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The guarantees of equality and liberty are hallmarks of a truly just society; however, these are vague concepts that must be dissected in order to have true meaning. The scholarship in the Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice brings these concepts to life by exploring the contours of civil rights legislation and case law. Only after thorough examination and academic debate can we know what equality and liberty—and ultimately justice—should look like.

As the nation looks back on this 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act, this year the country may witness the expansion of civil liberties in other arenas, such as same-sex marriage and the rights of undocumented aliens. The articles and notes in this issue delve into both topics, along with sexual assault in the military, the Fourth Amendment and the reasonable suspicion standard, ERISA litigation, and mental healthcare, just to name a few.

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