to organize more talks and events in the coming year.

If you would like a copy of *Ezra's Archives* or to be added to the Cornell Historical Society's mailing list, please write to cornellhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.