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Editor's Note

As an Associate Editor on the *Tulsa Law Review* (TLR), I complained about editing the book review issue. I did not understand how the book review issue connected to our role as a legal journal. After taking on the daunting role of Editor-in-Chief of TLR, working with the board to make TLR a strong educational experience, and collaborating with the Co-Editors of the book review issue and the authors we publish, my view on this issue has changed significantly.

One day this fall, one of our Associate Editors came into the TLR office looking for research pointers for his Comment. I had recently received and read the essays from Lee Borocz-Johnson and Jonathan L. Marshfield and was able to quickly identify three books that might be relevant to his research (as well as recommending that he read the essays). Over winter break, I was talking with a group of mostly strangers around a fire in a backyard in Santa Fe, NM, when slavery in the southwest came up. I excitedly began sharing what I had learned from Christian Pinnen's essay and was able to recommend a book for those interested. This spring, I joined the Terry West Civil Legal Clinic at the University of Tulsa. On the first day of class, our professor asked us to define "justice." Immediately, Erin Daly's essay came to my mind and I started my definition with the word "dignity." As Tulsa works to identify a new police chief and approaches the 100-year anniversary of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre, I have found myself dwelling on Naomi Murakawa's and Daniel Kato's essays.

The book reviews in this issue have helped me build an exciting post-bar reading list. They have started conversations with my colleagues on law review and have highlighted the value of interdisciplinary scholarship in the law. I am incredibly grateful to our new book review co-editors, Professor Richard Albert and Dr. Emily Zackin, who identified a compelling range of books and recruited a brilliant group of scholars to review them. I am so thankful for all of the authors who have taken the time to write thought-provoking essays for this issue. I also am honored to work with the wonderful board and editors of the *Tulsa Law Review* who dedicate a tremendous amount of time to making TLR a strong publication and a positive, educational experience for its members.

Finally, Dr. Daniel Kato passed away after submitting his essay. We send our condolences to his family, friends, colleagues and students.

—Vic Wiener
Editor-in-Chief
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