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Mr. Beard has spoken and debated on race preferences and property rights at numerous law schools and other venues, and has published in newspapers, trade journals, and law journals. *See, e.g.*, Paul J. Beard II, *The Legacy of Grutter: How the Meredith and PICS Courts Wrongly Extended the "Educational Benefits" Exception to the Equal Protection Clause in Public Higher Education*, 11 Tex. Rev. L. & Pol. 1 (2006); Paul J. Beard II & Robert Luther III, *Heckling the Heckler Out of California's Public Schools: How Smith v. Novato Unified School District Narrowly Defines "Incitement" to Give Broad Protection to Student Speech*, U.C. Davis Journal of Juvenile Law & Policy (forthcoming).

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