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## Erratum statement

*Law & Social Inquiry*, 22:4

In Gary D. Rowe's review essay, "*Lochner* Revisionism Revisited," which appeared in Volume 24, Number 1, of *Law & Social Inquiry*, two inadvertent typographical errors changed the author's intended meaning. The corrected text is as follows.

Page 224, first full paragraph, 3d full sentence should read "Through intense engagement with a complicated jurisprudence, they wish to undermine oft-incanted pieties, to undo the damage that 'later generations, long since out of touch with the inarticulate premises of the system' inflicted, in the hope that the truth about the *Lochner* court will set contemporary judges free (H., p. 16)."

Page 247, footnote 34, second full paragraph of note, first sentence should read "And yet the ideas Jones and McCurdy put forward to attenuate Field and Cooley from *Lochner* eventually became the model for a revised understanding of the *Lochner* era as a whole."

The editors deeply regret the errors.

## The 1999 LSI Graduate Student Paper Prize

The editors of *Law & Social Inquiry* are delighted to announce the winners of the 1999 Student Essay Prize Competition. This year, the editors awarded the prize to two essays: "Markets and Corporate Conflict: A Substitution-Cost Approach to Business Litigation," by Jacob Gersen, a graduate student in political science at the University of Chicago; and "Won't You Please Help Me Get My Son Home: Peonage, Patronage, and Protest in the World War II Urban South," by Risa Goluboff, a J.D. student at Yale University and a Ph.D. candidate in U.S. history at Princeton University.

Gersen's topic is an important one: Given the substantial advantages of informal dispute resolution (discussed by Stewart Macaulay), why do businesses ever go to court? Gersen finds that when it is costly to substitute a new trading partner for the old one, firms will work harder to resolve their disputes with one another.

Goluboff has significant insights as well. She recovered fascinating evidence in the National Archives that shows the extreme efforts of black southerners as they called on the federal government for help in rescuing family members who had become peon laborers during World War II. She sees these efforts as proof of a burgeoning rights consciousness and as an important aspect of the civil rights experience during the period between *Plessy v. Ferguson* and *Brown v. Board of Education*.

As in past years, the purpose of this competition is to showcase the best of the newest work in sociolegal studies, and we are pleased to recognize these fine papers. Gersen's appears in this issue, and Goluboff's will follow in volume 24, number 4.

—The Editors