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## Preface

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This spring, the Hastings Journal on Gender and the Law (HJGL) and the Hastings Race and Poverty Law Journal (HRPLJ) have partnered to produce a special edition that highlights important topic areas in restorative justice, as told by leading scholars and practitioners in the field. We are honored and delighted to share the research of these experts, discussing pertinent issues at the intersection of gender, race, poverty, restorative justice, and the criminal legal system. We are also excited to continue HJGL's tradition of featuring creative works from student contributors.

This edition is published in tandem with a collaborative symposium between HJGL, HRPLJ, and the National Center on Restorative Justice (NCORJ),<sup>1</sup> entitled "Equitable Systems Design for Restorative Justice."<sup>2</sup> The symposium will take place on March 31, 2023, at the UC Hastings (now UC Law SF) campus. The interactive institute "examin[es] the challenging question of how to advance *equitable systems design* for restorative justice at the intersection of criminal legal processes", while keeping the "long-term health of system impacted communities and individuals in mind."<sup>3</sup>

We hope our joint publication advances conversations and considerations around integrating restorative justice practices in broader social structures for a future with more equitable systems. We thank our editors, contributors, and readers for furthering and participating in these critical discussions.

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<sup>1</sup> *About*, NAT'L CTR. ON RESTORATIVE JUST., <https://ncorj.org/about/> [https://perma.cc/ZH3B-X3MC] (last visited Mar. 3, 2023)

<sup>2</sup> *Institute: Equitable Systems Design for Restorative Justice*, NAT'L CTR. ON RESTORATIVE JUST., <https://ncorj.org/equitable-systems-design/> [https://perma.cc/9RAT-EZYC] (last visited Mar. 3, 2023).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

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