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Call for Submissions

The Issue

Spring 2020 saw thousands of Americans pouring out into the streets, weeks of unprecedented civil rebellion, and an impassioned chorus of voices calling for change. Following the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and far too many others, we began to ask ourselves questions about racialized policing. When did the relationship between law enforcement and communities of color become so broken? Has it always been this way? What are the roots of the casual disregard for Black life? Were police always an indispensable part of the infrastructure of racial subordination? How do our legal and political systems function to allow — or endorse — the status quo of violence, unaccountability, and bias? What, if anything, comes next?

We invite authors to engage with these questions and others that arise from this powerful moment of change. While it goes without saying that Traditional legal scholarship in the form of Articles and Notes will constitute a substantial part of this Issue. We invite a wide variety of contributions, so long as they engage with law enforcement and Critical Race Theory (CRT). Exceptional essays (including those from non-legal fields), comments, poems, interviews, and reactions will be considered.

Submissions and questions may be directed to lawmcrp@georgetown.edu, or the Journal's submissions pages on Scholastica and/or ExpressO.

Deadline for submissions: 11:59PM on Friday, January 15th, 2021.

Selections will be made by Friday, January 22nd, 2021.

The Symposium

Contributors to Issue 13.2 will feature prominently in a proposed week-long, virtual symposium event in May 2021, honoring the anniversary of George Floyd's death.

In an effort to embrace the trend of asynchronous learning brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, and to avoid Zoom fatigue, the proposed Symposium will largely take the form of a website with resources and interactives related to the Issue's substance. This may include pre-recorded podcasts, message boards, and visuals meant to inspire thought and discussion. MCRP expects the site to "go live" in early May, culminating in a live program that will take place at a date to be determined.

MCRP will also take this opportunity to make Critical Race Theory more accessible to those who might not have been exposed to it, or may not even go to law school. We hope to offer, on our Symposium website, resources to those Americans who may have heard about Critical Race Theory in the news, so that they might acquire some firsthand knowledge of the field and what it has to offer. Any and all thoughts related to this effort will be much appreciated, and should be directed to Symposium Chair and Articles Editor Brett Graham at btg26@georgetown.edu.