

**OPENING REMARKS FROM THE 2022 SYMPOSIUM
*THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT:
A NEW GUARANTEE OF SEX EQUALITY IN THE
U.S. CONSTITUTION***

Hello, my name is Nina Jaffe-Geffner, and I am the Editor-in-Chief of the Columbia Journal of Gender and Law. We are so thrilled to be co-sponsoring this event highlighting the significance of and potential for an ERA in the twenty-first century.

I would first like to extend my deepest gratitude to our event co-sponsor, the CLS ERA Project, and specifically to the ERA Project's Directors Ting Ting Cheng and Professor Katherine Franke. I know that I speak on behalf of everyone at the Journal when I say how deeply we have appreciated the opportunity to collaborate with you throughout this process, and it is a partnership that we at the Journal look forward to continuing. I would also like to extend my gratitude to Lilia Hadjiivanova, the Associate Director of the Center for Gender and Sexuality Law for assisting in the coordination of this symposium and facilitating its smooth operation over the next two days.

Thank you as well to the Journal of Gender and Law's Symposium Editors Tamuz Avivi and Diana Costin for dedicating their time over the past eight months to organizing this symposium event.

And finally, a huge thank you to our incredible panelists. As a student journal, the goal of the Columbia Journal of Gender and Law is to engage with gender-related legal issues in a nuanced way that promotes both discussion and debate. Today's symposium directly furthers that mission, and we welcome all of our speakers, who are the preeminent experts on the ERA and whose discussion I know will spark thoughtful commentary and debate within our law school community as well as among the many additional academics, practitioners and activists leading the continued charge for gender equality.

I am looking forward to learning from them, and I hope you all are too. Thank you so much for joining us and please enjoy our symposium event.



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