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I am very proud to present the Eleventh volume of the *Washington and Lee Race and Ethnic Ancestry Law Journal*. I would like to thank the entire Editorial Board for their efforts throughout the year. This has been a groundbreaking year for the *R.E.A.L. Journal*, and you should all be proud. This would not be possible, however, without the ground work that has been laid by the past editorial boards' tireless efforts. I would especially like to thank our Executive Editor, Patricia Jones, for her effort and dedication.

With this issue, the Editorial Board presents our best efforts at changing the landscape of critical race scholarship. The current issue seeks to expand the focus of the *R.E.A.L. Journal* to include important legal issues that impact racial and ethnic minorities *around the globe*. Professor Kirsten A. Dauphinais kicks off Volume 11 with a traditional critical race piece exploring how our present system of legal education isolates racial and ethnic minorities and suggests changes to better integrate the legal profession. David Keane follows with an international law piece discussing the ethnicity of 'Irish Travellers' and considering the requirements for protection as a racial or ethnic minority under international law. Professor Carla Pratt rounds out our solicited articles with an in-depth look at a frequently overlooked minority, African Americans with Native American heritage.

I am also pleased to present three excellent student articles and various notes presenting the nuances in critical race scholarship. The first article, by Shayla McGee, begins with a thoughtful piece considering how the international community looks at female genital mutilation and the real issues that surround this problem. Two unique articles follow, by Hollis Pfitch and Mohar Ray, considering the status of immigrants' rights in the United States post 9/11. Lastly, we present case notes on nine recent decisions of importance which affect minorities in the United States.

Finally, I would like to express the Editorial Board's gratitude to those persons who believe in and support the mission of the *R.E.A.L. Journal*. I would like to thank Professor Ann Massie for her long-standing support of the *R.E.A.L. Journal*, and her hard-work and enthusiasm in both making this issue a reality and in growing the *R.E.A.L. Journal*. I would also like to express my gratitude to Professor Louise Halper for her guidance and encouragement, and especially her unfailing commitment to the *R.E.A.L. Journal*. Lastly, I would like to thank Dean David F. Partlett for his support, respect and trust.

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