

Epoch: Going Beyond a Racial Reckoning

In partnership with the Seattle University Black Law Students Association, the Seattle University Law Review is excited to introduce the inaugural Spotlight Symposium—*Epoch: Going Beyond a Racial Reckoning*.

FOREWORD

In June 2020, the Seattle University Law Review Volume 44 Masthead made a public commitment to anti-racism within our organization and our publication. We committed to implementing changes to better amplify the voices and work of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color. We outlined seven specific goals and took steps to further those goals during the 2020–2021 academic year. These goals included partnering with Black and BIPOC-led organizations and re-examining our budget for opportunities to allocate funds to amplify BIPOC voices and work. It was with these goals in mind that the Volume 44 Masthead committed itself to partnering with Seattle University's Black Law Students Association (BLSA) in hosting the BLSA and Law Review Spotlight Symposium.

In Fall 2020, Seattle University's Law Review and BLSA announced their first annual partnership symposium. This partnership, named the Spotlight Symposium, is dedicated to uplifting and amplifying Black voices and ideas within the legal community by amplifying the work and contributions of Black authors, professionals, and thought leaders. The inaugural Spotlight Symposium's theme was *Epoch: Going Beyond a Racial Reckoning*. This endeavor is not only symbolic of change but is also a medium to effectuate change. This partnership presents a unique opportunity for those involved to spotlight the Black experience in all its range.