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SYMPOSIUM: CONSTITUTION-MAKING IN SOUTH AFRICA

On March 21–22, 1997, the halls of the University of Michigan Law School were filled with discussions and debates regarding the South African Constitution. The forum for these scholarly interactions was a symposium entitled “Constitution-Making in South Africa,” organized by the *Michigan Journal of Race & Law*, and sponsored by the University of Michigan, the University of Michigan Law School, and The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. This Symposium brought together thirty-one scholars and practitioners from around the world. Among the participants were numerous individuals who contributed to the drafting of the South African Constitution and those who were responsible for its implementation.

The Symposium furnished one of the first opportunities for an international group of scholars to examine South Africa’s new Constitution and the constitution-making process itself. For the scholars from outside South Africa, the Symposium was an opportunity to analyze the Constitution from a number of different perspectives. For all participants, the Symposium provided a dynamic forum to explore the continuing challenge of constitution-making in post-apartheid South Africa, and to examine the lessons that South Africa’s experience holds for emerging and established democracies throughout the world. These two days of legal and social discourse served as the catalyst for the drafting of novel works of scholarship regarding the South African Constitution. With pride, we present some of these works in this issue of the *Michigan Journal of Race & Law*. Additional pieces will be included in our next issue.

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