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## FOREWORD

The UCLA Women's Law Journal's inaugural issue was published during the 1990-1991 school year by a group of passionate young feminists determined to bring gender issues in legal scholarship to the forefront. As the Journal approaches its 25th anniversary, one of our main goals is to incorporate new and dynamic articles in each issue, while maintaining the same passion and ideals of our founders.

In that inaugural edition, feminist legal scholar Christine Littleton asked, "Can you focus on women without ignoring, obscuring or distorting the deep divisions of race, class and sexual orientation in this society and in its law?" She cited the ground-breaking work of Professors Kimberlé Crenshaw and Cheryl Harris regarding intersectionality and essentialism in order to ultimately conclude "maybe, maybe not." Questions around the intersections of race and gender continue to be asked today. In August 2013, the hashtag #SolidarityIsForWhiteWomen started to trend on Twitter, indicating the wave of frustration that many critics feel towards modern-day feminism.

Teresa M. Bruce's article, *Terrorism du Jour: How the Trayvon Martin Case Exposes an Endemic Regime of Fear that Keeps Black Males and Females of All Colors in a State of Subjugation*, seeks to continue that discussion. Her article is a significant contribution to the scholarship of intersectionality, exploring violence against women and men of color against the backdrop of the racially-charged murder of Trayvon Martin in 2012.

Abraham Z. Melamed also seeks to push the boundaries of traditional feminist legal scholarship with his article, *Daddy Warriors: The Battle to Equalize Paternity Leave in The United States by Breaking Gender Stereotypes: A Fourteenth Amendment Equal Protection Analysis*. In this article, he explores the ways in which governmental support of the traditional family model can be harmful not only to women, but also to men and to children.

The question Professor Littleton asked more than two decades ago is more relevant than ever. This issue of the Women's Law Journal is a sign of our continued commitment to asking and attempting to answer the same question as we move forward into the 21st century.

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