

Foreword

In the summer of 1991, *Law & Sexuality* published its first volume. In addition to articles and essays discussing gay and lesbian rights in federal tax law, social science research, and even the military, Volume One featured papers from a symposium titled “The Family in the 1990s: An Exploration of Lesbian and Gay Rights.” The authors in these papers explored the legal issues surrounding same-sex marriages and focused largely on the appropriate legal arguments for making same-sex marriage a reality.

Fourteen years later, this same-sex marriage discussion has been partially realized, and *Law & Sexuality* articles now explore why same-sex marriage has come more quickly in places such as the Netherlands and Canada, while other articles present a broader concept of marriage that is inclusive of all individuals regardless of sexual orientation and even sex entirely. Volume 14 also includes articles examining the individual legal gains and losses of same-sex marriage within the United States, as well as a speech by an expert in the field who urges everyone to join this debate and to take action in further realizing what fourteen years ago was not a reality. The Staff of *Law & Sexuality* is proud to present Volume 14 and encourages practitioners, scholars, and students to advance further this important discourse.

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