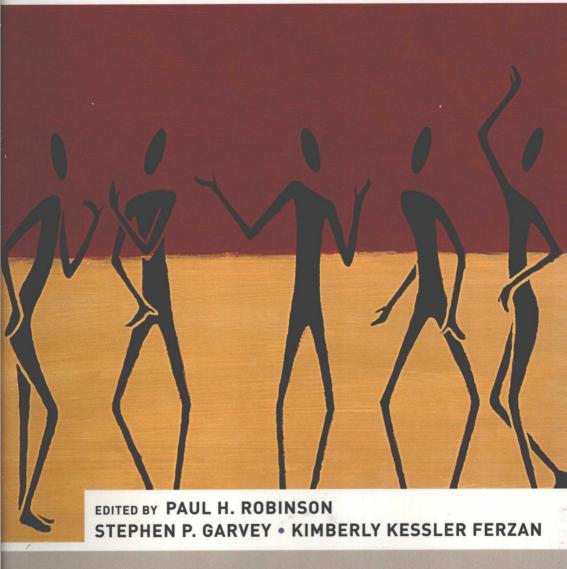
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PREFACE

The means of human communication have dramatically improved over the past several decades, but the form of scholarly intercourse has remained the same. Scholars publish articles to which another scholar may, or may not, respond a year or two, or a decade, later. The strength of this traditional discourse is its deliberateness. Its weakness, at least as a means of scholarly interchange, lies in the fact that the long delay and dispersed audience commonly make it unlikely that scholars will genuinely "join issue," or if they do, that other scholars will easily become aware of the exchange. Blogs, in contrast, provide an immediacy and responsiveness that make for true dialogue, but they tend to sacrifice the deliberateness of the traditional form. What we offer here is a process and a format that we hope retains the virtues of the traditional scholarly form but promotes the kind of targeted conversation in which scholars do join issue.

Another virtue of what we offer is the way in which the issues contained in this collection have been selected. A collection traditionally reflects the scholarly interests of its editors, or perhaps its editors' beliefs about the interests of the scholarly community at large. In this project, the community of criminal law scholars itself has determined the issues to be included.

In early 2008, all English-speaking criminal law scholars were invited to post on the project Web site—http://www.law.upenn.edu/cf/faculty/phrobins/conversations/index.cfm—nominations of any article, book, or chapter that they thought contained issues worth public discussion. In all, 112 pieces were nominated, sometimes by the author but more commonly by another scholar. The members of the scholarly community could "vote" in support of a nomination by publicly expressing an interest in writing a comment on the piece. Nearly 350 expressions of interest in commenting were posted.

When a nomination had attracted three or four expressions of interest in commenting, the author of the nominated work was asked to write and post a "core text" succinctly presenting the central ideas of the nominated piece in 5,000 words or less. Because the core texts, often based on seminal articles in the field, were written in an accessible form, many participants have suggested that the core texts themselves are the most valuable contribution of the project, enabling the ideas presented in the original article to reach a broader audience. Once a core text was posted, edited, and finalized, the commentators posted comments of 800 words or less. Almost 190 comments were posted.

Once the comments were edited and finalized, the author of the original core text posted a reply that addressed each of the comments. Again, authors were encouraged to use direct and accessible style and again operated under word

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limits, typically 250 words times the number of comments, allocated among the comments as the author chose.

By the end of the process, in late 2008, more than 150 different scholars had submitted more than 1,200 postings of one kind or another to the project Web site.

The present volume includes 31 completed conversations, containing 227 contributions from 107 different contributors. As the reader will quickly see, the conversations present a wide range of issues and extremely diverse points of view—a fine portrait of the interests and perspectives of today's criminal law scholarly community.

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