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This Volume's Symposium commemorates the Fiftieth Anniversary of Desegregation at the University of Georgia. On Monday, January 9, 1961, two brave, African-American students—Mr. Hamilton Holmes and Ms. Charlayne Hunter—registered for classes on North Campus. Just three days before—and after a lengthy court battle—U.S. District Judge William Bootle held in *Holmes v. Danner* that the students were “fully qualified for immediate admission” and “would already have been admitted had it not been for their race and color.” Since that historic moment, UGA and the rest of our country have taken great strides to provide equal opportunities to all. Yet, many civil rights issues persist in education and elsewhere.

On August 26, 2011, the *Georgia Law Review* hosted a Symposium Conference inspired by the University's yearlong celebration of its desegregation. The Conference—entitled *Civil Rights or Civil Wants?*—provided a venue for prominent academics and lawyers from across the country to discuss the civil rights issues of today and tomorrow. This Symposium Issue continues that discussion by providing in print the scholarship that drove the dialogue at the Conference. Rather than take on a narrow slice of the debate, the *Georgia Law Review* thought this Fiftieth Anniversary marked a unique opportunity to examine how our society's conception of and dialogue on civil rights has broadened to often include non-traditional civil rights issues. As such, in addition to examining the current state of education, this Symposium looks at some of today's other important civil rights issues, particularly in the contexts of immigration, information

privacy, and international law after the September 11, 2011, terrorist attacks.

We offer our sincere gratitude to all of our participating authors for contributing to this Symposium, as well as to the University of Georgia School of Law and the Dean Rusk Center for their support in making it possible. Additionally we thank our entire Staff for their tireless efforts to ensure a successful Conference and Issue.

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