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Welcome to the Fall 2015 issue of *JCSCORE*. Since our Spring 2015 Inaugural Issue, your feedback has confirmed the need for research and professional outlets in which scholars, administrators, faculty, and students can engage in critical discourse relating to race, ethnicity, and their intersections in higher education. As an interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed journal, *JCSCORE* is committed to promoting an exchange of ideas that can transform lives, enhance learning, and improve human relations in higher education.

In 2015, we saw major events in the United States as well as across the world that excluded communities and promoted racism, discrimination, power, privilege, and oppression in the landscape in higher education. We hope that *JCSCORE* will continue to develop as an outlet for informed judgment and reasoned understanding. As much as ever, the tumultuous events of 2015 show how much we need strong research and persuasive scholarship.

We are committed to providing opportunities for our NCORE family and other communities to publish research that advances interdisciplinary perspectives on race, ethnicity and sovereignty in higher education policy, practice, and theory.

In this issue you will find a variety of critical scholarship that discusses racism, economics, NCORE, social identities, and multicultural student organizations. For context, we are reprinting Derrick Bell's 1984 essay *Is American Racism Economics*, first published in *Centerboard*, the former journal of Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies. As you read Bell's piece, you will realize that we still have a lot to do in order to advance communities of color.

The Editorial Board members appreciate all the manuscripts submitted to JCSCORE for review, and we hope you enjoy the pieces published in this Fall 2015 issue. We look forward to seeing you at NCORE 2016 in San Francisco, California, May 31 – June 4.