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*You have to act as if it were possible to
radically transform the world.
And you have to do it all time.*

—Angela Davis

U.C. *Hastings Women's Law Journal* is proud to celebrate our 30th year anniversary. Together, as an ideologue we have accomplished so much, not because of dogmatic adherence to a belief system, but rather, because of our acceptance and willingness to serve as voice for those outside of the conventional margins of legal scholarship.

For thirty years *Hastings Women's Law Journal* has published ground breaking, unconventional scholarship. Our 30th anniversary edition did not disappoint, our authors have addressed issues as far and wide as domestic violence and the future of VAWA in our current political climate, the intersection between the law and social sciences, and the rise of girls courts.

Our 30th anniversary volume, as well as the theme for our commemorative gala, were inspired by Rosa Parks' quote, "*Stand for something or you will fall for anything. Today's mighty oak is yesterday's nut that held its ground.*" Our issue and gala were both a dedication and celebration of the strong women and allies who have courageously stood up for what they believed in. At our gala, we had the distinct privilege of honoring two Hastings faculty members who embodied this ideal through their work and activism. Professors Emily Murphy and D. Kelly Weisberg, we thank you for your courage to stand up against injustice and speak up for those who cannot do so for themselves.

Now more than ever, it is vital that we coalesce around the ideals we have in common in order to stand strong against the ills faced by women and others marginalized in our society. I am proud to have taken part in this radical work as Editor-in-Chief of *Hastings Women's Law Journal* for the 2018-2019 school year. The time has come to pass on the duty of steering this platform to our incoming Co-Editors-in-Chief, Katelyn Dembowski and Jullian Sekona. I know that they will continue to advance the project and purpose of intersectional feminist jurisprudence.

Thank you to all of the Executive Editors and Staff Editors who make this publication possible. I would also like to extend our gratitude to all of the authors who have contributed their works to the journal throughout

the years. Last and certainly not least, I would like to thank Tom McCarthy, we wouldn't be able to do the work we do without his help and guidance.

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