

## SYMPOSIUM

### INTRODUCTION

On April 20, 2007, thirteen distinguished scholars and advocates gathered at the Lewis & Clark Law School for the law review's spring symposium on "Crimes, War Crimes, and the War on Terror." Broken into several panels—Domestic Law and National Security; The Other Criminal Process: War Crimes, Military Commissions, and Habeas Corpus; Perspectives from International Law; and Surveillance and Transparency—the speakers and a large and engaged audience spent the day considering and debating topics that were then at the forefront of national attention. As this issue goes to press more than six months later, and with a presidential election less than a year away, these issues not surprisingly continue to dominate national debates. Legal or political resolutions to most of them still hover just beyond reach. As a result, the articles in this issue—together with David Glazier's major article on military commissions, which will appear in the next issue of the review—could not appear at a more opportune time. We trust they will stimulate careful thinking about the range of issues that flow from the convergence of crimes, war crimes, and the war on terror.

We want to express sincere thanks to all of the speakers, not only for agreeing to attend, but more importantly for their willingness to engage with each other and the audience. Anyone who attended the symposium last April can attest to the energy that filled the room as speaker succeeded speaker. We should also note our gratitude to the editors of the law review for helping organize this symposium and bringing these papers to publication, to the law school and Interim Dean Lydia Loren for generous support, and to our colleagues—especially Susan Mandiberg and Juliet Stumpf, who ably moderated panels and shared their insights—for helping make the symposium a rewarding and successful event for everyone who attended.

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