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The *Washington and Lee Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice* seeks to provide a space for scholarship with a primary focus on legal issues and perspectives which advance ideas of equality, equity, and call out injustices impacting a variety of communities.

Volume 30, Issue 2 of the *Washington and Lee Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice* is the culmination of many thought-provoking conversations, pulls scholarship from two symposia, and highlights the work of many of our student authors. The first, *Slavery.AI*, is authored by Professor Emile Loza de Siles who we were fortunate enough to feature as our keynote speaker at this year's symposium: The Intersection of Media and Law: A Movement to Amplify All Voices. This Article discusses the risks that accompany emerging technologies, and the impact of AI on individual rights. The next article, *When Public Meets Private: Private School Enrollment and Segregation in Virginia* addresses issues that are relevant on a national scale, in a conversation that strikes close to home for the *Washington and Lee Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice*. The final Article, *Colorblind and Colormute: Words Unspoken in U.S. Supreme Court Oral Argument* provides groundbreaking empirical evidence regarding the use of racial terms in cases that involve race or ethnicity. Volume 30, Issue 2 also features an essay by Corey Stoughton who was a speaker at the Volume 29 Symposium, 60 Since the 60's: Civil Rights Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow.

We are also excited to publish eight student Notes, written by members of the 2023-2024 editorial board. Topics highlight issues that affect our nearby communities, such as the affordable housing crisis in the Commonwealth of Virginia, to issues of global importance such as data privacy in the blockchain space. I am excited for these Notes to finally be shared with the world, and I'd like to congratulate each of our student authors on this achievement.

I would like to thank the entirety of the 2023-2024 Editorial Board for all their hard work putting this book together. It has been an honor serving as the Editor in Chief of the *Washington and Lee Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice*. To all the members of the Class of 2024, thank you for your continued support and effort this past year. To the members of the Class of 2025, I am excited to see where you take the *Washington and Lee Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice* next. I am especially looking forward to watching the many successes of the Volume 31 Upper Board. Finally, I'd like to recognize the members of the Volume 30 Upper Board. From all of us at the *Washington and Lee Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice*, thank you, Anna Kennedy, Jasmine Cooper, Tolly Maloney, Hannah Wilk, and Jenny Yang. None of this would have been possible without you.

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