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Dear Professor Taylor:

My name is Michael Dougherty and one of my research areas is publication ethics. I am writing to request a published corrigendum in the journal *History* to correct the use of an undisclosed pseudonym that accompanied the publication of an article in the journal.

There are precedents to my request. In 2018, the publisher Wiley issued a [corrigendum](#) for a 1971 paper by "Diodorus Cronus" in *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*; the corrigendum states, "The author's true name is Richard Taylor." Other recently published corrections for undisclosed pseudonyms in academic publications (for unrelated cases) have been issued by Springer ([1](#)), Taylor and Francis ([1](#)), University of California Press ([1](#), [2](#)), and PDC ([1](#)), among others. Some of these recent corrections have appeared many decades after the publication of the original articles. In most instances, the true authorship was known by some researchers, but not all. Published corrections for authorship violations insure the integrity of the body of published research literature for students and researchers.

The case of an undisclosed pseudonym in an article in the journal *History* is:

Stephen Harvey, "[The Italian War Effort and the Strategic Bombing of Italy](#)," *History*, 70, issue 228 (1985): 32-45.

The true author of this article is A. D. Harvey, who has also published articles under his real name in the journal. The name “Stephen Harvey” is one of A. D. Harvey’s many pseudonyms. Harvey discussed his use of the pseudonym for this article in *History* with a journalist in [a 2013 article](#) in *The Guardian*, and in various online interviews. Not all readers of the article in *History* are aware that it was published under a pseudonym; it continues to receive [citations](#) with attribution to the pseudonym.

I am writing to request a correction of the scholarly record. Would you kindly publish a brief corrigendum to the article in question that declares the true authorship of the article? In doing so, *History* would be following the best practices for maintaining publishing and research integrity. I make my request in light of Wiley’s [Best Practice Guidelines on Research Integrity and Publishing Ethics](#).

Thank you for considering my request for a published correction.

Sincerely,



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