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I am proud and pleased to present the eighth volume of the Washington and Lee Race and Ethnic Ancestry Law Journal. This year's Editorial Board worked hard with tireless and dedicated effort to bring you this edition of the Journal. I feel privileged to have worked with such bright, committed, diligent and skilled people.

This year has been one of profound loss and yet, still one of profound spirit. The world is an ever shrinking place – for many, a plane ride, a telephone call or an e-mail away. As the world becomes smaller, we must strive to understand and acknowledge our differences in race, ethnicity, culture, geography, gender, and religion while still internalizing our human sameness. This type of understanding must start with discussion, and the continuing mission of this Journal is to shape and lead that discourse.

With each volume, we strive to create a Journal that examines how the law impacts minorities and populations affected by discrimination and prejudice. It is our hope that this edition will continue our mission to open new pathways of thought and examine crucial legal issues relating to the interconnectedness of law and race, ethnicity, gender and religion.

In this issue, Professor Azizah al-Hibri thoughtfully examines the relationship of law, religion and world peace, and Professor Vernellia Randall introduces us to the Vienna Declaration and Plan of Action, an important addition to human rights legal discourse. The student articles explore racial, ethnic and gender discrimination issues in both the courtroom and the employment spheres. In addition, we present twelve case notes that cover cutting edge issues being litigated around the country.

For the Journal, this has been a year of intense progress and of sowing seeds for future growth. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the Editor-in-Chief, and on behalf of the Editorial Board and myself, I would like to thank all of our contributors. We are very grateful to our faculty advisor, Professor Louise Halper, for her guidance, energy, patience and dedication to the Journal. We would also like to thank Dean David Partlett for his commitment to the growth of the Journal and his continued sponsorship and support.

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