

EDITORS' NOTE

We present, in this fourth issue of *Hybrid*, a collection of articles and comments that examine various topics relating to the rights of children, which are often overlooked. To begin, in the 1996 Sparer Conference keynote address, David Hornbeck discusses issues of education reform in the Philadelphia public schools. Madelyn Freundlich takes a critical look at the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children. Next, Ellie Spielberger examines children's rights in light of joint custody proceedings, the fathers' rights movement, and domestic violence. Additionally, Sharon Bass probes the history of the placement of African-American children for foster care and adoption.

We also present Dan Rosin's comment on the interference of the welfare system's requirements with recipients' rights to an education. Finally, Mélanne Civic's article argues for international protection for freedom of expression.

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We dedicate this issue to the children of the world.