PREFACE

Founded over forty years ago, the *N.Y.U. Review of Law & Social Change* was conceived in conversation. A group of NYU law students, who were planning legal careers serving underrepresented communities, recognized a shared frustration and formed a discussion group. In the heart of New York City and the center of the vibrant social change of the 1960s, the students were unsatisfied with the disconnect between the realities of their everyday world and the kind of scholarship being published in law journals. Together, they imagined a journal that would not only speak to the real legal, social, and political issues of the day, but that would also lend a platform to not-often-heard voices, ideas, and visions.

Each year the editorial staff of *Social Change* strives to give life to the journal’s founding ideals. In the past few years, one guiding principle has emerged: a commitment to publishing “Page-to-Practice” scholarship. Towards this end, we work with authors who not only identify areas of social injustice, but who propose meaningful avenues for practitioners to address these injustices. We recognize that solutions come from both current and emerging giants. *Social Change* is committed to broadcasting voices that are often too faint to hear in mainstream scholarship. Putting these diverse voices into direct dialogue is critical to concrete change.

Symposia are essential to the realization of this vision. They provide an opportunity for activists, scholars, and practitioners to share expertise and ideas with each other as well as with students. This issue is intended to be a continuation of the conversation that began during the event on October 5th, 2012 titled “Making Constitutional Change: The Past, Present, and Future Role of *Perry v. Brown*.” Enclosed in this issue are thirty pieces written by activists, scholars, and practitioners responding to the same three questions that guided the three symposium panels. While these voices are but a few in a movement steeped in talent and expertise, we hope that this publication will prove to be a time capsule, capturing a movement at one of its most critical moments.

Producing an event and a publication of this scale requires the support of a vast number of people. This issue’s introduction names many of the individuals who made this project possible. We wish to simply acknowledge here how grateful we are for the unwavering support we received, particularly from our journal’s entire editorial staff.

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