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CALL FOR PAPERS

A City Still Fighting

Race, Resistance, and the Law in American Cities

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> Sixty years ago, after uprisings in Newark, Detroit, and cities nationwide, President Lyndon B. Johnson created the **Kerner Commission**. Its 1968 report warned that the nation was "moving toward two societies, one black, one white—separate and unequal," and named white racism as the root cause. Thirty years after the Review's founding, this symposium revisits that warning and asks what has changed, what has not, and how law and government continue to shape racial inequality.

POSSIBLE TOPICS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO

01 The 1960s uprisings
Newark 1967 and the Kerner Report's reforms and unheeded recommendations

02 Law, policy, and racial division
Housing, policing, education, employment, health, voting, and the environment

03 Segregation and displacement
Gentrification in American cities and the actors responsible

04 Movements for change
Protest, mutual aid, labor and coalition organizing, and student leadership

05 Art, media, and memory
Music, film, journalism, and popular culture on urban rebellion

06 Paths forward
Empirical, scientific, and community-based approaches

Artists, scientists, organizers, practitioners, and scholars are all welcome.

ABSTRACTS DUE	AUTHORS NOTIFIED	DRAFT PAPERS DUE
December 15	**January 16**	**March 25**
2026 · 5:00 PM EST	2027	2027

Abstract: up to 500 words, plus a CV or short bio. **Send to** RRLR.symposium@gmail.com

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