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In 2021, the *Minnesota Journal of Law & Inequality's* Volume 39 Editorial Board opted to publish a special issue entirely dedicated to pieces examining Minneapolis Police's murder of George Floyd and the history of policing and racial profiling in Minneapolis. The works of Greg Egan and David Schultz were published specifically seeking to turn a critical eye toward the legal, political, and social systems that ultimately contributed to the murder of George Floyd here in Minneapolis. In addition to the great writings these two authors contributed, the Volume 39 Editorial Board co-wrote an article titled *Refunding the Community: What Defunding MPD Means and Why It Is Urgent and Realistic*.

Unfortunately, this scholarship remains prevalent today as the Twin Cities faces paramilitary occupation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Minnesota has frequently and uniquely been situated at the center of political and social movements—a position the *Journal of Law & Inequality* was founded in order to support and address through legal critique and scholarship. This first Issue of Volume 44 is no different from the work we must continue to advance in the face of fascism. In this Issue, you will read about the impact of taxation on Tribal communities across the United States, the aims of Affirmative Action, the legal intersections at play when a person chooses to “come out,” gaps within disparate impact discrimination, the racial undertones and motivations of Minnesota's cannabis statute, and immigration concerns within due process and the rise of artificial intelligence. While each of these pieces addresses varying areas of the legal landscape, each, in turn, also uniquely illuminates communities at the margins; groups the occupation threatens, isolates, and murders.

The Volume 44 Editorial Board is proud to present this first Issue, including an unedited reprint of *Refunding the Community*.

