The Russell Sage Foundation
The Russell Sage Foundation, one of the oldest of America’s general purpose foundations, was established in 1907 by Mrs. Margaret Olivia Sage for “the improvement of social and living conditions in the United States.” The foundation seeks to fulfill this mandate by fostering the development and dissemination of knowledge about the country’s political, social, and economic problems. While the foundation endeavors to assure the accuracy and objectivity of each book it publishes, the conclusions and interpretations in Russell Sage Foundation publications are those of the authors and not of the foundation, its trustees, or its staff. Publication by Russell Sage, therefore, does not imply foundation endorsement.

Board of Trustees
Claude M. Steele, Chair
Larry M. Bartels
Karen S. Cook
Sheldon H. Danziger
Kathryn Edin
Michael Jones-Correa
Lawrence F. Katz
David Laibson
Nicholas Lemann
Sara S. McLanahan
Martha Minow
Peter R. Orszag
Mario Luis Small
Shelley E. Taylor
Hirokazu Yoshikawa

Mission Statement
RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences is a peer-reviewed, open-access journal of original empirical research articles by both established and emerging scholars. It is designed to promote cross-disciplinary collaborations on timely issues of interest to academics, policymakers, and the public at large. Each issue is thematic in nature and focuses on a specific research question or area of interest. The introduction to each issue will include an accessible, broad, and synthetic overview of the research question under consideration and the current thinking from the various social sciences.

RSF Journal Editorial Board
Elizabeth O. Ananat, Duke University
Sheldon H. Danziger, Russell Sage Foundation
Mesmin Destin, Northwestern University
Shigeo Hirano, Columbia University
Maria Krysan, University of Illinois, Chicago
Michal Kurlaender, University of California, Davis
Helen Levy, University of Michigan
Martha Minow, Harvard University
Mary E. Pattillo, Northwestern University
Becky Pettit, University of Texas at Austin
Miguel S. Urquiola, Columbia University

Open Access Policy
RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences is an open access journal. It is published under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivs 3.0 Unported License.

Russell Sage Foundation
112 East 64th Street
New York, NY 10065

Copyright © 2018 by Russell Sage Foundation. All rights reserved. Printed in the United States of America. No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system, or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording, or otherwise, without the prior written permission of the publisher. Reproduction by the United States Government in whole or in part is permitted for any purpose.

Opinions expressed in this journal are not necessarily those of the editors, editorial board, trustees, or the Russell Sage Foundation.

We invite scholars to submit proposals for potential issues through the RSF application portal: https://rsfjournal.onlineapplicationportal.com/. Submissions should be addressed to Suzanne Nichols, Director of Publications.

To view the complete text and additional features online please go to www.rsfjournal.org.

ISSN (print): 2377-8253
ISSN (electronic): 2377-8261
ISBN: 978-0-87154-447-6
The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Kerner Commission Report

ISSUE EDITORS
Susan T. Gooden, Virginia Commonwealth University
Samuel L. Myers Jr., University of Minnesota

CONTENTS

The Kerner Commission Report Fifty Years Later: Revisiting the American Dream  
Susan T. Gooden and Samuel L. Myers Jr.

Part I. The Kerner Commission in Context
How Does It Feel to Be a Problem? The Missing Kerner Commission Report  
Keisha L. Bentley-Edwards, Malik Chaka Edwards, Cynthia Neal Spence, William A. Darity Jr., Darrick Hamilton, and Jasson Perez

From Bakke to Fisher: African American Students in U.S. Higher Education over Forty Years  
Walter R. Allen, Channel McLewis, Chantal Jones, and Daniel Harris

Whither Whiteness? The Racial Logics of the Kerner Report and Modern White Space  
Matthew W. Hughey

Measuring the Distance: The Legacy of the Kerner Report  
Rick Loessberg and John Koskinen

Part II. Policing, Law, and Communities
Changes in the Policing of Civil Disorders Since the Kerner Report: The Police Response to Ferguson, August 2014, and Some Implications for the Twenty-First Century  
Patrick F. Gillham and Gary T. Marx

The Effects of the Neighborhood Legal Services Program on Riots and the Wealth of African Americans  
Jamein P. Cunningham and Rob Gillezeau

Part III. Urban Cities in Focus
Fifty Years After the Kerner Commission Report: Place, Housing, and Racial Wealth Inequality in Los Angeles  
Melany De La Cruz-Viesca, Paul M. Ong, Andre Comandon, William A. Darity Jr., and Darrick Hamilton

The Evolution of Black Neighborhoods Since Kerner  
Marcus D. Casey and Bradley L. Hardy

Detroit Fifty Years After the Kerner Report: What Has Changed, What Has Not, and Why?  
Reynolds Farley