

### EDITORIAL

I've spent the last few weeks thinking how one can be a polymath in a world of specialists. The amateur sociologist within me postulates that all human beings are biologically wired to be inquisitive about everything – this is plainly evident in children. I spent last weekend skiing with a group of friends, each a specialist in a different field. What I soon realised is that everyone had a meaningful intellectual contribution to make in everyone else's field. However, it seems that modern society has siloed individuals into being authorities in a single, narrowly defined area.

How can we breakout of this intellectual straitjacket? One simple way is just by interacting with those whose specialisation are alien to our own. *The Journal Jurisprudence* has strived to facilitate this process and I am pleased by the results, particularly in this issue.

We welcome Associate Professor Adam J. MacLeod back to Journal in this issue. Regular readers will remember that he wrote for us in our first issue on the topic of “The Law as Bard.” He returns with a critique of modern economic justice and a reconsideration of the repercussions of economic inequality. Using the internal point of view thesis advanced by HLA Hart, Associate Professor MacLeod inspires us to reconsider economic policy and provides a lens for analysing the challenges of the current political debate.

Legal scholars everywhere were saddened by the death of Ronald Dworkin on 14 February 2013. Dworkin's most famous work was *Law's Empire* and he influenced generations of scholars, on both sides of the Atlantic, from teaching positions at Oxford, Yale and NYU. Very fittingly, we welcome an important critique of Dworkin's scholarship by Mr Jacob Nebel, who recently was elected to a prestigious Marshall Scholarship. Mr Nebel argues with great energy and accuracy that Dworkin's constitutional reading does not follow his premises. This is an important departure from established critiques of Dworkin and we are honoured to publish this important work in our pages.

In the spirit of interdisciplinary thinking that this publication has always encouraged, we are pleased to publish an insightful work by Mr Geoff Turley. Building upon the work of Charles Peirce, particularly his theory of the logic of science, Mr Turley argues for a new model of scientific lawmaking. He proposes a system of codification and constant judicial

revision and eloquently argues for the efficiency of this approach. We are pleased to publish this work and offer our public encouragement of Mr Turley's great potential as a leader in jurisprudential thinking.

Finally, our cover image this month is a photo of Pericle Fazzini's *La Resurrezione* ("*The Resurrection*"), in the Paul VI Audience Hall in the Vatican. A fitting image, given the recent resignation of Pope Benedict XVI, himself a scholar of jurisprudence in the form of canon law.

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