

Foreword to Volume 24

The Journal of Gender, Race & Justice was founded to challenge our writers, readers, and selves to question who we are and how the law defines us. This challenge requires the perspectives of all identities in order to innovate concepts of legal thought and critically analyze systemic disparities within our institutions. The unjustifiable murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Daunte Wright, and countless others in this nation's history, have reemphasized the need to examine the unique ways in which the law impacts marginalized people.

As the only student-run legal journal in Iowa exclusively focused on feminist inquiry, critical race theory, and legal justice, we have a responsibility to remain steadfast in our commitment to uplift marginalized voices and elevate them to the forefront of legal scholarship in Iowa. To effectuate this commitment, this Issue incorporates non-traditional legal authors to discuss issues that affect Black Iowans with the basic and fundamental notion that Black Lives Matter in Iowa. Without their inclusion, legal scholarship in Iowa loses invaluable dimensions on justice, fairness, and equity. We dedicate Issue 1 of Volume 24 to Black Lives Matter coalitions and advocates in Iowa and across the United States.

Sincerely,

The Editorial Board of the Journal of Gender, Race & Justice, Volume 24