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INTRODUCTION

The recent emergence around the world of lawyers and organizations dedicated to fighting wrongful convictions necessitated the need to hold a major international conference on the subject, which was held in Cincinnati, Ohio in April 2011, and sponsored by the Ohio Innocence Project. The works you will find in this symposium issue are the writings and speeches of those who participated in this groundbreaking conference. We thank all the participants for helping to make this conference a huge success.

Since the 2011 conference, the Innocence Movement has expanded greatly in just two short years, with new projects opening in, among other places, France, the Netherlands, Taiwan, the Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, Israel, and throughout Latin America. Major conferences were held on the subject in 2012 in Latin America, Europe, Asia, and North America.

We hope that this symposium issue will be a guide to emerging projects and established projects alike, as the Innocence Movement continues to spread across the globe, and as we work to establish new international human rights and norms relating to innocents who have been wrongfully convicted.

Special thanks are in order for all sponsors of the conference, and in particular, the Seasongood Good Government Foundation in Cincinnati, Ohio, for sponsoring this important symposium edition of the University of Cincinnati Law Review. In addition, special thanks to Jodi Shorr, Administrative Director of the Ohio Innocence Project, who went above and beyond in organizing the conference and ensuring that it was a success.

Sincerely,

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