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## Editor-in-Chief's Foreword

It is my pleasure to present Issue 2 of *Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly* (HCLQ)'s Volume 50. Issue 2 is composed of reflections on and reviews of, "The Racial Muslim: When Racism Quashes Religious Freedom," by Professor Sahar Aziz, the Chancellor's Social Justice Scholar at Rutgers University Law School.<sup>1</sup> This important book, published at the end of 2021, invites its readers to consider: Why does a country with religious liberty ensnared in its legal and social structures produce such overt prejudice and discrimination against Muslims?

Professor Aziz's groundbreaking book demonstrates how race and religion intersect to create what she calls the Racial Muslim. Comparing discrimination against immigrant Muslims with the prejudicial treatment of Jews, Catholics, Mormons, and African American Muslims during the twentieth century, Aziz's book investigates the gap between the aspiration for and the reality of religious freedom in the U.S. As America's demographics rapidly change from a majority white Protestant nation to a multiracial, multi-religious society, this book is an obligatory read to understand how our past continues to shape our present—to the detriment of this nation's future.

CLQ was blessed with three wonderful essays by esteemed scholars: professors Natsu Taylor Saito, Rachel F. Moran, and Spearlt. We are grateful for their contributions and would be remiss not to recognize our wonderful authors for their scholarship, flexibility, and support throughout the editing process. It was a pleasure to work with each of you.

I also want to extend a huge thank you to the HCLQ editorial team for your hard work and enthusiasm to bring Issue 2 to publication.

To our readers, we invite you to engage in these articles and understand that they address a history in this country many wish to overlook, or ignore. We look forward to having discussions and reviewing reflections on this Issue.

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1. SAHAR AZIZ, *THE RACIAL MUSLIM: WHEN RACISM QUASHES RELIGIOUS LIBERTY* (2021).

Sincerely,

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