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## Foreword

*Hastings Women's Law Journal* continues where our last issue left off, by showcasing *Legal Blind Spots*—current areas of law and policy that are rapidly changing and having a disparate impact on certain vulnerable communities. At such a crucial time in our country's history, lawyers, law students, and activists must lead the charge to protect fundamental rights, civil rights, and values. In this regard, *Hastings Women's Law Journal* is proud to continue the legacy of providing ground breaking legal scholarship that gives a voice to *all* people.

We have had an immensely successful 28th year. Our Winter 2017 issue touched on topics such as the on the need for federal protections of victims in porn, the need for legal exceptions to assault and battery for willing participants in BDSM, and access to gender reassignment surgery in US prisons.

Our Spring 2017 symposium continued to shed light on other crucial issues, specifically in the LGBT Civil Rights Movement. Our symposium centered on the ABC miniseries, *When We Rise*. Based on the book of the same title, *When We Rise* depicts the story of LGBT activists in San Francisco. The panel featured activists from the miniseries, who passionately reminded attendees that the fight for civil rights never stops. Our symposium also featured two panels entitled, *The Modern Family* and *Refugee/Asylum*. The event was a smashing success, attracting more than 200 legal professionals, scholars, activists, law students, faculty, and staff. Thank you to our co-sponsors BALIF, OUTLaw, and the UC Hastings Diversity Committee for their generous support in making this event such a huge success—we could not have done it without you guys!

In this issue, our first article addresses the 2016 Presidential election and how the right to abortion and the right to bear arms were challenged. Jesse Snyder puts forth a thought-provoking argument that looks to the unique period of Prohibition for guidance in addressing challenges to those individual rights today. The implementation and regulation of Title IX on campus sexual assault in higher education has fostered a situation where accused male student are not receiving adequate due process in defending the claims against them. Co-Editor-In-Chief, Tyra Singleton examines the Department of Education's role in fostering this situation and advocates for a better system of adjudicating on campus sexual assault claims that leads to reliable outcomes. Michelle Hanlon highlights how projecting a sexualized image of the flight attendant in the media has created an unsafe and hostile work environment for female flight attendants. She advocates for policies

that address sexual harassment head-on and to avoid conflating sexual harassment policies with unruly passenger prevention policies. Managing Editor, Stephan Ferris discusses the continued attack on sexual autonomy and expression in the LGBT community. He analyzes the defeat of California's Proposition 60, which mandated condom usage in all adult entertainment production. Lastly, Jennifer Karr, through a reconstructive feminist perspective, discusses the vast history of gender roles in the United States. She advocates for reform in the workplace and at home by equal treatment and benefits in paternity leave.

This issue's articles and notes are the end result of what has been a very lengthy and detailed process. Our submissions inbox is full with articles, notes, commentaries, stories, and poetry that reflect a wide range of issues. The sheer number of submissions we receive every year, reaffirms this *Journal's* commitment to giving a voice to *all* people. But this could not be done without our authors. They bring the issues most passionate to them to the forefront. They give us the progressive and radical content that is the legacy of this *Journal*. Our amazing editorial staff selflessly dedicated their time to ensuring these stories are prepared for readership. A special thank you to our Lead Editors Cassandra Martinez and Deborah Rodriguez, and Executive Article Editors Samantha Adhikari and Maryam Rangwala for their many hours incorporating changes, providing feedback, and doing last-minute read throughs to ensure a polished publication. Our noneditorial staff are the backbone of this *Journal*. They've gone above and beyond to ensure we have funding, stellar events, quality 2L notes, and a strong online and social media presence to maintain our reputation as a journal. Many thanks to our Managing Editor Stephan Ferris and Symposium Editors Alexandria Bettencourt and Jake Holguin for putting together a great symposium. Thank you to our Notes Editors Serena Aisenman and Garrett Smith for their time cultivating 2L notes on interesting topics to be published in the future.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Tom McCarthy for his guidance and support this year. The Hastings community and all Hastings scholarly publications are so lucky to have him. His positive energy and belief in our abilities is invaluable to our work. Finally, we would like to thank the entire *Journal* and the Hastings community for entrusting this legacy in our hands. It was a pleasure serving you over the past year. As we get closer to entering the graduation stage as students and emerging as alumnus, we cannot help but contemplate the future of this *Journal*. We are pleased to announce that Sonja Arndt will be Editor-in-Chief for the 2017-2018 school year. We know through her tireless leadership this *Journal* will continue to flourish.

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