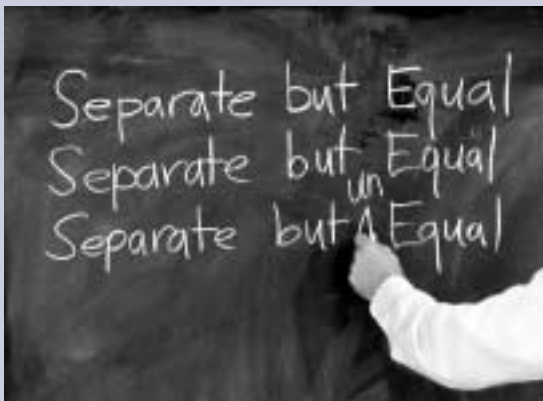


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**Separate but Unequal:  
the Status of America's Public  
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**February 8 – 9, 2002**

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, February 8, 2002

7:30 p.m.     **Keynote Address:**  
**Jonathan Kozol**

Saturday, February 9, 2002

9:00 a.m.     **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

9:45 a.m.     **Welcome and Introductory Remarks:**  
Dean Jeffrey S. Lehman  
University of Michigan Law School

10:00 a.m.    **Session I: Does Integration Matter?**

12:00 p.m.    **Lunch (Michigan Union)**

1:30 p.m.     **Session II: Abandoning Traditional  
School Methods**

3:30 p.m.     **Session III: What Now? Litigating for  
Educational Justice**

6:30 p.m.     **Dinner Banquet (Campus Inn)**  
**Closing Address: Jonathan Kozol**

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Jonathan Kozol**

Author of the Best Sellers

*Savage Inequalities* and *Amazing Grace*

For decades Jonathan Kozol has inspired us with his vivid narratives of the vicious inequalities that exist in education. Kozol has always been a fierce defender of our public schools and a close friend and unswerving ally of schoolteachers. His latest work, *Ordinary Resurrections*, focuses on the little miracles achieved by stubbornly persistent children who are still unsoiled by cynicism or despair. He has been dubbed “today’s most eloquent spokesman for America’s disenfranchised;” through his words, so full of life, we hear the testimony of America’s children.

## SYMPOSIUM OVERVIEW

“Separate but Equal.” Over one hundred years ago in *Plessy v. Ferguson*, 163 U.S. 537 (1896), the United States Supreme Court of the 19th Century announced this notorious doctrine. It took over fifty years before our highest Court declared in *Brown v. Board of Education*, 347 U.S. 483 (1954), that states could not segregate their public schools. Yet now, in the 21st Century, we have not realized the promise of *Brown*, nor even the doctrine of *Plessy*. America’s schools are **Separate, but Unequal**.

School boards are facing momentous pressure to adopt controversial reforms. School administrators and teachers are fighting to do their best with what resources they have. Civil rights litigators are pressuring courts to improve the institution of education. As 21st Century education heads in new directions, it is important not to forget the troubled history of race and education. Educational inequality robs disadvantaged students of the opportunity for full participation in our society. We may not all agree on what solution is best, but we agree that we must do something. Our children have waited long enough.

The *Michigan Journal of Race & Law* invites you to confront — through several working sessions — how race is intricately woven into the **Status of America’s Public Schools**.

- What is the continuing relevance of integration in our schools?
- How will vouchers, charter schools, and other reform measures affect children in urban schools?
- How can our legal system support educational transformations?

## SYMPOSIUM PANELS

### ***Session I: Does Integration Matter?***

Have we given up on the promise of integration? Should we? Today, many schools are almost as racially segregated as they were during the era of Jim Crow. Even when schools are integrated, minority children are likely to be disproportionately tracked into less rigorous classes, and disciplined at higher rates. This session will explore the continued re-segregation of American schools; whether integration is an educational necessity; and how 21st Century reform should address integration.

### ***Session II: Abandoning Traditional School Methods***

Vouchers, Charter Schools, School Choice, and many other 21st Century reforms have been proposed to remedy the problems facing urban schools. As we are forced to rethink what public education means, many moral, constitutional, and public policy issues are raised. This session will examine both the legality and efficacy of each of these reforms and analyze the significance of race in these reform movements.

### ***Session III: What Now? Litigating for Educational Justice***

An effective educational policy matters little if it is found unconstitutional. Alternatively, litigating for reform has been criticized as ineffective and undemocratic. Our panelists have analyzed and litigated educational strategies, often from very different perspectives. This session will help us reveal not only what has worked — or failed — in the past, but will point us in a new, collaborative direction.

## PARTICIPANTS

**David Domenici**, Executive Director, Maya Angelou Public Charter School, Washington D.C.

**Jane Ehrenfeld**, 1st Grade Teacher, Boston, Massachusetts

**James Forman Jr.**, Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School

**Rick Hills**, Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School

**Germaine Ingram**, Director of Black Community Crusade for Children, Children's Defense Fund

**Ray C. Johnson**, National Educational Consultant and President of Infinity Consultants

**Carla O'Connor**, Assistant Professor of Education, University of Michigan School of Education

**Pat Payne**, Director of Multicultural Education, Indianapolis Public Schools

**Wilbur C. Rich**, Professor of Political Science, Wellesley College

**James E. Ryan**, Associate Professor of Law, University of Virginia Law School

**Pamela J. Smith**, Associate Professor of Law, University of Missouri Law School

**Julie Underwood**, General Counsel, National School Board Association

**Hector Villagra**, Regional Counsel, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Los Angeles, California

**Ruth Zweifler**, Executive Director, Student Advocacy Center of Michigan

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## FEES

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Please add an additional \$10 for registration received after this date.

General Audience

Symposium\* \$40     Banquet \$30     Both \$70

Elementary, Middle, and High School Teachers

Symposium\* \$30     Banquet \$30     Both \$60

Students and University Faculty and Staff

Symposium<sup>a</sup> Free     Banquet \$30     Both \$30

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\* Continental Breakfast and Lunch included.

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For questions regarding registration please contact Maureen Bishop at 734.763.6100. Please mail or fax completed form to:

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### Symposium Location

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### Parking

Limited metered parking is available on streets surrounding the Law School. Additional parking is available in a lot on Thompson Street between Madison and Jefferson Streets (2 blocks west of the Law School).

### Banquet Location

Campus Inn  
615 East Huron Street  
Ann Arbor, MI  
Phone 734.769.2200

### Lunch Location

Michigan Union  
530 South State Street  
Ann Arbor, MI

### Accommodations

A list of local hotels and inns is available by fax or e-mail. Please contact Maureen Bishop at 734.763.6100 or [maureena@umich.edu](mailto:maureena@umich.edu)

### Additional Information

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