

Reparations: Restorative Justice for Racial Disparities

The *Elon Law Review* invites submissions for a fall symposium exploring restorative justice and the question of reparations in the United States. The *Elon Law Review* Symposium will be held Friday, September 24, 2021, at Elon University School of Law in Greensboro, North Carolina. A reception will be held on the evening of Thursday, September 23, 2021.

The Declaration of Independence declares, “all men are created equal,” and goes on to state that all men have the unalienable rights of “Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.” Yet the Constitution condoned the continuation of human bondage and deemed individuals held in slavery as property to count as “three fifths” of a person to protect the political power of the former states of the Confederacy. History has shown progress, as reflected in the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, *Brown v. Board of Education*, the Civil Rights Acts of 1957 and 1964, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Despite this, the lingering adverse effects of slavery and its aftermath persist throughout the United States today.

Applauding the progress that has occurred, while acknowledging more progress is needed, the *Elon Law Review* Symposium Editors are interested in articles exploring the circumstances creating racial inequality in every aspect of life for Black Americans; the origins and meaning of reparations; reparations in an international context; whether reparations can serve to remedy the present effects of past discrimination; and how the nation can reconcile the contradictions created by the Founders. An abstract of the scholarly paper to be presented should be submitted no later than Friday, March 19, 2021, to Chief Symposium Editor Sam Luchansky at sluchansky@elon.edu. Accepted proposals will be organized into symposium panels around common themes. Final papers will be due by Wednesday, June 30, 2021, for both presentation at the symposium and publication in the symposium issue of the 2022 *Elon Law Review*.