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JUSTICE: WHAT’S THE RIGHT THING
TO DO? A PUBLIC LECTURE AND
SYMPOSIUM ON MICHAEL J.
SANDEL’S RECENT BOOK

EDITORS’ FOREWORD

The Boston University Law Review is pleased to publish this Distinguished Lecture and Symposium on Michael J. Sandel’s recent book, Justice, What’s the Right Thing To Do? (Farrar, Straus and Giroux 2009).

The lecture and symposium took place on October 14, 2010 at Boston University School of Law. The format was as follows. Professor Sandel gave a lecture based on his book. Panelists James Fleming and Linda McCalin, Hugh Baxter, Gary Lawson, Anna di Robilant, all from the Boston University School of Law, David Roocnik, from the Boston University Department of Philosophy, and Judith Swanson, from the Boston University Department of Political Science, presented papers in response to Professor Sandel’s arguments. Professor Sandel then responded to each of these papers and a colloquy between Professor Sandel, panelists, and audience members took place. In this publication, we include Professor Sandel’s lecture, the six panelist essays, and a transcript of Professor Sandel’s responses and much of the accompanying colloquy.

We would like to thank all the contributors, and most especially Professor Sandel. Thank you to Professor James Fleming, faculty advisor to the Law Review, who organized this Symposium. Thank you as well to Dean Maureen O’Rourke for her continuing support of the Law Review. Finally, this publication would not be possible without the hard work of our dedicated Law Review editorial board and staff.

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