

**SYMPOSIUM:  
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:  
MOBILIZING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY**

**A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS**

The *Vermont Law Review* is pleased to present this collection of Articles and Essays gathered from our 1998 Symposium on Environmental Justice. The pieces in this edition represent writings from both academics and practitioners in the field of environmental justice. We are particularly pleased to present an Essay by Dr. Robert Bullard, our keynote speaker and the man who is widely credited as the father of the environmental justice movement.

Our symposium provided an opportunity for those working on diverse environmental justice issues—such as the Texas-Mexico Nuclear Waste Compact, urban initiatives, and unique problems faced by Native Americans—to share insights and inspiration. The success of the symposium is reflected in the following Articles and Essays by Barry Hill, new Head of EPA's Office of Environmental Justice, VLS Professor Tseming Yang, and Samara Swanston, Executive Director of the Watchperson Project. We are also pleased to present Professor Dean Suagee's Essay announcing the creation of the Indian Country Environmental Justice Clinic at Vermont Law School.

We also have the pleasure of introducing *Res Communes*, Vermont's Journal of the Environment. In March, *Res Communes* launched the first edition of its interdisciplinary online journal. Please see the description of their inaugural edition on the last page of this edition of the *Vermont Law Review*, and please visit their website at [www.vje.org](http://www.vje.org).

