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## FOREWORD

When first published in 1972 the Chicano-Latino Law Review (CLLR) was the only Latino-centered law review of its kind. Our journal continues to serve as an important source of scholarship on behalf of Latino and underrepresented communities everywhere. In keeping with CLLR's long history of cultural and legal advocacy, we are pleased to publish this special edition on hate crimes.

As we began work this year, we confronted a challenging set of circumstances. Proposition 209 and UC Directive(s) SP-1 and SP-2 had gutted much of the Latino student population at UCLA Law School. To ensure the continuance and survival of the journal, we radically re-worked CLLR in both form and substance. Inspired by the advice and insights of Professor Gerald Lopez, the board met in small "brainstorming" sessions to map out strategic improvements. Initially, we began by collapsing the most important editorial duties into fewer positions. We then streamlined the production process and provided a structured yet flexible method for monitoring the progress of articles. Our Executive Editor, Sylvia Salazar, did a wholesale reorganization of CLLR's financial infrastructure. Grants were written, web pages developed, and outreach materials produced and mailed, all in an effort to rejuvenate CLLR.

The Board concluded that to increase CLLR's visibility, we should produce a special issue. We did not have to search hard to find a theme . . . it was happening all around us. The exponential growth in unprovoked violence against communities of color, culture, and sexual orientation had become a frequent occurrence across the nation. We decided to devote an entire issue of CLLR to the subject of Hate Crimes. What initially began as a special edition eventually developed into a two-day symposium comprised of an educational outreach night for high school youth and an all day professional conference. The two-day Symposium was created in an effort to bring education and awareness to youth and adults concerning issues of hate and violence.

On March 16, 2000, 152 high school youth from over ten schools and organizations attended the youth segment of the CLLR Hate Crimes Symposium. Through coordination efforts with organization directors and teachers, we were able to send out ten vans to twelve sites. Youth from as far as Bell and South-

gate and as close as Downtown Los Angeles were able to attend. We provided dinner and flew in Brent Scarpo, the director of "Journey to a Hate Free Millenium," who gave an introduction before watching segments from the film. After viewing the film, the audience split into six small groups. Each small group met with a trained facilitator and discussed issues of hate, violence and prejudice. Student evaluations indicate that the evening was an incredible success. One student wrote, "[i]t wakes up a lot of people and brings us together to overcome hate." In response to why she liked the program, another student wrote, "because I will teach my children not to hate in the future." Finally, another student remarked, "[i]t really touched my heart and made me realize how much it hurts to hate." Weeks after the program, we continue to receive calls from students asking for a similar program at their school.

On March 17, 2000, CLLR hosted an all day Hate Crimes Symposium at the law school. Participants included: California Assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl; Michael J. Gennaco, Chief of the Civil Rights Unit for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles; Carla Arranaga, Head of the Hate Crimes Unit, Los Angeles District Attorney's Office; Samuel Paz, Civil Rights Attorney and Adjunct Professor of Law at Loyola Law School; Greg Apt, Deputy Alternative Public Defender, Los Angeles County Alternative Public Defender; Myron Dean Quon, Staff Attorney, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund; Marci Fukuroda, Nancy C. Liebman Fellow, California Women's Law Center; Robyn Chew, Deputy Alternative Public Defender, Los Angeles County Alternative Public Defender; Jed Minoff, Staff Attorney, Homeless Prevention Law Project/Juvenile Court Intervention and Advocacy, Public Counsel; Sue Stengle, Western States Counsel, Anti-Defamation League; Lisa A. Crooms, Associate Professor of Law, Howard University; Victor Hwang, Staff Attorney, Asian Law Caucus; Linda López, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Chapman University; Jane Spade, Community Activist; and Craig Willse, Community Activist.

In this issue, we include an article by John R. Schafer and Joe Navarro, special agents for the FBI, providing an investigator's perspective on understanding and dealing with hate groups. Additionally, we have testimony by Michael J. Gennaco to the Senate Judiciary Committee considering the issue of Hate on the Internet. The third article, by Victor M. Hwang, provides new insights into the struggles of Asian Pacific Americans against hate motivated violence. Jane Spade and Craig Willse critique hate crime activism, arguing that isolating specific instances of violence obscure an understanding of systemic and institutionalized structures of inequality. Finally, to provide an overview on

the progress of hate crime legislation on the federal level, we have included the Statement of the Anti-Defamation League on Bias-Motivated Crime and the Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

We set out to keep this special issue accessible as a community based resource. To this end, we departed from our traditional law review format and accepted free style submissions. By reconfiguring the journal in this way, we hope that any member of the community might pick up this special edition and find something important and meaningful without having to wade through puzzling legal verbiage and difficult citations. It is our hope that people affected by and interested in the subject of hate crimes will read this journal.

This year's Board of Editors — whose names can be found on the CLLR masthead — worked very hard to bring the Hate Crimes Symposium and publication to fruition. We are indebted to Frank López for bringing the conference to life through his graphics and artwork. We would also like to thank our faculty advisor, Cruz Reynoso, who offered administrative and personal support at key points during the year. Finally, we would like to thank our faculty, Laura Gómez, David Sklansky, Christine Littleton, Cheryl Harris and Devon Carbado, who selflessly gave their time and talent to our symposium.

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