During uncertain times, like those we live in today, it’s tempting to look to the future for reassurance ... and for answers to the problems currently besetting us. Are there ways to temper the downsides of technology’s unrelenting march forward? Can we find a way to fix the global financial mess we find ourselves in?

In the essays that follow, two Maryland Law scholars bring thoughtful analysis to these issues. Danielle Citron shows how “cyber mobs” have brought hate crimes to a frightening new level, and suggests how the law can be employed to better protect victims. And Robert Rhee looks at what went wrong in the world of investment banking—and holds out hope for the emergence of a new kind of business model.