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# A CLOSED MIND IS A WONDERFUL THING TO LOSE

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Several autumns ago, our Boston College Law School Lambda Chapter made a variety of buttons available to their members and interested supporters to wear. I was immediately drawn to a black button with white lettering that read: "A Closed Mind Is A Wonderful Thing to Lose." For more than three years, I have taken great pleasure in wearing it. It always provokes interest; often enthusiastic approval from those "Who get it!"

It is my earnest hope that those who read the essays and commentaries in this issue will be challenged and enlightened. These student essays are a wonderful tribute to the teaching skills of Maria Grahn-Farley. In her unwavering commitment to valuing, honoring, and respecting the perspectives and contributions of each student, she provides a model of a cooperative, collaborative approach to law teaching that others should emulate.

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