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Welcome to Volume 37 of the *Maryland Journal of International Law* (“*MJIL*”), a two-part issue with pieces from our Symposium, *Race, Sovereignty, and Immigrant Justice*, as well as work from our staff. Together with, and in recognition of the establishment of, the Chacón Center for Immigrant Justice, the *MJIL* hosted *Race, Sovereignty, and Immigrant Justice* on February 3 and February 4, 2022. The Symposium featured the 2022 Gerber Lectures¹ from Professor E. Tendayi Achiume, the inaugural Alicia Miñana Chair in Law at UCLA School of Law and the UN Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance and Dean Jaya Ramji-Nogales, Associate Dean for Research and I. Herman Stern Research Professor at Temple University Beasley School of Law. The Symposium consisted of panel discussions broken down into three distinct but intertwined perspectives. First, we explored the legal doctrine and history behind immigration and racial justice. Second, we discussed immigration, race, and criminal law as they pertain to immigrant rights in an era of mass incarceration. Finally, we engaged with those on the front lines of immigration practice who know first-hand the struggle for immigrant justice in American law. The publication begins with contributions from six immigration scholars who participated in *Race, Sovereignty, and Immigrant Justice* and concludes with three selected student notes and comments discussing diverse contemporary issues facing the international community.

The *MJIL* would like to thank all the scholars for their thoughtful

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Sincerely,

Hannah M. Aponte