On Aug. 9, 2014, Michael Brown, an unarmed black teenager, was shot and killed by Darren Wilson, a white police officer, in Ferguson, Mo., a suburb of St. Louis.

The city was catapulted into the public consciousness. Questions arose about the demographics of the city as well as the racial makeup of the Ferguson police force; about racial profiling and interactions between law enforcement and communities of color; about disentangling peaceful democratic expression and protests marred by violence and looting; and about the militarization of local law enforcement agencies. After months of continued protesting and a lack of closure for some following the no bill from the grand jury, many of these questions remain.

The issues are complex and require an examination not only of the present conduct of the various stakeholders but also the context that served as the backdrop to these events. From the Earl F. Nelson Lecture, delivered by Marc Mauer of The Sentencing Project, to the panels – perceptions, policing and protesting – the symposium has assembled a collection of scholars, practitioners, legal experts and social scientists to critically examine the numerous issues that have been raised from the events in Ferguson.
FEBRUARY 26
WORKS-IN-PROGRESS CONFERENCE

2 P.M.  SESSION ONE: THE LAWYER
“The Role of the Lawyer in the Ferguson Movement”
JUSTIN HANSFORD
Assistant Professor of Law
Saint Louis University School of Law

TIFFANY MURPHY
Assistant Professor of Law
University of Arkansas School of Law

“The Law’s Inability to Provide Closure in Ferguson, Missouri”
WESLEY M. OLIVER
Associate Professor of Law
Duquesne University School of Law

Moderator: Philip G. Peters Jr.
Ruth L. Hulston Professor of Law
University of Missouri School of Law

3:15 P.M.  BREAK

3:30 P.M.  SESSION TWO: THE POLICE
“Fatal Police Force: The Death Penalty on the Streets”
JELANI JEFFERSON EXUM
Professor of Law
University of Toledo College of Law

“Police Tactics in Ferguson”
SETH W. STOUTHON
Assistant Professor of Law
University of South Carolina School of Law

Moderator: Frank O. Bowman III
Floyd R. Gibson Missouri Endowed Professor of Law
University of Missouri School of Law

6 P.M.  RECEPTION

FEBRUARY 27

8:30 A.M.  WELCOME

8:45 A.M.  PANEL: PERCEPTIONS — CONTEXTUALIZING THE EVENTS

Rigel C. Oliveri
Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Development and Associate Professor of Law
University of Missouri School of Law

Chuck Henson
Trial Practice Professor of Law
University of Missouri School of Law

Richard Rosenfeld
Professor of Criminal Justice
University of Missouri-St. Louis

Moderator: Paul J. Litton
R.B. Price Professor of Law
University of Missouri School of Law

9:45 A.M.  Q&A AND BREAK

10:30 A.M.  EARL F. NELSON LECTURE

“FERGUSON AS A WINDOW ON RACE AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM”

Marc Mauer
Executive Director
The Sentencing Project

1:30 P.M.  PANEL: POLICING — POLICIES FROM PROFILING TO MILITARIZATION AND MORE

Redditt Hudson
Regional Field Organizer, Region IV
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Penny Marshall
Federal Public Defender
District of Delaware

Marc Mauer
Executive Director
The Sentencing Project

Randolph N. Stone
Clinical Professor of Law
University of Chicago Law School

Moderator: S. David Mitchell
Associate Professor of Law
University of Missouri School of Law

2:45 P.M.  Q&A AND BREAK

3:20 P.M.  PANEL: PROTESTING — RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE EXPRESSION

Tabatha Abu El-Haj
Associate Professor of Law
Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law

Grant Doty
Staff Attorney
American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri

Christina E. Wells
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Enoch H. Crowder Professor of Law
University of Missouri School of Law

Moderator: Ben Trachtenberg
Associate Professor of Law
University of Missouri School of Law

4:20 P.M.  Q&A AND CLOSING REMARKS

LOCATION
All events will be held in Hulston Hall on the University of Missouri campus.

COST AND REGISTRATION
The symposium is free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION CREDIT
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