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## MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



***The past year has been a tumultuous one for our nation, state, and King Hall community. It has also been a time of renewed energy and commitment to the rule of law and equal justice for all. For that reason and many others, I feel more optimistic than ever about the future of UC Davis School of Law.***

In my more than 25 years at King Hall, I cannot recall an election receiving as much attention from faculty and students as the most recent presidential vote. The results surprised many people, myself included, and the weeks and months that followed have encompassed many more unexpected events. One result has been an outpouring of energy from the King Hall community. As documented in the special section enclosed in this issue of the *Counselor* magazine, our faculty, students, and alumni have responded to these turbulent times in the ways that lawyers should: by speaking up in defense of the rule of law and equal justice for all and by coming to the aid of those in need. It heartens me to see so many faculty, alumni, and students giving their time, their energy, and their legal knowledge to help forge solutions to our most pressing legal problems and provide pro bono assistance for those who need it most.

Throughout this time, the School of Law has continued to make impressive strides. Recent months brought the launch of the First Generation Advocates program designed to maximize the success of first generation law students. The Aoki Water Justice Clinic, which offers students new opportunities to learn transactional lawyering and effective advocacy skills while fighting for clean and adequate water for all Californians, also debuted. The expanded Academic Support Program helped nearly 85 percent of our graduates achieve full-time legal employment within 10 months of their commencement. The School of Law hired outstanding additions to our already-excellent faculty, including Shayak Sarkar, a former Rhodes Scholar, Raquel Aldana, previously Associate Dean for Scholarship at University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, and Camille Pannu, who now directs the Water Justice Clinic. Just as important, King Hall succeeded in recruiting an excellent and diverse entering class that includes 54 percent students of color and 58 percent women.

None of this would have been possible without the generous support of the King Hall community, which contributed almost \$1.9 million to the School of Law during the last year, including funding for more than 50 named scholarships. Our devoted alumni and friends, like our faculty, students, and staff, are passionate about the School of Law and its mission, and ready to face the challenges ahead with renewed energy and commitment.

As you read the articles in the latest issue of the *Counselor*, I hope you will join me in taking pride in the progress of the School of Law and the many achievements and activities of our King Hall faculty, alumni, and students. With your continued support, we will achieve even greater things in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Kevin R. Johnson

Kevin R. Johnson, Dean and Mabie-Apallas Professor of Public Interest Law and Chicana/o Studies

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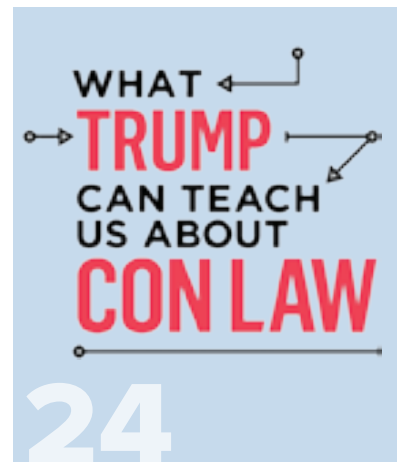
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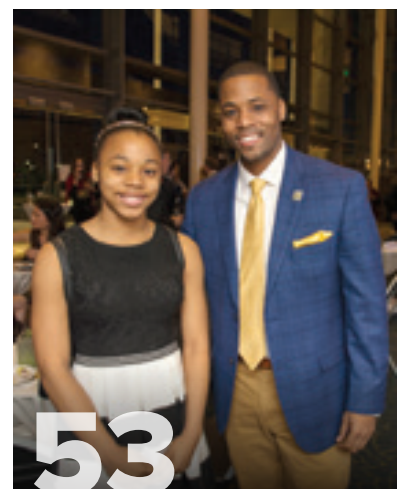
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# COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

## *Honors King Hall Class of 2017*



*Sister Simone Campbell*

Sister Simone Campbell '77 delivered the commencement address and Bill Foster '17 received the Law School Medal for outstanding academic achievement at the UC Davis School of Law 2017 Commencement Ceremony held May 20 at the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts. The event included remarks from Dean Kevin R. Johnson, Professor Carlton Larson, and Rabia Reed '17. A total of 151 J.D. and 75 LL.M. degrees were awarded.

Dean Johnson welcomed the graduates, friends, family, faculty, and alumni in attendance and praised the graduating class. He talked about their diversity, collegiality, and commitment to public service. More than half the J.D. students completed the Law School's Public Service Law Program, he said, performing more than 15,000 total hours of service for those in need.

"We have a great law school because we have great students," he said. "The class of 2017 is nothing less than remarkable."

Student speaker Rabia Reed expressed thanks to her family and professors, and praised her classmates as being not only gifted and capable but also inclusive and kind. "I believe in you because I have seen what you are capable of," said Reed. "You are smart and kind and decent, and if you stay true to those King Hall values, you will be amazing attorneys."

Professor Larson talked about the vital role the families of the graduates had played in supporting them in their childhood and as students. He said that the ability to learn from the setbacks that are an inevitable part of every legal career is a key to success, citing examples from the careers of Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan, former President Barack Obama, and former Senator and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. However much people may enjoy joking about lawyers, "all the lawyer jokes disappear when you or your country need one," he said.



# CLASS OF 2017

Sister Simone Campbell, Executive Director of NETWORK, a Roman Catholic social justice lobby based in Washington, D.C., delivered an emotional address invoking the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in calling on the graduates to fight for social justice in challenging times.

“If you choose justice,” Campbell said, “then we might be able to say together what Dr. King said at the end of his speech at Riverside: ‘If we will only make the right choice,

we will be able to transform this pending cosmic elegy into a creative psalm of peace. If we will make the right choice, we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our world into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. If we will but make the right choice, we will be able to speed up the day all over America and all over our world when justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.’”



# Immigration Law Clinic, UC Immigrant Legal Services Center **HONORED BY CALIFORNIA SENATE**

The UC Davis School of Law Immigration Law Clinic and the UC Immigrant Legal Services Center were presented with resolutions from the California Legislature honoring their contributions to the state and its immigrant population. California Senator Bill Dodd presented the resolutions on April 20, 2017 to a King Hall contingent including Amagda Pérez '91 and Holly Cooper '98, co-directors of the Immigration Law Clinic; Rachel Ray '11, managing attorney at the UC Immigrant Legal Services Center; David Gomez '15, attorney fellow at the UC Immigrant Legal Services Center; and Dean Kevin R. Johnson.

“In today’s political climate, many immigrants are afraid about how the next executive order or piece of legislation could turn their lives upside down,” said Senator Dodd. “Organizations like the Immigration Law Clinic and the UC Immigrant Legal Services Center provide immigrants with the resources they need to ensure they know their rights. I am honored to represent UC Davis as their senator and commend the outstanding work done by these organizations.”

“With their work in our immigrant communities, the Immigration Law Clinic and UC Immigrant Legal Services Center have changed countless lives and helped make California a better place for all of us,” said Dean Johnson. “I want to join Senator Dodd and his colleagues in the Legislature in expressing my thanks and admiration for all that they do, and to thank Senator Dodd and the Legislature for honoring that important work.” 🏛️



*Pictured above (L-R): Senator Bill Monning, Senator Richard Pan, Professor Amagda Perez, Professor Holly Cooper, Attorney Rachel Ray, Senator Bill Dodd, Attorney Fellow David Gomez, Dean Kevin R. Johnson, Senator Bob Wieckowski, and Senator Nancy Skinner.]*



## **EUGENE VOLOKH DELIVERS CENTRAL VALLEY FOUNDATION LECTURE**

Eugene Volokh, the Gary T. Schwartz Distinguished Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law, delivered the Central Valley Foundation/James B. McClatchy Lecture on the First Amendment in the Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom on October 16, 2017. Addressing an audience that included a large turnout of King Hall faculty, Volokh spoke on “Libel and Invasion of Privacy in the Internet Age.”



# 2017 MILESTONE REUNIONS

## *King Hall's Largest*

UC Davis School of Law hosted its largest-ever reunion celebration on October 28, 2017. More than 300 alumni from nine classes returned to King Hall to reconnect with classmates and teachers, tour the expanded and renovated law school building, and hear presentations from Dean Kevin R. Johnson and King Hall Alumni Board President Kimberly Lucia '09.

The 2017 Milestone Reunions brought together members of the classes of 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, and 2012. A record turnout of more than 300 participants met in the King Hall courtyard for an informal reception, building tours, and class photos, as well as a dinner at the nearby UC Davis Conference Center. The dinner program included a photo slideshow of students and faculty from years past, a showing of video footage from Congressman John Lewis's speech at the School of Law's 2016 Commencement Ceremony, and a performance by Law Cappella.

Dean Johnson welcomed the alumni and King Hall faculty in attendance, and talked about the many impressive achievements of King Hall alumni.

"We have graduates among the judiciary, including the Chief Justice of California, as well as alumni serving as politicians, as partners in law firms and businesses," he said. "They prosecute criminals, defend the accused, argue before the Supreme Court,

champion civil rights, and one of our alums competed in the Olympics a few years ago. Others have committed their careers to advocating for the homeless, survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, and people with disabilities."

Lucia, an attorney and shareholder at Boutin Jones Inc. in Sacramento, talked about the importance of giving back to the School of Law.

"By giving back and paying it forward any way you can, you are helping to build a new generation of lawyers who will make the world a better place in ways we can't even begin to imagine," she said. 🌟



# MELISSA MURRAY

## *Delivers Bodenheimer Lecture*

The 1967 U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Loving v. Virginia* struck down laws against interracial marriage, but in the years that followed, government regulation of interracial relationships continued in various forms. That's why it's important to recognize the difference between decriminalization and deregulation, and partly why *Loving* remains relevant today, said Professor Melissa Murray in delivering the Brigitte M. Bodenheimer Lecture on Family Law at King Hall.

Murray, who is the Alexander F. and May T. Morrison Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Center on Reproductive Rights and Justice at UC Berkeley School of Law, presented to a large audience in the Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom on November 16, 2017. Speaking on "*Loving's Legacy: Decriminalization and the Regulation of Sex*," Murray challenged much of the conventional wisdom regarding the landmark Supreme Court decision.

Although the ruling decriminalized interracial relationships, it did not eliminate all forms of state regulation, and the social stigmatization of interracial couples continued to be expressed in various other ways,

Murray said. For example, in the years following *Loving*, white women routinely lost custody of their children when they dated or married black men. Similarly, attempts to regulate same-sex relationships have persisted in the wake of *Obergefell v. Hodges*, the 2015 decision that struck down laws against same-sex marriage. Because civil rights reform has often used decriminalization as a primary tool, it is important to recognize the limitations of this approach, and to appreciate the differences between legalization and deregulation, Murray said.

"All of this is worth thinking about today, 50 years after *Loving v. Virginia*," said Murray. "As many have noted, this is a remarkable decision that did much to advance equality, but it was not a magic bullet. It reminds us that decriminalization rarely is a magic bullet, and that there is always, always more work to be done."

Established in 1981 in memory of UC Davis School of Law Professor Brigitte M. Bodenheimer, the Brigitte M. Bodenheimer Lecture brings scholars and practitioners to King Hall to discuss recent developments affecting family law. 🌟







# King Hall Launches First Generation ADVOCATES PROGRAM

*UC Davis School of Law has initiated a new First Generation Advocates program to support law students who are the first in their families to attend college or professional school. The program was inaugurated with a special First Generation, First Week Welcome Reception on August 24, 2017 in the King Hall Courtyard.*

“This year, King Hall was pleased to be welcoming one of our most diverse classes ever,” said Senior Associate Dean Madhavi Sunder. “We are committed to celebrating and supporting in every way our diverse student body, and the First Generation Advocates program is part of that commitment.”

As part of the School of Law’s commitment to diversity and the ideals of social justice espoused by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., King Hall is dedicated to maintaining a welcoming environment for students of all backgrounds. The First Generation Advocates program was created to promote diversity and maximize the academic, professional, and personal success of students who are the first from their families to earn a college or professional degree as well as students from low-income backgrounds.

At the heart of the program is its mentorship component, in which first generation students are paired with a faculty or staff mentor, who will provide insight and guidance regarding the special challenges faced by first generation law students. Participating mentors include Kevin R. Johnson, Dean of the School of Law, Senior Associate Dean Sunder, Senior Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Hollis Kulwin, Director of the Mabie Law Library Judy Janes, and Professors Afra Afsharipour, Raquel Aldana, Kelly Behre, Alan Brownstein, Andrea Chandrasekher, Gabriel “Jack” Chin, Holly Cooper ’98, Joel Dobris, Chris Elmendorf,

Rick Frank ’74, Jasmine Harris, Robert Hillman, Edward Imwinkelried, Irene Joe, Peter Lee, Camille Pannu, Amagda Pérez ’91, Lisa R. Pruitt, Cruz Reynoso, Leticia Saucedo, Donna Shestowsky, Clay Tanaka, and Rose Cuison Villazor.

The program also includes the First Generation Advocates Seminar Series, which features King Hall faculty and alumni and distinguished guest speakers leading discussions focused on the issues and challenges typically encountered by first generation students, such as the financial challenges of legal education, pressures associated with law school assimilation, and related subjects. In addition, the School of Law is providing networking opportunities for first generation students to meet faculty, alumni, and returning students with similar backgrounds in informal settings that encourage the sharing of experiences and promote community and collegiality.

As part of the program, Associate Dean Sunder is working with a group of first generation students including Gymmel Garcia Carmona ’19, Gladys Pimentel Hernandez ’19, Kimberly M. Waldon ’18, Ken L. Wang ’18, Angela Yahaira Breining ’18, Pablo F. Colmenares ’19, and Tanairi Alcaraz ’18 to create a “First Generation Students” curriculum.

“These students are paying it forward to make an easier path for those who come after them,” said Associate Dean Sunder. 🌟

# KING HALL FACULTY

## Lead ‘U.S. Supreme Court Year in Review’



UC Davis School of Law faculty led a discussion of the U.S. Supreme Court’s 2016-17 term, characterizing it as “the calm before the storm” in view of blockbuster cases on the docket for the coming year and the possible retirement of Justice Anthony Kennedy, rumored to be pending this summer.

The panel discussion, held at the Sacramento office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP on July 7, 2017 was the first of a projected annual series. It included presentations by Kevin R. Johnson, Dean of the School of Law, Professors Carlton Larson and Aaron Tang, and Anand Easha, an Associate in Orrick’s San Francisco Office, as well as opening remarks from Marc Levinson ’73, Senior Counsel at Orrick, and moderator Madhavi Sunder, Senior Associate Dean at the School of Law.

The event drew an audience of about 40 local attorneys, many of them King Hall alumni, as well as Professors Lisa Pruitt and Cruz Reynoso, a number of current King Hall students, and reporters from the Davis Enterprise and

California Lawyer. In conjunction with the panel discussion, Professor Larson and Professor Tang were interviewed on the Capital Public Radio program Insight with Beth Ruyak.

Professor Larson started the discussion by citing statistics to show that despite the public perception of a divided court, the justices are most often in agreement, reaching unanimous decisions in 41 of 67 cases during the most recent term. “In the public mind, because so many of the high-profile cases tend to be closely decided, it’s easy to forget just how much agreement there really is even on these hard issues that reach the Supreme Court,” said Larson.

Larson said the term’s “big event” was clearly the arrival of Justice Neil Gorsuch, who appears to be even more conservative than the late Justice Antonin Scalia, whom he replaces. “What that means is that the Court, as it is currently constituted, is the most conservative Supreme Court in at least 80 years,” Larson said.

Professor Tang, a former clerk for Justice Sonia Sotomayor, described the recently concluded term as “the



## PROFESSOR FRANK HOSTS CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD CONFERENCE FEATURING GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN

On January 19, 2018 Professor of Environmental Practice Richard Frank '74 hosted and spoke at a day-long conference at UC Davis commemorating the 50th anniversary of the California Air Resources Board (CARB). The event was co-sponsored by King Hall's California Environmental Law & Policy Center (which Professor Frank directs), UC Davis' Institute of Transportation Studies, and CARB. Other speakers at the conference included California Governor Jerry Brown, former U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Administrator Gina McCarthy, and CARB Chair Mary Nichols.

The conference attracted approximately 400 attendees to the UC Davis Conference Center, including UC Davis Chancellor Gary May, Dean Kevin R. Johnson, and many other luminaries. The event focused both on CARB's many accomplishments over the past half century and on the challenges and opportunities the Board is likely to face in the decades to come. 🌟

calm before the storm," but said the coming year will likely see decisions in cases involving immigration, partisan gerrymandering, and other hot button issues. In addition, there are "credible rumors" suggesting that 2018 could see the retirement of Justice Kennedy, Tang said. If President Trump were to replace Kennedy, widely viewed as the court's moderate "swing vote," with a conservative similar to Justice Gorsuch, then "all bets are off," said Tang. Seemingly settled law such as *Roe v. Wade* and same-sex marriage would be "live issues," Tang said. "It would be a storm such as we have never seen in modern Supreme Court history."

Dean Johnson focused his presentation on immigration, which in recent years has formed a significant portion of the Supreme Court docket. The high number of immigration cases is in many ways a reflection of the large number of deportations during the Obama years, a trend that is likely to continue as the Trump administration pushes for tougher immigration enforcement.

"It seems this administration is very willing to go to the constitutional limits in terms of trying to promote immigration enforcement," Johnson said, citing the executive orders banning travel from six Muslim-majority nations, threats to withhold federal funding from "sanctuary cities," and other measures.

Immigrants have done well in recent Supreme Court cases, Johnson said, winning about three-fourths of the time over the past five years. Recent decisions show the court moving away from the Plenary Powers Doctrine—the notion that the executive and legislative branches have the power to set immigration policy without judicial review.

"Overall, the Supreme Court has been pretty consistent in bringing immigration into the mainstream of both constitutional law and administrative law in ways that I think have been very good and are somewhat surprising for what some people would view as a pretty conservative court," said Johnson. 🌟

# FACULTY Highlights



Professor **Afra Afsharipour** was honored by the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) with the Section on Business

Associations Outstanding Mentor Award.



Professor **Karima Bennouna** has been named as one of the “500 leading lawyers in America” by *Lawdragon* magazine.



Professor **Ashutosh Bhagwat** was reconfirmed for a third term on the governing board of the California Independent System Operator

by the California Senate. The ISO is a non-profit public benefit corporation charged with operating the majority of California’s high-voltage wholesale power grid.



Professor **Anupam Chander** and Professor Emerita **Angela P. Harris** were elected to the American Law Institute (ALI). Membership in ALI, widely considered the nation’s most important non-governmental organization of legal reform, is a distinct professional honor, and the number



that can be admitted is limited to 3,000.



Professors **Andrea Chandrasekher** and **David Horton** won the 2017 Mangano Dispute Resolution Advancement Award for their article “After the Revolution: An Empirical Study of Consumer Arbitration.”



Professor **Holly S. Cooper** and Professor **Amagda Pérez**, co-directors of the UC Davis School of Law Immigration Law Clinic, and their clinic students were honored with the Justice Leadership Award from the Multi-Cultural Community Council. Professor



Cooper was also honored by Legal Services for Children as a Community Partner Award recipient.



Professor **Christopher S. Elmendorf** received two research grants during 2017. The Methods, Measurement, and Statistics program at the National Science Foundation awarded \$397,236 to Elmendorf and two colleagues for “Collaborative Research:

Measuring Apparent Race and Ethnicity, with Applications to the Study of Discrimination.” The MIT Election Data and Science Lab awarded \$14,000 to fund a proposal submitted by Elmendorf and two research partners to study Seattle’s first-in-the-nation campaign finance voucher program.



Dean **Kevin R. Johnson** was reelected by the Board of Directors of Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC) to serve as the organization’s president, a position he has held since 2003. Dean Johnson also co-authored *Immigration Law and Social Justice*, a new immigration casebook published by Wolters Kluwer. Written with Professor Emeritus Bill O. Hing and UC Irvine Law Professor Jennifer Chacon, the book approaches immigration law and policy from a public interest perspective with a special emphasis on issues of social justice.



Professor **Lisa R. Pruitt** was elected Vice-President of the Rural Sociological Society (RSS). The RSS is a professional social science association that promotes the study of rural life through research and education.



Professor **Aaron Tang** is the 2017 winner of the Association of American Law Schools’ Scholarly Papers Competition. He presented the winning article, “Rethinking Political Power in Judicial Review,” at the 112th AALS Annual Meeting in San Diego in January 2018. 📌

## NEW FACULTY *Join UC Davis School of Law in 2017-2018*

UC Davis School of Law welcomed three outstanding and diverse faculty members during the 2017-2018 academic year: Raquel Aldana, Camille Pannu, and Shayak Sarkar.



Raquel Aldana

**Raquel Aldana** is UC Davis Vice Chancellor for Academic Diversity and a professor of law. She is a graduate of Arizona State University and Harvard Law School and taught at William S. Boyd School of Law and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, before joining the McGeorge School of Law faculty in 2009. Her scholarship has focused on transitional justice and criminal justice reforms in Latin America as well as immigrant rights in the United States. At McGeorge, she founded and directed the School of Law's Inter-American Program and was Associate Dean for Scholarship from 2013–2017. She is co-editing *From Extraction to Emancipation: Development Reimagined*, a forthcoming book from the American Bar Association. She was recently re-elected to the Latin America and Caribbean Council of the ABA's Rule of Law Initiative, and previously served as the co-president of the Society of American Law Teachers. She was a Fulbright Scholar in Guatemala in 2006 and 2007.



Camille Pannu

**Camille Pannu** is Director of the new Aoki Water Justice Clinic, an exciting addition to King Hall's award-winning clinical programs that is designed to advocate for clean, healthy, and adequate water supplies for all Californians. Pannu is a graduate of UC Berkeley School of Law who has worked on environmental justice cases for the Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment as an Equal Justice Works Fellow in the San Joaquin Valley. She has also clerked for Judge Stefan Underhill of the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut and Judge Richard Paez of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.



Shayak Sarkar

**Shayak Sarkar** joins King Hall as an acting professor of law. His research focuses on law and economics, financial regulation, employment law, and immigration. A graduate of Yale Law School, he is finishing his Ph.D. in economics at Harvard. Sarkar clerked for the Judge Guido Calabresi of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Prior to his clerkship, he practiced as an employment attorney at Greater Boston Legal Services, where he focused on domestic workers' rights. Before law school he was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford. 🌟

## ASSOCIATE DEAN SUNDER, PROFESSOR BIAGIOLI AWARDED MELLON GRANT TO RESEARCH ACADEMIC BRANDS

University brands have become a key factor in attracting top faculty and students, as well as funding and gifts. Two UC Davis School of Law professors have been awarded a Sawyer Seminar grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to analyze what academic brands can tell us about the modern university.

"Branding has become much more than a marketing strategy or a mere symptom of the corporatization and privatization of the university," said Mario Biagioli, co-principal investigator on the grant, founding Director of the Center for Science and Innovation Studies, and a professor of law at King Hall.

The global expansion and diversification of academic brands is both a symptom and a cause of the profound changes that are affecting the university's function and identity, Biagioli said. "Brands are both crucial evidence of fundamental changes as well as tools to think critically about those changes," added Biagioli, who holds joint appointments in the Science and Technology Studies Program, the School of Law, and the Department of History.

The seminar series, called "Academic Brands: Privatizing, Quantifying, and Transforming the University," will bring together scholars who have not intersected before, said co-principal investigator Madhavi Sunder, Senior Associate Dean of UC Davis School of Law and Daniel J. Dykstra Professor of Law.

For example, the Sawyer Seminar will also explore the increasingly pervasive adoption of quantitative metrics of evaluation in the university and the hypothesis that metrics and excellence are related in the same way as are excellence and brands. "Paying attention to the introduction of metrics and the turning of academia into an 'audit society' provides a heuristic window on the co-emergence of branding and the discourse of excellence," Sunder said.

This is UC Davis's third Sawyer Seminar award. Established in 1994, the Mellon Foundation's Sawyer Seminars provide support for comparative research on the historical and cultural sources of contemporary developments. 🌟



Mario Biagioli



Madhavi Sunder

# RECENT OUTSTANDING WORK BY KING HALL'S FACULTY

**Afra Afsharipour**, Professor of Law  
“Reevaluating Shareholder Voting Rights in M&A Transactions,” *Ethical Boardroom Magazine* (Winter 2018)  
“Redefining Corporate Purpose: An International Perspective,” *Seattle University Law Review* (2017)

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**Raquel Aldana**, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Diversity and Professor of Law  
“A Comparative Reflection on Refugees and National Security: What We Should Learn from Europe about Responding to Homegrown Terrorism,” *UC Davis Immigration & Nationality Law Review* (forthcoming 2018)

*From Extraction to Emancipation: Development Reimagined*, co-edited with Steven Bender, for Carolina Academic Press and ABA (forthcoming)

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**Karima Bennoune**, Professor of Law and United Nations Rapporteur in the Field of Cultural Rights  
“The Impact of Fundamentalism and Extremism on the Cultural Rights of Women,” report to the United Nations General Assembly, UN Doc. A/72/43 (2017)

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**Ashutosh Bhagwat**, Martin Luther King, Jr. Professor of Law  
*First Amendment Law: Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Religion*, 4th ed., with Arthur D. Hellman, William D. Araiza, and Thomas E. Baker, for Carolina Academic Press (forthcoming 2018)

“Candides and Cassandras: Technology and Free Speech on the Roberts Court,” *Washington University Law Review* (forthcoming 2018)

“Free Speech and ‘a Law of Rules,’” *First Amendment Law Review* (2017)

“In Defense of Content Regulation,” *Iowa Law Review* (2017)

“The Democratic First Amendment,” *Northwestern University Law Review* (2016)

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**Mario Biagioli**, Distinguished Professor of Law and Science and Technology Studies (STS) and Director, Center for Science and Innovation Studies  
*Beyond Publish or Perish: Metrics and the New Ecologies of Academic Misconduct*, edited by Mario Biagioli and Alexandra Lippman, for MIT Press (forthcoming 2018)

*From Russia with Codes: Programming Migrations in Post-Soviet Times*, Mario Biagioli and Vincent Lepinay, for Duke University Press (forthcoming 2018)

“Watch Out for Cheats in Citation Game,” *Nature* (2016)

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**Andrea Cann Chandrasekher**, Acting Professor of Law  
“Empirically Validating the Police Liability Insurance Claim,” *Harvard Law Review Forum* (2017)

“Probate Lending,” with David Horton, *Yale Law Journal* (2016)

“The Effect of Police Slowdowns on Crime,” *American Law and Economics Review* (2016)

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**Anupam Chander**, Martin Luther King, Jr. Professor of Law and Director, California International Law Center  
“The Racist Algorithm?,” *Michigan Law Review* (2017)

“Data Nationalism,” *Emory Law Journal* (co-author, 2016)

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**Gabriel “Jack” Chin**, Edward L. Barrett, Jr. Chair, Martin Luther King, Jr. Professor of Law and Director of Clinical Legal Education  
“The War Against Chinese Restaurants,” *Duke Law Journal* (forthcoming 2018)

“Policy, Preemption, And Pot: Extra-Territorial Citizen Jurisdiction,” *Boston College Law Review* (2017)

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**William S. Dodge**, Martin Luther King, Jr. Professor of Law  
“Personal Jurisdiction and Aliens,” with Scott Dodson, *Michigan Law Review* (forthcoming 2018)

“Chevron Deference and Extraterritorial Regulation,” *North Carolina Law Review* (2017)

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**Christopher S. Elmendorf**, Martin Luther King, Jr. Professor of Law  
“From Educational Adequacy to Representational Adequacy: A New Template for Legal Attacks on Partisan Gerrymanders,” *William & Mary Law Review* (forthcoming 2018)  
“Racially Polarized Voting,” co-authors Kevin M. Quinn, Marisa A. Abrajano, *University of Chicago Law Review* (2016)

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**Floyd Feeny**, Homer G. and Ann Berryhill Professor of Law for International Legal and Communication Studies

“The New Chinese Mental Health Laws,” co-authored with Zhiyuan Guo, *Washington University Global Studies Law Review* (forthcoming 2018)

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**Katherine Florey**, Professor of Law  
“Losing Bargain: Why Winner-Take-All Vote Assignment is the Electoral

College's Least Defensible Feature," *Case Western Law Review* (forthcoming 2018)

"Budding Conflicts: Marijuana's Impact on Unsettled Questions of Tribal-State Relations," *Boston College Law Review* (2017)

"Making It Work: Tribal Innovation, State Reaction, and the Future of Tribes as Regulatory Laboratories," *Washington Law Review* (2017)

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UC Davis School of Law has a longstanding reputation for faculty excellence. In recent years, that reputation has been bolstered with the addition of an outstanding group of young professors who are emerging as leading scholars in their respective fields. King Hall's junior faculty members are making waves and publishing outstanding scholarship in law journals including the *Yale Law Journal*, *NYU Law Review*, *California Law Review*, and *UCLA Law Review*.

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*left-right: Professors Aaron Tang, Irene Oritseweyinmi Joe, Jasmine E. Harris, Brian Soucek and Andrea Cann Chandrasekher. not pictured: Shayak Sarkar*

# TAKING ON THE TECH WORLD: KING HALL WOMEN THRIVE

in Silicon Valley

By Sue Jones

Alica Del Valle '06

**The headlines are bleak: “Why Aren’t There More Women in Tech?” “What’s Holding Back Women in Tech?” “Hostility Toward Women in the Tech World,” and, from *The Atlantic*, “Why Is Silicon Valley So Awful to Women?” There is, however, at least one group of women that is extremely successful in the tech industry: King Hall alumnae.**

“King Hall women are in leading legal positions in Silicon Valley, working on cutting-edge cases in law and technology,” says Senior Associate Dean Madhavi Sunder. King Hall alumnae hold senior legal positions at some of the most powerful tech companies in Silicon Valley. Some examples are Alica Del Valle '06 at Airbnb, Deborah Davis Han '96 at Zynga, Jennifer Gossain '07 at Marvell Semiconductor, Inc., and both Sarah Fenn '07 and Tiffany Bui LeTourneau '11 at Uber.

The list broadens when we consider King Hall alumnae who specialize in technology at law firms. Karen Johnson-McKewan '85, a partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in San Francisco, leads her firm's relationship with Oracle Corporation, and led a large team litigating with the State of Oregon over that state's health insurance exchange implementation project. Suzanne Graeser '87 is a partner and former chair of the Emerging Companies & Venture Capital Group at Morrison Foerster. And many King Hall alumnae are associates specializing in technology at top law firms, including Cindy Chang '13 at Alston & Bird, Kunyu Ching '13 at Fenwick & West, Nish Hossain '15 at Goodwin Procter and Toni Qiu '14 at Sheppard Mullin.

In this sometimes challenging atmosphere, King Hall alumnae are also taking the lead in promoting diversity. As Director of Attorney Development and Women's Initiatives at Morrison Foerster, Janet Stone Herman '84 is actively improving the environment for woman lawyers.

Sunder points out that King Hall's own diversity is a boon to employers who want to improve diversity in their organizations. “King Hall has led the way to show that excellence and diversity in our student body are mutually reinforcing,” she says. “Technology law departments in Silicon Valley have a great partner in King Hall for recruiting the best and most diverse new lawyers.”

## MAKING THE CASE FOR GENDER DIVERSITY

Alumnae who work in the tech industry agree that gender diversity is crucial. Karen Johnson-McKewan explains, “The problems that technology companies are trying to solve are the most complex and novel problems in society. To solve them, we need creativity, and we don’t get that unless we have diverse perspectives, experiences and problem-solving approaches.”

Other alumnae echo her emphasis on diverse perspectives. “Different genders provide different styles of practice,” says Cindy Chang, “To be well-rounded, a firm needs all of the styles represented.”

Kunyu Ching agrees. “When you’re in front of a jury, the most important thing is presenting your case. The more perspectives you have on your team, the more likely you are to catch things that could hurt the jury’s perception of you and your case.”

Gender diversity, at all levels of an organization, is also important for recruitment. “In this day and age, if you are trying to recruit for women, and you don’t have women in leadership positions, then you’re stuck in a cycle of not being able to recruit women,” says Chang. Johnson-McKewan adds that gender diversity is now so expected that firms know that, without it, they won’t be able to hire the top male talent either.

Johnson-McKewan also points out another advantage of working in a gender-inclusive environment: “People are able to bring their best selves to the workplace when they are comfortable in their own skins.” When women are comfortable in their environment, “we are able to dedicate our thinking capacity to the problem, as opposed to diverting a portion of the mind to fitting in.”

## EMPLOYERS ARE LISTENING

Alumnae agree that much of the pressure to become more diverse is coming from the clients. “A lot of clients are now mandating we have diverse teams,” says Suzanne Graeser. Women have to be included and “not as tokens. They have to be actively involved in the project.”

As an in-house counsel, Jennifer Gossain confirms that tech companies expect law firms to have diverse teams. “We look for diversity in legal teams when selecting outside counsel. The firms are paying more attention to diversity in response.”

Morrison Foerster’s board is 39% women. The firm holds an invitation-only Summit for Women In-House Counsel



*Kunyu Ching '13*



*Karen Johnson-McKewan '85*

every eighteen months. “More and more women are general counsels,” Graeser says. The summit gives women an opportunity to network and learn. “It’s a great opportunity for general counsels and our firm’s partners to develop business and strengthen relationships,” she adds.

“Morrison Foerster is a pioneer in caring about these issues,” says Janet Stone Herman. “Bob Raven,” the firm’s chairman until 1982, “was very passionate about ensuring everyone had opportunities to grow and develop.” Today, says Herman, “we do a myriad of things to support the development and promotion of women. And we partner with clients to enhance diversity in the legal profession.”

Other firms also take pride in their efforts. Toni Qiu says that Sheppard Mullin’s office has always emphasized the importance of diversity. “It comes from the chairman all the way down.” The firm’s Women Lawyers Group is nearly thirty years old and holds monthly meetings addressing such topics as career and business development as well as wellness and time management.

Sheppard Mullin holds an annual women’s retreat, inviting not only its own lawyers but also potential and past clients. “Panelists talk about the challenges they’ve faced, and it’s also an opportunity to network across the firm,” says Qiu. “It involves all levels, from top partners to the most junior associates. It’s very rewarding.”

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– Cindy Chang '13



Johnson-McKewan is similarly positive about Orrick's initiatives. She co-leads Orrick's Women's Initiative, which created a Women's Leadership Board involving senior leaders from businesses like Facebook, NVIDIA, Oracle, and Paypal. These advisors give the firm outside input on promoting diversity.

Several alumnae bring up the Mansfield Rule. Forty-four major law firms have pledged to prove that at least thirty percent of their candidate pool for promotions, mid-level and senior hires, and significant leadership roles are composed of women and/or attorneys of color. The idea came out of the 2016 Women in Law Hackathon, and the rule is named after Arabella Mansfield, the first woman admitted to practice law in the United States.

## WOMEN STILL FACE CHALLENGES

Still, all of these positive efforts should not obscure the continuing challenges for women practicing law in the tech industry. While Nish Hossain has never worked on a team that was exclusively men except for her, she has heard stories from women who work elsewhere. One of her friends was pushed out of a group that focused on technology companies and onto a compensation and benefits group. The latter was considered more traditionally female. "Many areas within the practice of law are still closed off from women for one reason or another. It's absurd. I'm not sure what the barrier is. It's not formal." Instead, the women are made to feel "uncomfortable" there.

Hossain herself is comfortable with being one of the few women on a team. When she was pursuing her degrees in electrical and biomedical engineering, she was one of two women in a class of fifty. "I had to work twice as hard to show I was competent and could get stuff done." She adds, "As fewer and fewer women go into STEM, that will keep happening." Her experience at King Hall was very different. "I walked into the Law School and thought, 'Wow, there are a lot of women here.'"

As an engineer for five years before going to law school, Gossain was also "often the only woman in the room," and she became used to it. Now she often still is. The key, she says, is "ignoring the noise and focusing on what's important."

Herman also thinks it is important to stay aware of impediments to diversity. Looking for "cultural fit" in a job interview is one way that some companies exclude women and minorities. Unconscious bias is sometimes the culprit.



Janet Stone Herman '84



Suzanne Graeser '87

Herman points out that the numbers aren't as skewed at law firms as they are at some technology companies. Then again, "hardly any law firm has more than twenty percent woman partners." She also notes that many women tend to leave law firms in their forties and fifties, even if they have made partner.

## STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

Unsurprisingly, all of the alumnae agree that the most important keys to success are hard work and talent. "Clients trust me to marshal strong teams, to be creative, and to be up to my elbows in work for them," says Johnson-McKewan. She adds that it is also important to "know how to have fun practicing law. Clients want to get a sense of my taking joy from the work."

The alumnae also all agree on the importance of networking and finding mentors. "Just talk to people," is the best advice she can give, says Qiu. "I knew the legal community was small, but it really is so, so small."

Gossain agrees that it's a "small world in the tech area." She points alumnae toward bar association networks and the gatherings tech companies host. For example, APABASV (<https://www.apabasv.com/>) provides many networking opportunities around the Bay Area such as brown bag lunch seminars and mentoring programs. Membership is free for law students.

Johnson-McKewan recommends ChIPs ([chipsnetwork.org](http://chipsnetwork.org)), a non-profit organization that offers networking, mentoring, advocacy and educational opportunities to women in technology, law, and policy.

While Chang strongly recommends attending networking events, she also took a very direct approach to networking to learn about the field before she even started law school. "I cold-emailed folks at law firms." She was told that none of them would have time to reply, but she actually received several responses. After she graduated, they helped her with her job search. "I'm still in contact with those people today."

Chang makes two important points about widening that network. First, "You will be talking with engineers and scientists. Networking with folks like that is also important. Network within the legal circle and the tech circle."

Second, don't forget to network with men. "My biggest mentor was not a woman or a minority," says Chang. Johnson-McKewan also notes that her principal mentors when she was starting out were men. In 1985, there were not many women in leadership positions in law firms.

Qiu notes that she was lucky to have had a "great mentor

and promoter.” She advises junior associates to find someone who “not only gives you work, but real and substantive work. Otherwise, you miss out on critical development of skills in your career.” She adds that it is also important for that mentor to review the work to help associates learn from their mistakes. “If you are not getting feedback, you need to be proactive. To be successful, you need to ask how you can improve.” In summary: “Get a great project, kill it more than you wreck it, gain trust. That’s how you grow.”

The alumnae offer other specific strategies. One tip from Graeser is to start at a private firm rather than in-house at a tech company. “Working in private practice in a firm with a technology focus can open doors to opportunities in-house.” She recommends working at the law firm for at least three years. In general, law firms provide more training than lawyers would receive working in-house, so lawyers are prepared to take a higher level in-house position often with greater advancement potential than they could have if they had started at a tech company.

Gossain also gives a specific tip: “Do your research.” She adds, “I thought I wanted to do patent prosecution. I summered at a prosecution firm, and then summered at a litigation firm.” The experiences helped her understand her options. “There are many different kinds of work. There are a lot of options.”

Another strategy is to become an expert in a specific area. “Find one part of the tech industry, become the expert

in it, and be very passionate about it,” advises Hossain. She recommends taking classes, going to conferences, and reading up on recent decisions. “If you are interested in a particular client, show that. Pitch yourself to the partner.”

“Focus on a few industries,” Graeser advises. “It’s like having a major with several minors.” Graeser also recommends staying aware of what is happening in the market by following sites like TechCrunch (techcrunch.com). “Know what’s happening so you can talk to clients intelligently about what they care about.”

Herman thinks it makes more sense to focus on a specific area later in a career. “First, learn the craft,” she says.

## IT HELPS TO BE A KING HALL ALUMNA

One specific strategy for success is to graduate from King Hall. Alumnae extol the quality of the legal education they received. According to Graeser, “King Hall taught me how to think and analyze issues and have an open mind.” She adds that King Hall “educates students to have good judgment and apply pragmatic and practical solutions. We like to recruit at Davis. It produces lawyers who have solid judgment and practical skills.”

Chang specifically praises the Intellectual Property Certificate program. “King Hall was good about bringing in classes taught by real practitioners,” she says. Not only did the classes teach skills, but they also connected students with contacts and potential mentors.

Gossain praises King Hall’s professors and the legal education they provided her. She also notes the benefits of the Law School’s location. “It’s close enough to Silicon Valley that we can interview easily. The career office setting up Bay Area interviews for us on campus is very helpful.”

Another important benefit Hossain lists is a person: Assistant Dean of Career Services Craig Compton. “Craig was so important to my career search,” she says. He gave her mock interviews, helped tweak her résumé, and explained in detail which firms were good for IP law and 2L summering. “I can’t express how grateful I am for his guidance. He gave me a glimpse of the expectations of law firms.”

## THRIVING ON THE CHALLENGES

The bleak headlines about women in the tech industry do reflect a challenging environment. King Hall alumnae are thriving on those challenges and playing leadership roles in their employers’ efforts to address them. What is most striking is their positivity.

“I have no regrets,” says Ching. “I’m pretty lucky to have landed where I landed.” 🌟



*Janet Herman as a student at King Hall.*

# 'A BOUNTY OF CHALLENGES': ALICA DEL VALLE '06 AT AIRBNB

"My role is constantly evolving," said Alica Del Valle '06. "What I love is the diversity of it." As Senior IP and Marketing Counsel with Airbnb, Del Valle handles patents, trademarks, copyrights, commercial contracts, intellectual property-related litigation, and more.

"I love it that the legal space is just a bounty of challenges," she said. "You can define how big or how small you want your challenges to be. I've always liked big challenges, and that keeps me running from reviewing a Super Bowl ad to working on an invention disclosure for a patent claim to dealing with litigation in China or Brazil, all in one day."

Del Valle enjoys playing such a critical role at one of Silicon Valley's most dynamic companies and is proud of the fact that

Airbnb has a strong dedication to diversity that includes hiring and promoting female attorneys. Working to ensure a diverse pool of applicants is an important part of Airbnb's hiring process, and the company recently made Belinda Johnson one of the few female top executives in the tech field by promoting her to chief operating officer, Del Valle noted.

Yet there are still too few women in tech-related law generally, Del Valle acknowledged. Law and tech traditionally have been male-dominated industries, and change takes time, she said. Additionally, child-rearing responsibilities still fall disproportionately upon women, she said, and women sometimes feel they have to choose between having a family and advancing their careers. Del Valle said that the culture surrounding law firms and legal departments needs to change so that women attorneys don't feel stigmatized for taking time off to have children.

Del Valle said that she would also like to see more companies and law schools become involved in promoting mentor relationships for aspiring female attorneys. She said her own development was encouraged by mentors including John Baum '93, who she worked for as a legal secretary prior to law school and who offered crucial advice and encouragement throughout her time at King Hall and during her early years as an attorney.

Law schools could also do more to emphasize the practical aspects of legal education, Del Valle said. She cited the practical experience she gained working with Professor Carter "Cappy" White at King Hall's Civil Rights Clinic as being a key to her success. She said that female law students in particular can benefit from efforts to make direct connections between legal education and the day-to-day work that attorneys do. The recent "field trips" to Silicon Valley taken by Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Daniel J. Dykstra Professor of Law Madhavi Sunder and her Innovation Law students offer a prime example, she said.

"Exposing students to what life as an attorney looks like in different realms is something that we owe to the development of the profession," said Del Valle.

"Letting them see how lawyers actually work in the real world is very important, because the reality is often very different from what students picture it to be. I think it's something that's especially important for women to hear: there is no one singular definition of 'lawyer' today. If you have the skill set and confidence in your abilities, you can define 'lawyer' in a way that works for you."

*Alica Del Valle '06*



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Life Insurance Market” (with Santosh Anagol & Shawn Cole), *Review of Economics & Statistics* (2017); and “Intimate Employment,” *Harvard Journal of Law & Gender* (2016).

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## A ‘FIELD TRIP’ TO SILICON VALLEY

Madhavi Sunder, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Daniel J. Dykstra Professor of Law at King Hall, had been teaching law for almost 20 years before she took her first class “field trip.” When she did, taking 25 Innovation Law students to meet with King Hall alumni working at top technology companies in the San Francisco Bay Area, it turned out to be “one of the most rewarding things I’ve ever done with my classes,” Sunder said.

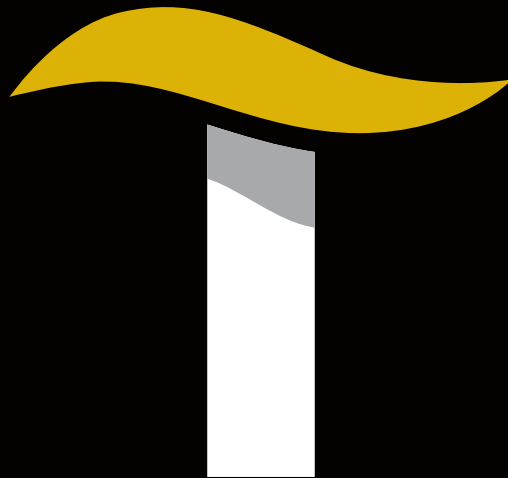


In April 2017, Sunder and her students made two trips to the Bay Area. The class first toured the offices of Airbnb, where they met with Senior IP & Marketing Counsel Alica del Valle ’06, who talked about her career path and her practice. From there, they went to Square, where they were greeted by Head Counsel for Intellectual Property Kirupa Pushparaj, who has taught as a visiting lecturer at King Hall. The group met with King Hall alumni Romi Akpala ’06 and Jeff Osofsky ’09, who serve as in-house counsel at Square. The alums spoke about product counseling and described their work advising design teams from inception to production and sales. Continuing to the offices of Uber, Sunder and her students met with Senior Counsel Tiffany Bui LeTourneau ’11 and Senior Counsel Sarah Fenn ’07. LeTourneau and Fenn discussed their practice, sharing considerations that come into play when working on a product or technology that either is not yet regulated or does not have a clearly applicable body of law.

A short time later, Sunder took the Innovation Law students on a second “field trip,” this time visiting the Silicon Valley offices of White & Case on Page Mill Road in Palo Alto. They heard presentations by numerous alums working in innovation law, including John Pavolotsky ’00, General Counsel at Intel, Deborah Davis Han ’96, Senior Counsel at Zynga, Angus MacDonald ’00, Senior Counsel at the University of California Office of the President (UCOP), Bijal Vakil ’96, Partner at White & Case, and Jennifer Gossain ’07, Counsel at Marvel.

“I was struck by how valuable of an experience it is to see lawyers in the exciting new workplaces of the 21st century, and to hear from alumni firsthand about the variety of challenges they face,” said Sunder. “I was particularly proud to see the incredible careers our alums have forged, and the generosity with which they sought to share their work experiences and advice with our students. I look forward to seeing the numbers of King Hall grads in the world’s top innovation companies grow!” 📖

# Era of Trump



From immigration to civil rights to environmental protection, President Trump has brought a sea of change to law and policy in Washington, D.C. Along with people across the country, our law school community was surprised by the election results and wondered what the future might hold. Since the 2016 election, UC Davis School of Law faculty, staff, alumni, and students have been deeply engaged in responding to the change brought by President Trump. The following pages summarize some of the responses by the King Hall community to the era of Trump.

– Kevin R. Johnson  
Dean, UC Davis School of Law



One Year Later:

# The Rule of Law in the Age of Trump

## AND KING HALL'S RESPONSE

By Joe Martin

**On January 27, 2017, just eight days after taking the oath of office, President Donald Trump issued an executive order that raised legal questions about the limits of presidential power, resulted in the immediate arrest and detention of hundreds of travelers and immigrants, and prompted raucous protests at airports across the country. It also sent a message: this presidency would be like no other.**

It was signed at 4:39 pm on a Friday. Within hours, the first detainees were in custody, protestors were mobilizing by the thousands, and lawyers—including a large contingent of King Hall faculty, alumni, and students—were rallying in response.

“All of a sudden, my phone started going crazy,” recalled Professor Holly Cooper '98, Co-director of King Hall's Immigration Law Clinic. “People were in a panic. Travelers were already being detained at airports. There was a constant stream of calls about what we, as lawyers, were going to do about it.”

Titled “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States,” the president's order temporarily barred admission into the U.S. by travelers from seven Muslim-majority nations. Another order placed an indefinite halt on non-Christian refugees from Syria.

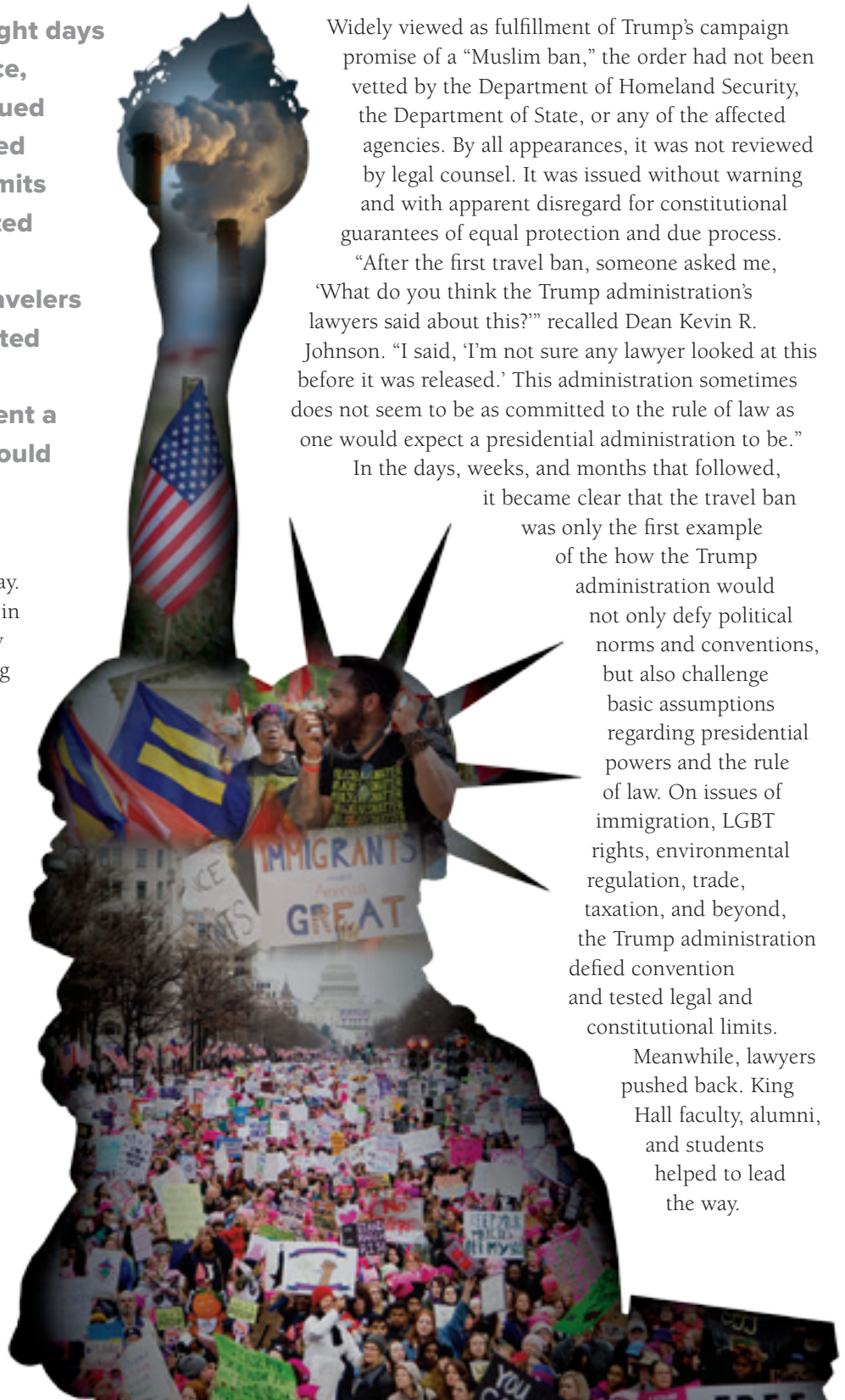
Widely viewed as fulfillment of Trump's campaign promise of a “Muslim ban,” the order had not been vetted by the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of State, or any of the affected agencies. By all appearances, it was not reviewed by legal counsel. It was issued without warning and with apparent disregard for constitutional guarantees of equal protection and due process.

“After the first travel ban, someone asked me, ‘What do you think the Trump administration's lawyers said about this?’” recalled Dean Kevin R. Johnson. “I said, ‘I'm not sure any lawyer looked at this before it was released.’ This administration sometimes does not seem to be as committed to the rule of law as one would expect a presidential administration to be.”

In the days, weeks, and months that followed, it became clear that the travel ban

was only the first example of the how the Trump administration would not only defy political norms and conventions, but also challenge basic assumptions regarding presidential powers and the rule of law. On issues of immigration, LGBT rights, environmental regulation, trade, taxation, and beyond, the Trump administration defied convention and tested legal and constitutional limits.

Meanwhile, lawyers pushed back. King Hall faculty, alumni, and students helped to lead the way.





## IN THE BEGINNING:

# THE TRAVEL BAN

**After the “Muslim ban” went into effect on January 27, 2017, the Immigration Law Clinic immediately became the center of an impromptu network set up to help detainees and their families. As Cooper fielded requests for help from lawyers around the state, she got an urgent call from Elica Vafaie ’11, an attorney with the Asian Law Caucus. “She was in tears,” said Cooper. “She said, ‘We need to file a habeas petition for this elderly Iranian couple within the next two hours. They’re going to be deported, and nobody can help, but I know you will.’”**

Cooper put out an email to Immigration Clinic students, asking anyone available to come to the clinic offices immediately. Soon, Aldo Martinez Gomez ’17, Tainari Alcaraz ’18, and Fabian Sanchez Coronado ’18 were working alongside Cooper to draft a temporary restraining order, a memorandum of points and authorities, and a writ of habeas corpus. Meanwhile, Professor Carter “Cappy” White was busy in Oakland, clearing the path for an emergency weekend filing.

Sara Ehsani-Nia ’18 also phoned in, offering to come into the Clinic, but when Cooper found out she was in San Francisco, she suggested Ehsani-Nia go to the airport instead. Ehsani-Nia, a daughter of Iranian immigrants, speaks Farsi, and there was a possibility that her language skills would be useful. Vafaie put Ehsani-Nia to work on the case of helping the family of the elderly Iranian couple in detention. Their release from custody was profoundly gratifying, Ehsani-Nia said.

Professor Rose Cuison Villazor also did volunteer work during the early days of the travel ban. She was traveling from New York City to California on the Sunday after the ban was instated when she saw crowds of protestors at John F. Kennedy International Airport, as well as groups of lawyers who were offering legal aid. She immediately decided to volunteer with a contingent of attorneys organized by the New York Immigration Coalition.

“I happened to be traveling, so I was in the right place at the right time,” said Villazor. “But even if I hadn’t been traveling, I would have wanted to get involved.”

Professor Villazor worked for three consecutive weekends at JFK airport, answering phone calls and counseling travelers. She said it was very satisfying to put her skills to work for the benefit of people in need. “I teach immigration law, so I’m often up in front of a classroom talking about the rights that immigrants have,” she said. “But to be there in that moment, and to be able to help defend those rights, felt like very meaningful work.”



Sara Ehsani-Nia ’18, pictured with Professors Holly Cooper and Amagda Pérez, Co-directors of the Immigration Law Clinic.



# RIPPED FROM THE DAY'S HEADLINES

Elizabeth Joh

**AS TRUMP'S ACTIONS HAVE DOMINATED ONE NEWS CYCLE AFTER ANOTHER,** they have also become a regular part of classroom discussions at King Hall. One unexpected result has been a hit podcast for Professor Elizabeth Joh.

Responding to the president's fondness for sending controversial messages via his Twitter account, Professor Joh issued a tweet of her own: "Teaching Constitutional Law in 2017 means glancing at Twitter every five minutes before class." The message proved to be inspirational for Roman Mars, host and creator of the independently produced podcast "99% Invisible" and a neighbor of Joh's.

Mars proposed they do a podcast based on Joh's responses to various issues raised by the president's statements and actions. The result has been "What Trump Can Teach Us about Con Law," which launched June 7 and quickly rose to the top of the iTunes "Top Podcasts" list. The series, which aims to "take the extreme actions of the president of the United States and channel that chaos into learning our Constitution like we never have before," stayed in the iTunes Top 100 throughout its first season. Episodes covered subjects from "Presidential Immunity," to "The Emoluments Clause," to "Judicial Legitimacy."

"I like this idea that maybe we have a president who is kind of stress-testing the Constitution, really giving us a sense of 'What are the limits of each of the different provisions that he seems to be challenging?'" said Joh. "That's really important because it's forcing us to think about things and wonder, 'Do we have answers to some of these questions?'"

Many King Hall faculty have also found themselves checking Twitter before class and centering discussions on recent actions by Trump and his administration.

"I was teaching Critical Race Theory in the spring, and I felt like I was teaching with my hair on fire because it seemed like every single topic we were talking about suddenly had new relevance," said Professor Emerita Angela Harris. Many of the conversations were about the ways in which the president's statements and actions with regard to immigration, the protests in Charlottesville, Black Lives Matter, and other issues seemed to encourage white nationalism, Harris said.

Professor Rose Cuison Villazor said that Trump's election profoundly influenced her Immigration Law course. She had prepared the class assuming, as so many others did, that Hillary Clinton would be president and planned to discuss what immigration reform would look like under a Clinton administration. When Trump prevailed, she was forced to reconsider basic assumptions about the future of immigration law and how it should be taught. In her Advanced Immigration Law seminar, Villazor developed a project in which students collaborated with the Immigration Law Clinic to produce Know Your Rights presentations for immigrant communities. She also helped to put together a 'teach-in' about the travel ban.

"In sum, my teaching has become more proactive and community-based in ways it hadn't been before," Villazor stated.

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# Is it TREASON?

**Professor Carlton Larson has said it, over and over, to media including National Public Radio’s *Morning Edition*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, and the *Huffington Post*, among others: Donald Trump’s alleged ties to Russia are not treason.**

Larson’s book *The Trials of Allegiance: Treason, Juries, and the American Revolution* will soon be published by Oxford University Press. He became the “go-to” guy for media seeking comment on the Trump campaign’s alleged cooperation with Russian attempts to influence the 2016 election. Time and again, reporters wanted to know: could this be treasonous?

The Constitution defines treason “exceptionally narrowly,” Larson said. It is treason “to aid the enemies of the United States, and ‘enemies’ has a very specific definition under historic treason law. That is a nation that is at war with the United States, and we are not at war with Russia.”

Larson said that Trump’s use of presidential powers is not unprecedented. “He’s pushed constitutional powers, but I don’t know that he’s done that excessively,” said Larson. “However, I do think he’s out of the ordinary in the sense that he is more unqualified, more ignorant, and more temperamentally unsuited to the job than any president we’ve ever had by a very, very wide margin.”

One of Trump’s most significant accomplishments has been the appointment of Justice Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court, Larson said. “That’s a big deal, particularly since Gorsuch does not appear to be a mainstream conservative. He really seems to be on the far right, and he doesn’t seem to be someone who’s interested in working with the other justices to work out narrow solutions to problems. He seems to want to rule in the broadest and most aggressive way possible, and we’re going to be dealing with him for a long time.”



Carlton Larson



# CHALLENGING THE AMERICAN DREAM: DEPORTATIONS AND DACA



**Within weeks of his inauguration, it became clear that President Trump intended to deliver on his campaign promise to increase immigration enforcement.**

During the Obama administration, deportation efforts focused on immigrants who were accused or convicted of crimes. Under Trump, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) became more aggressive, targeting otherwise law-abiding undocumented residents. The policy shift fueled anxiety in immigrant communities, according to Professor Amagda Pérez '91, Co-director of the Immigration Law Clinic.

“Now we are seeing increased enforcement on people whose only crime was being in the United States without proper documentation,” Pérez said. “We are hearing from clients about arrests near schools, courthouses, and places of employment. Sadly, people are living in fear, much more so than in the past.”

And this fear has caused many people to seek help. Pérez said requests for Clinic services more than doubled following the controversial travel ban. The demand rose further after Trump acted in September 2017 to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, the Obama administration initiative that allowed certain undocumented immigrants who entered the country as children to apply for

work permits and temporary protection from deportation.

In addition to the Immigration Law Clinic, King Hall is also home to the UC Immigrant Legal Services Center. Launched in 2014 by the University of California Office of the President, it operates in cooperation with the Immigration Law Clinic to provide free legal assistance to undocumented students at UC campuses including UC Davis, UC Irvine, UCLA, UC Merced, UC San Francisco, UC Santa Cruz, UC Santa Barbara, UC San Diego, and UC Riverside.

Managing Attorney Rachel Ray '11 said that the Center has seen an uptick in demand across the UC system. Many students have questions about what the DACA rescission means for their financial aid status and whether they will be employable after graduation, Ray said. Others are worried about their families and fear that relatives will be deported while they're away at school, she added.

Dean Kevin R. Johnson said that while he has been disturbed by many of President Trump's statements about immigration, the DACA rescission may have increased the potential for much-needed reforms. Trump's actions have raised public awareness, he said, and provided motivation for Congress to address the status of DACA recipients.

“The most interesting thing to me about the rise and fall of DACA is that President Trump created an opportunity for Congress to act more broadly on immigration reform as well as provide relief for DACA recipients,” Johnson said.

# LGBT RIGHTS UNDER FIRE

**As a candidate, Donald Trump proclaimed himself a “real friend” to the LGBT community, and he often appeared to be a moderate on gay rights.**

During a brief run for the presidency in 2000, he called for an amendment to the Civil Rights Act specifically banning discrimination based on sexual orientation. During the 2016 Republican primaries, when North Carolina passed a law restricting transgender individuals’ use of public restrooms, Trump was the only GOP candidate to voice opposition.

For a time, it appeared Trump might represent a new, more LGBT-friendly face of the Republican Party. Polls showed public opinion rapidly shifting in favor of LGBT rights. Where only about 26 percent of Americans supported same-sex marriage in 1996, by 2016 that number had risen to more than 60 percent. When protests and boycotts forced the partial repeal of the North

Carolina law, it seemed part of a trend toward increased public support for the LGBT community that Republicans could ill afford to ignore.

As president, Trump has gone in a different direction, issuing an order barring transgender people from military service. At King Hall, the Dean’s Office responded with a memorandum expressing opposition and urging the government to end such discrimination. The School of Law also hosted a public forum on the policy, which included presentations by Professor Brian Soucek, Professor Courtney Joslin, and Amy Whelan, Senior Staff Attorney for the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

Soucek explained that an official response to the transgender ban was needed in part because state law and university policy require that employers on campus not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. At the same time, federal law requires King Hall to accommodate military recruiting. In order to continue to host military recruiters, it was necessary to issue a statement expressing opposition to the ban and warning students that the military was not compliant with campus anti-discrimination policies, said Soucek.

“This isn’t the kind of thing where we can say, ‘We see both sides,’” Soucek said. “The School of Law can’t support a policy that’s going to discriminate against our students.”



Brian Soucek





Richard Frank

## A CHANGING CLIMATE

President Trump has profoundly shaped environmental law, reversing the direction of federal policies on climate change, pollution control, and the management of natural resources as states scramble to push back.

Professor Richard Frank '74 practiced environmental law with state and federal agencies for more than 30 years before returning to King Hall in 2010 to found and direct the California Environmental Law and Policy Center. A nationally recognized leader in his field, he has frequently commented for media on Trump administration environmental policies.

“For me, the most disturbing and most prominent change has been the Trump administration’s basic institutional skepticism about the whole idea of climate science,” said Frank. “That’s a big deal, but the problem with the Trump administration’s anti-environmental policies is by no means limited to that.”

## KINGHALL ALUMNI SPEAK OUT

As Trump administration policies have played out at the federal, state, and local levels, many King Hall alumni have voiced their objections. Sister **Simone Campbell '77**, Executive Director of the Roman Catholic social justice lobby NETWORK, has been a vocal critic of Republican attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Campbell became something of a celebrity after speaking at the 2012 Democratic National Convention and leading the “Nuns on the Bus” campaign in support of the ACA.

“It is morally reprehensible to hurt people through unjust policies for political gain,” Campbell said of a presidential order to roll back ACA protections for people with pre-existing conditions.

**Tani Cantil-Sakauye '84**, Chief Justice of California, said she felt compelled to voice her opposition to Trump administration efforts to expand immigration enforcement by apprehending individuals appearing for court dates. “These arrests at courthouses undermine trust in the community,” said Cantil-Sakauye. “If the public believes that they will be arrested, they see us as the bad guy.”

As Chief Justice, Cantil-Sakauye wrote an open letter to Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly asking that California’s courthouses “not be used as bait in the necessary enforcement of our country’s immigration laws.”

**Darrell Steinberg '84**, the former California Senate President pro Tempore who is now Mayor of Sacramento, has made numerous public statements opposing Trump administration policies. The City of Sacramento, he announced, would join major cities across the nation in a commitment to honor the goals of the Paris climate accord, despite the president’s decision to pull the United States out of the agreement. Steinberg also proclaimed that Sacramento would not alter its “sanctuary city” policy, which prohibits police from asking individuals about immigration status, regardless of the president’s threats to withdraw federal funding.

“The City of Sacramento is not in the business of bargaining away the civil rights of our neighbors and families for money,” said Steinberg.



Tani Cantil-Sakauye

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, SCHOOL OF LAW

# TAX GAMES



Under ordinary circumstances, a research paper by legal scholars analyzing proposed changes to federal tax policies would be unlikely to cause a media sensation. But these are not ordinary times, and that's exactly what happened with Professor Darien Shanske's "The Games They Will Play: Tax Games, Roadblocks, and Glitches under the New Legislation."

The paper was written by Shanske with Professor David Kamin of NYU School of Law, Professor Rebecca Kysar of Brooklyn Law School, and Professor Ari Glogower of The Ohio State University College of Law with the assistance of nine other experts in the field. It is an analysis of the Republican-sponsored tax plan that was pushed through Congress during the final weeks of 2017 and signed into law by President Trump on December 22. The article was downloaded more than 29,000 times during the week following its publication online and drew coverage from the BBC, National Public Radio, the *Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, *New Republic*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *The New Yorker*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and many other media outlets.

(By year's end, the paper had logged more than 42,000 downloads. An updated version, written after additional details of the tax plan became available, was downloaded more than 28,000 times.)

Shanske said that the article was written with the hope of warning lawmakers about potential problems in the tax plan, which the co-authors describe as the product of a "rushed and closed process, without adequate regard for the intricacies of the tax law and the risk of unintended consequences."

Professor Dennis J. Ventry, Jr., Chair of the IRS Advisory Council and a scholar of tax policy and legal ethics, was also critical of the bill and the process that produced it.

"We've had three large tax reform episodes in the United States: 1948, 1969, and 1986," Ventry said. "The 1986 tax reform was called 'the impossible dream' because it took 35 years of studies and committee work. It took presidential leadership and bipartisan support in both houses. There were hearings that involved academics, industry, and lobbyists, and they went on for months. We've had none of these things. As with so many other areas of policy, this presidency has not followed the path that has led to success in prior administrations."



Darien Shanske

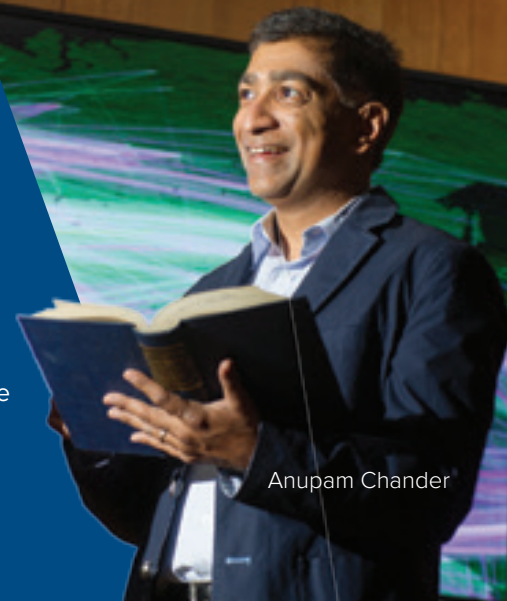


Dennis J. Ventry, Jr.

## 'BAD DEALS' AND FREE TRADE

Donald Trump made trade a focal point of his presidential campaign. Calling the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) "the worst trade deal maybe ever signed anywhere," he vowed to "put America first" and renegotiate NAFTA or pull out of the deal. As president, he has retreated from both NAFTA and the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), calling them "bad deals for the United States."

"It's hard to imagine that these deals were disadvantageous to the United States when we were the ones who largely initiated them, wrote them, and wanted the other nations to sign on to them," said Professor Anupam Chander, a leading scholar of technology and law whose work often concerns international trade. "We would have had to be led by people who had no idea what they were doing to engage in all that effort just to harm ourselves."



Anupam Chander





Gary Solis

## THE NUCLEAR OPTION

Constitutional checks and balances prohibit abuses of executive power whenever a president decides to change immigration policy or roll back environmental enforcement. But when it comes to launching a nuclear attack, no such restrictions apply, said Gary Solis '71, one of the foremost authorities on the law of armed conflict.

“There is no question that the president has not only the ability but also the authority to initiate a nuclear conflict,” said Solis. “There is simply no means to stop him.”

## THE ARC OF HISTORY

Following the election of President Obama, many people argued the United States had become a “post-racial” society. The fact that voters would elect an African American to the nation’s highest office showed that racial discrimination was a thing of the past, they claimed. But the events of the past year prove that wasn’t so, said Professor Emerita Angela Harris, one of the nation’s foremost scholars of critical race theory and civil rights.



Angela Harris

“With the election and the things that started happening socially and politically, it became very clear that the United States is not post-racial,” said Harris. “It was shocking how quickly very explicit, old school expressions of white supremacy came roaring back.”

Events such as the “Unite the Right” rally that brought together white nationalists and members of various “alt-right” groups in Charlottesville, Virginia, together with an uptick in hate crimes, show the resurgence of explicit racism in the United States, Harris said. In some areas, white nationalism can be seen as a backlash against the diversification of communities that previously were almost exclusively white, she said.

Professor Karima Bennoune is a scholar of international human rights, religious extremism, and women’s rights. She is also the United Nations’ Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights. Bennoune said that white nationalism in the U.S. could be viewed as part of a worldwide rise in extremism. She said that some of President Trump’s statements regarding Muslims and immigrants raise



Karima Bennoune

the danger of “reciprocal radicalization.”

“If you have really extreme discourse on one side, often it is replicated on the other side, and it becomes a vicious circle,” said Bennoune. “I know that Muslim fundamentalists have used some of the president’s pronouncements as a way to rally people to their cause, and that has an incredibly negative impact.”

“I do worry that the tone of the debate has coarsened with President Trump,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. “Never in modern American history have we heard a president talk about immigrants in such harsh and coarse terms as President Trump has used. It’s quite striking. I think the kinds of language President Trump uses in describing immigration, in describing issues of crime, in describing issues of civil rights, plays to our baser nature. It emboldens people who have very extreme views to share those views and to act on those views.”

Dean Johnson held out hope that President Trump’s statements and policies ultimately may have a positive impact by spurring awareness and prompting social dialogue. He said that comments about women made by Trump may have helped to inspire the “Me Too” movement, in which thousands of women have come forward to speak publicly about sexual assault and harassment.

Dean Johnson said that he still believes that the United States is on a path to a more equal society. “But the path is jagged sometimes,” Johnson said. “We are still on a positive arc. We may not see a lot of progress on civil rights during the Trump administration, but this isn’t a permanent setback.”



# MADHAVI SUNDER

## *Appointed to Daniel J. Dykstra Endowed Chair*

Madhavi Sunder, an influential scholar of law and culture and Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, has been appointed as the Daniel J. Dykstra Endowed Chair at UC Davis School of Law.

Sunder joined UC Davis School of Law in 1999 and was elevated to senior associate dean in 2015. She was named a Carnegie Scholar in 2006 and has been a visiting professor of law at Yale Law School, the University of Chicago Law School, and Cornell Law School. Her work traverses numerous fields, from intellectual property to human rights law and the First Amendment. She has published in leading law journals including the *Yale Law Journal*, *California Law Review*, and *Texas Law Review*, among others. Her article “IP3,” published in the *Stanford Law Review* in 2006, ranks among the top 25 most cited Intellectual Property articles of the last decade and as the No. 1 most-cited International IP article of the past five years. Her book, *From Goods to a Good Life: Intellectual Property and Global Justice*, was published by Yale University Press in 2012.

Sunder spoke on “Intellectual Property in the Experience Economy” at the Lecture in Honor of the Daniel J. Dykstra Chair on November 7, 2017. The event celebrated Sunder’s appointment to succeed former Dean Rex Perschbacher as the new Daniel J. Dykstra chair. The audience included numerous King Hall faculty members and Daniel J. Dykstra, Jr., son of the late Professor Dykstra.

“What pleases me most about this ceremony of Dean Sunder assuming the chair is that, like Dan Dykstra, and like Dean Rex Perschbacher, Dean Sunder exemplifies the true spirit of King Hall,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. He talked about Dean Sunder’s many contributions to UC Davis School of Law and her status as one of the most influential Intellectual Property scholars of the past decade.

Dean Sunder’s talk was based on a work-in-progress paper that examines intellectual property in light of the growing importance of the “experience economy.” Since this lecture her article “Intellectual Property in Experience” has been accepted by the *Michigan Law Review* and is forthcoming in 2018.

“Today’s consumers demand experiences,” said Sunder. “From Star Wars to Harry Potter, fans do not just want to watch or read about their favorite characters. They want to be them. They want to don the robes of Gryffindor, flick their wands, and drink the butter beer.”

Copyright holders generally have been tolerant of such activities, but Sunder anticipates that as profit potential of the “experience economy” increases, they will be less forbearing. She talked about how the Copyright Act defined derivative works in setting boundaries on merchandising rights. As the value of merchandising has grown, an “if value, then right” standard has emerged, Sunder said.

“Courts, recognizing these exclusive marketing rights as highly lucrative, have supported them because they are so valuable, often by steering away from conceptual moorings of trademark and copyright law,” she said. “Call this legal model of granting a copyright and trademark holder rights to demand users to license fan activity ‘pay to play.’”

Sunder cautioned that granting such rights could curtail the ability of consumers to actively engage with creative works and participate in “cultural play.”

“Experiencing and doing with others matters,” said Sunder. “Our cultural worlds touch us. Fictional worlds become real in the sense that they become artifacts to be referenced and actors that shape our culture and our selves. Incentives for the authors of the fictional universes that we love are important, but we must also preserve the capability to critically and creatively engage cultural work with all of our senses.” 🎨

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# RWANDA WAR CRIMES DOCUMENTARY

## *Featuring Professor Pruitt Draws Continued Acclaim*

*The Uncondemned*, a documentary film on the trial of Rwandan mayor Jean-Paul Akayesu that features Professor Lisa Pruitt, received more than 40 screenings during 2017 and plans are in motion for further showings via broadcast and streaming media. The trial resulted in the first-ever conviction of rape as an act of genocide and a crime against humanity.

Professor Pruitt, who played a key role in the Akayesu conviction, appears in the film. During 2017, she attended a screening hosted by the American Society of International Law in Washington, D.C., as well as showings at the Siskel Film Center in Chicago, Indiana University, and UC Davis.

Professor Pruitt's association with the Akayesu trial dates back to 1996, when she was part of the United Nations team investigating the Rwandan genocide that claimed more than 800,000 lives. Working as a gender consultant to the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Pruitt wrote a memo compiling evidence of Akayesu's complicity in the mass sexual violence that took place in the town where he was mayor. She argued that the indictment against him should be amended to include the rapes, but Akayesu



was not initially charged in the sexual assaults.

During the trial, a witness mentioned seeing women being dragged away to be raped.

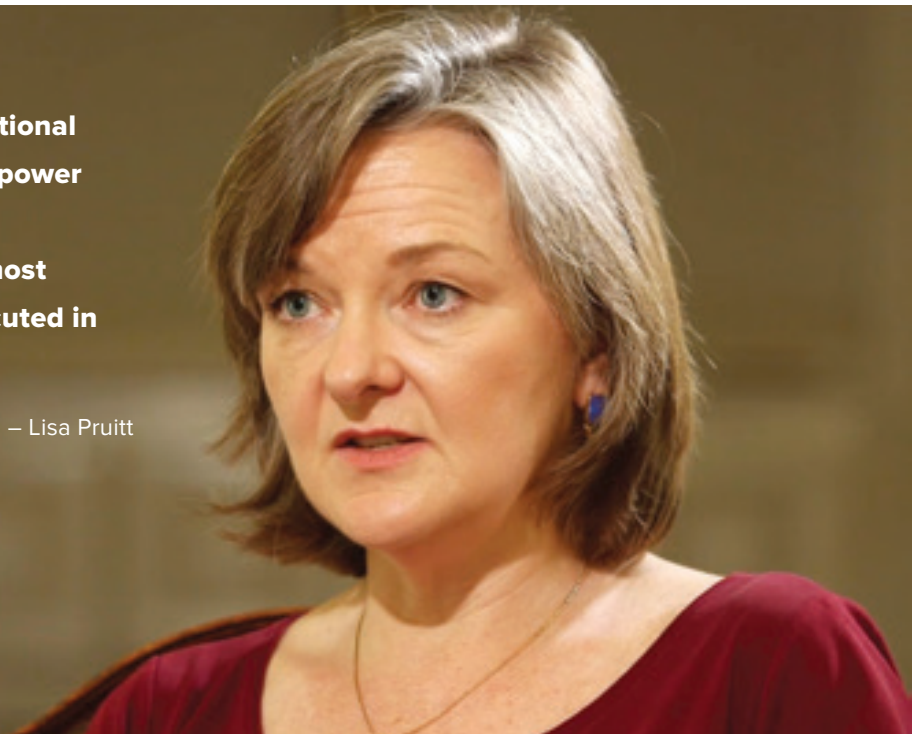
Pruitt's memo was revisited, and her work ultimately became the "smoking gun" in the successful prosecution of Akayesu.

Professor Pruitt said she was pleased, but not surprised, by the continued interest in the 2015 film, particularly given its relevance for students and scholars of international law as well as medical students and other professionals seeking insight into the experience of rape survivors. Together with Elizabeth Topolosky '17, Professor Pruitt co-authored a viewing guide to be used as a "conversation starter" for law schools that show the film.

"I think this is a very inspirational film with enormous staying power because it is the first film to tell the story of one of the most important cases ever prosecuted in international criminal law," said Pruitt. "This was the first prosecution of genocide—plus it featured sexual assaults as component acts of that genocide. The film is sure to be a standard bearer for decades among professors and students of international criminal justice, as well as those studying the finer points of trial practice." 📌

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## UC DAVIS LAW REVIEW ONLINE LAUNCHES

The UC Davis Law Review celebrated its fiftieth volume by launching an online companion edition: the *UC Davis Law Review Online*. The online journal prints short, timely pieces—including essays, responses, replies, and book reviews—at [lawreview.law.ucdavis.edu/online](http://lawreview.law.ucdavis.edu/online).

Dean Kevin R. Johnson welcomed the online journal, remarking, “*The UC Davis Law Review* has a proud history of excellent scholarship and has always evolved with the times.” Dean Johnson detailed that history in the online edition’s very first piece, “Foreword: 50 Volumes of the UC Davis Law Review.”

“We are hoping that the *UC Davis Law Review Online* will be able to grow into a robust and active forum for engaging legal scholarship above and beyond the articles in our traditional print edition,” said Volume 50 Editor-in-Chief Lars Torleif Reed. For example, Dean Steven W. Bender from Seattle University School of Law spoke at the Law Review’s 2016 Symposium, *Disjointed Regulation: State Efforts to*

*Legalize Marijuana*, and published his article “The Colors of Cannabis: Race and Marijuana” in the December 2016 print issue. The new online edition allowed him to reflect on the implications of the 2016 elections in a follow-up piece. It also allows scholars to respond to pieces in both the print and online journals without the time delay of print publishing.

The Law Review launched its online edition along with its completely redesigned website, [lawreview.law.ucdavis.edu](http://lawreview.law.ucdavis.edu). Reed, Projects Editors Parnian Vafaenia and Andrew Aaronian, and Managing Editor Markie Jorgensen developed the online journal and website along with the School of Law’s Senior Graphic Designer Sam Sellers and Web Application Developer Jason Aller. The editors and members of the *UC Davis Law Review* staff both the print and online editions.

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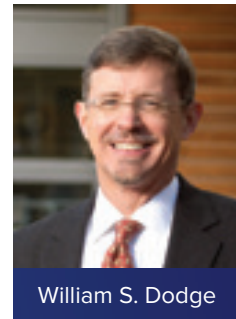
**Gary Solis '71** is one of the nation's foremost authorities on the law of armed conflict. In his 26 years as a Marine, he served as a company commander in Vietnam and later as a judge advocate and military judge. As a scholar, he taught on the law faculties of the London School of Economics & Political Science (where he received his Ph.D. in law) and the United States Military Academy at West Point. He is currently an adjunct professor both at Georgetown University Law Center and at George Washington University Law School. He has authored Cambridge University Press's bestselling textbook, *The Law of Armed Conflict*.



Gary Solis '71

### 2018 Distinguished Teaching Award

**Professor Dodge** received his undergraduate degree from Yale University and earned his J.D. from Yale Law School. He teaches in the areas of contracts, international law, international transactions, and international dispute resolution. Before joining the UC Davis faculty in 2015, Professor Dodge taught for 20 years at UC Hastings College of the Law, where he was the Honorable Roger J. Traynor Professor of Law. A member of the American Law Institute, he clerked for Associate Justice Harry A. Blackmun of the U.S. Supreme Court.



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# KING HALL CLASS OF 2017 RETURNS *for Swearing In Ceremony*

Members of the UC Davis School of Law Class of 2017 returned to King Hall on December 1 to celebrate passing the California Bar Examination and participate in a Swearing In Ceremony marking their acceptance to the state and federal bars. The event included remarks from Dean Kevin R. Johnson, Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Le Jacqueline Duong '94, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of California Troy L. Nunley, and King Hall Alumni Board President Kimberly Lucia '09.

“Congratulations to the Class of 2017!” Dean Johnson said in his welcoming remarks. “You arrived three years ago as a diverse and talented group chosen from more than 3,000 applicants. As students, you exemplified the spirit of King Hall, providing more than 35,000 hours of public service. You assisted detained immigrants, defended the rights of prisoners in the Yuba County Jail, traveled to Nashville to spend spring break working with a public service organization there, and so much more. More than half of the Class of 2017 earned Public Interest or Pro Bono certificates. Now, after all of your hard work, you’ve passed the bar.”

Prior to administering the state oath, Judge Duong congratulated the Class of 2017 and spoke about her pride in being a King Hall alumna. “I’m grateful for the education I received at King Hall,” she said. “The qualities that make this school special include a supportive environment, the distinguished faculty, our exceptional dean, the accomplished

student body, and the outstanding curriculum. All have served to place UC Davis as a top-tier law school.”

Judge Duong talked about the many attributes of a good attorney, and added that great attorneys also have “intrinsic values like compassion, integrity, ethics, and service to others. These are the very qualities that represent King Hall,” she said.

Judge Nunley made brief remarks before administering the federal oath, congratulating the families and friends of the new lawyers in the room for supporting them on their journey through legal education, and calling upon the Class of 2017 to make an impact on society as members of the “most noble profession.”

“Don’t just do something for a salary,” said Judge Nunley. “Do something because you have a passion for it, because you believe in it, and because you want to make a difference.”

Kimberly Lucia encouraged the Class of 2017 to “soak in” the feelings of excitement and enthusiasm that come with being sworn in as attorneys, and to hang onto their idealism and sense of purpose. She emphasized that staying connected to each other and to the School of Law would help them face the challenges ahead.

“I encourage you to give back in any way you can to the community that brought you here today,” said Lucia. “Leverage the privilege you now have as an attorney to help those who will follow in your footsteps, just as others have done for you.” 🌟





# Six King Hall Students Land Externships at **CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT**

Six UC Davis School of Law students were selected for prestigious judicial externships at the California Supreme Court during the fall of 2017. The number is believed to be King Hall's highest-ever total at California's highest court, and includes three students serving as externs with Chief Justice of California Tani Cantil-Sakauye '84.

Emily Lahl '18, Jane Martin '18, and Tanvi Shah '19 worked with the Chief Justice. Marc Coats '18 and Shannon McCaffrey '18 externed with Justice Goodwin Liu, and Raul Duran '18 served with Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar.

Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye said she was impressed with the King Hall contingent. "The students are thoughtful, hardworking, inquisitive, and collegial," she said. "I continue to remain pleased with the high quality of UC Davis law students."

As judicial externs, King Hall students conduct legal research and writing to support the work of a judge or of a court's central staff, which can

include law clerks and staff attorneys. Externs summarize and analyze cases and research legal questions, and often write bench memoranda, rulings, orders, and opinions.

"We include the externs in group meetings with the attorneys, and ask them, 'how did it look to you?' Their opinions are well-formed and pretty incisive," said Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye. "The externs are also present during court and there in the audience. They are engaged—listening and tracking."

"It's nice to put everything we're learning in school to use," said Martin. "We're reading cases for the court, and reading briefs, and then deciding what we think the answer should be. We are reviewing petitions, and then talking about them in conference. This experience will inform my brief writing, so I know what the court is looking for."

Shah said she feels especially fortunate to have the opportunity to work with the Chief Justice. "She's

great and very respectful," Shah said. "After oral argument, she will ask about our opinions and what worked and what didn't. I'm interested in a career in litigation, so having this kind of insight is helpful to see what it takes to get a case granted and go for oral argument."

Lahl, who plans to work as a prosecutor after graduation, said that one of the primary benefits of a judicial externship is the opportunity to learn how judges think about cases.

"Everyone wants to know what the judges are thinking, and now I'm behind the scenes to see what happens," said Lahl. "The magnitude of having this opportunity is awe-inspiring."

In addition to the California Supreme Court, in the fall of 2017 King Hall students were externs for the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California; the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California; the California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District; U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of California; and the Sacramento County Superior Court. 🏛️



## Trailblazer and Professor Miguel Méndez



Professor Miguel Méndez, one of the foremost scholars of his generation in the field of evidence law, a prominent civil rights attorney, and a distinguished legal educator who taught for decades at Stanford Law School before joining the UC Davis School of Law faculty in 2009, died on May 25, 2017 following a long battle with cancer.

“Miguel Méndez was a wonderful person as well as a scholar, teacher, mentor, and friend,” said Kevin R. Johnson, Dean of UC Davis School of Law. “Caring and decent as well as brilliant and full of life, Miguel was as honorable a person as there could be. UC Davis and the entire Davis community mourn his loss.”

Méndez grew up in Brownsville, Texas and was inspired to pursue a legal career by his father, a prominent judge and labor lawyer. He earned his undergraduate degree and juris doctorate at George Washington University and served as a law clerk for the United States Court of Claims and as a legislative assistant to U.S. Senator Alan Cranston. He went on to serve as a staff attorney at MALDEF (Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund), a deputy director of California Rural Legal Assistance, and as a deputy public defender in Monterey County, California.

In 1977, Méndez accepted an invitation to join the faculty at Stanford Law School, a decision that

launched a spectacular academic career. He was known as a devoted and innovative instructor, teaching Evidence, Criminal Law, Trial Advocacy, and other subjects. He published extensively, authoring *Evidence—A Concise Comparison of the Federal Rules with the California Code*; *Evidence: The California Evidence Code & the Federal Rules—A Problem Approach*; *Evidentiary Foundations: Proven Strategies and Techniques*, and *California Evidence*. His articles appeared in some of the nation’s leading law reviews, and his work was cited extensively in leading evidence scholarship.

Méndez won numerous honors for his scholarship and community work, including awards from the National Hispanic Bar Foundation (2008), Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (1989), Hispanic National Bar Association (1993), Legal Aid Society (2003), and Public Advocates (1997). In 1997, the California Assembly passed a resolution recognizing his work as a professor. He held the Adelbert H. Sweet Professor of Law Chair at Stanford, where he taught for more than 30 years.

Attracted by the opportunity to work with Dean Kevin R. Johnson and eager to be near his daughter, who had enrolled as an undergraduate at UC Davis, Méndez joined the King Hall faculty in 2009.

“This is a law school community that is very interested in providing a first-class legal education, and I can help make sure we do that here in Davis,” said Méndez.

Professor Méndez taught Evidence, Criminal Law, and Advanced Evidence until his retirement from full-time teaching in 2014. He is survived by his two daughters, Arabela and Gabriela. ▀

# KING HALL MOURNS PROFESSOR LESLEY MCALLISTER: SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED IN HER HONOR

Professor Lesley McAllister, a distinguished scholar and educator in the fields of environmental, natural resources, and energy law and an advocate for the rights of the terminally ill, died on August 30, 2017 following a long and courageous battle with cancer. Professor McAllister was admired for her fierce and incisive intellect, unwavering integrity, and formidable work ethic. A widely respected academic devoted to the public good, she focused her research on the role of law and regulation — in the U.S. and across the world — in addressing climate change and other environmental problems.

“Professor Lesley McAllister was a brilliant teacher and scholar, and a courageous person who used her skills and training for the public good, fighting to protect the environment and for the rights of the terminally ill,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. “She was an inspiration to all of us, and the King Hall community mourns her loss.”

Professor McAllister joined the UC Davis School of Law faculty in 2013 as a tenured Professor of Law, arriving from the University of San Diego School of Law, where she served as the Stanley Legro Professor in Environmental Law. She earned her undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from Princeton University, and after a stint in the Peace Corps working in Costa Rica, she went on to earn a J.D. from Stanford Law School and a Ph.D. from UC Berkeley. She clerked for Judge Fern M. Smith of the Northern District of California, then joined the law faculty at the University of San Diego, where she wrote *Climate Change Law & Policy* (Aspen, Wolter Lluwer, 2012) and *Making Law Matter: Environmental Protection and Legal Institutions in Brazil* (Stanford University Press, 2008), as well as numerous articles in leading law journals.

Professor McAllister arrived at King Hall just three months prior to being diagnosed with lung cancer. She shared many details of her struggle with the disease in an article published in the Princeton Alumni Weekly, including her joy at being able to return to teaching following a 2014 surgery. Motivated in part by her desire to give her children “an example of a good death,” she advocated for and helped to pass California’s End of Life Option Act, which became law in 2015, allowing physicians to prescribe lethal doses of drugs to terminally ill patients. Despite additional surgery and chemotherapy, Professor McAllister’s cancer became active again in 2016.

“As associate dean, I’ve seen first-hand Lesley’s dedication to

her students,” said Senior Associate Dean Madhavi Sunder at a Festschrift for Lesley McAllister held in January 2017. “Between grueling treatments and surgeries, she steadfastly taught her first-year students in Property and her advanced students in a variety of environmental law topics.”

Although expected to survive no more than six months at the time of her diagnosis, Professor McAllister fought cancer for nearly four years before dying peacefully in hospice care, surrounded by family.

“Lesley defied all the odds fueled by her love for her beautiful children, Nathan and Erin, her husband and family, and all the things she cared about in this world so passionately and deeply, especially our beautiful planet,” said Sunder. “Our hearts are broken as we mourn our courageous and beautiful Lesley, who left us tragically much too soon.”

With leadership gifts from Professor of Environmental Practice Richard Frank ’74 and Professor Albert Lin, UC Davis School of Law established the Lesley McAllister Scholarship Fund to honor her memory and support King Hall environmental law students.

Recipients of the Lesley McAllister Scholarship will be second- or third-year King Hall students with a demonstrated interest and engagement in environmental law and/or policy. Gifts to support the scholarship may be made online via the Lesley McAllister Scholarship Fund webpage (<https://give.ucdavis.edu/LFIS/324091>). 📄



## Lesley McAllister Festschrift publication and celebration

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*Reception to follow*

The student journal, *Environs*, will publish the Festschrift and King Hall faculty will speak about Professor McAllister.

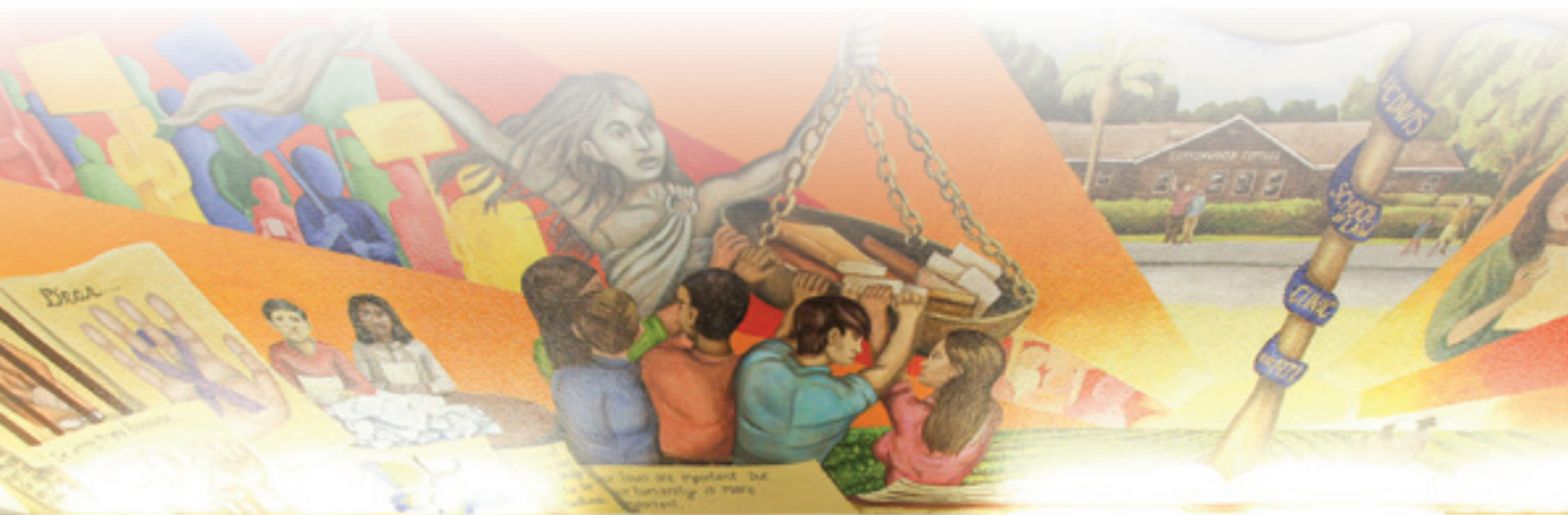
# King Hall Launches **AOKI WATER JUSTICE CLINIC**

UC Davis School of Law has launched the Aoki Water Justice Clinic, an innovative addition to its award-winning clinical programs. The clinic will advocate for healthy water supplies for all Californians. It is a project of the Aoki Center for Critical Race and Nation Studies in partnership with the California Environmental Law and Policy Center and is receiving grant funding from the California State Water Resources Control Board.

Currently, more than one million Californians lack access to clean, safe, and affordable drinking water. Most live in rural California, and identify with communities of color. The mission of the Water Justice Clinic will be to strengthen water systems in those communities in order to provide residents with access to clean, affordable, and safe drinking water. The clinic will also advocate for policies

that fund needed improvements to those systems, address groundwater contamination, and ensure that rural voices are fully represented in future California water management decisions. King Hall students play a critical role in the clinic's work, assisting underserved communities and partnering with grassroots organizations while receiving training in water justice and related issues.

The Water Justice Clinic operates under the direction of Camille Pannu, a graduate of UC Berkeley School of Law who has worked on environmental justice cases for the Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment as an Equal Justice Works Fellow in the San Joaquin Valley. She has also clerked for Judge Stefan Underhill of the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut and Judge Richard Paez of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. 🏠



## **NEW MURAL HONORS WORK OF LAW SCHOOL CLINICS**

A new mural by UC Davis Professor Maceo Montoya and students enrolled in his Chicana/o Studies Mural Workshop course adorns the wall of the large meeting room in UC Davis School of Law clinic cottage. The mural was installed to honor the social justice work of the Civil Rights Clinic, the Family Protection and Legal Assistance Clinic, the Immigration Law Clinic, and the Prison Law Clinic.

# Alumni Highlights

**Varun Aery '16**, now an LL.M. student at the University of Michigan, was accepted by the prestigious Luce Scholarship Program.

Following a productive year as a Monterey County Supervisor and community leader, **Luis Alejo '01** was sworn in as Chair of the Board of Supervisors on January 9. Among his many accomplishments, he authored a resolution to make Monterey County the first “Dreamers County” in the nation.

**Jay Carlisle '69**, Professor Emeritus at Pace University School of Law, was honored with the school's Distinguished Service Award. Carlisle, who has been part of the Pace faculty since 1978, retired from full-time teaching in 2016.

California Governor Jerry Brown appointed seven UC Davis School of Law alumni as California superior court judges during 2017: **Lauri A. Damrell '05** (Sacramento County Superior Court), **Sarah J. Heidel '00** (Los Angeles County Superior Court), **Kira Klatchko '04** (Riverside County Superior Court), **Shama Mesiwala '98** (Sacramento County Superior Court), **Cynthia P. Smith '98** (Napa County Superior Court), **Kellee C. Westbrook '99** (Stanislaus County Superior Court), and **Victoria D. Wood '97** (Napa County Superior Court). In addition, **Kathleen Meehan '85** was appointed to the Fifth District Court of Appeal.

**Rebecca Delfino '92** has joined the faculty of Loyola Law School in Los Angeles as a clinical professor of law.

**Kathryn Doi '85** has been elected as Vice President of the California New Motor Vehicle Board (NMVB).

**Kathleen A. Doty '08** has been appointed as Director of the Dean Rusk International Law Center at the University of Georgia School of Law.

**Mark Edwards '82** and his wife, Lori Edwards, received Honorary Doctorates of Humane Letters from California State University, San Bernardino in recognition of their work on behalf of foster youth through CSUSB's Renaissance Scholars Educational Opportunity Program.

**Ryan T. Holte '08**, the David L. Brennan Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Center for Intellectual Property Law and Technology at the University of Akron School of Law, has been nominated to the United States Court of Federal Claims by President Donald Trump.

**Frank Huerta '04** was appointed Interim Director of Central California Legal Services. Huerta is an attorney and team leader with the CCLS Consumer/Tax/Seniors unit.

Utah State Senator **Jani Iwamoto '85** has been named by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan as a recipient of the Foreign Minister's Commendation for fiscal year 2016-17.

**John Ly '06** was honored with the Rebecca Nichols Emerging Leader Award by Bet Tzedek, a nonprofit human rights and poverty rights organization based in Los Angeles.

**David Lynch '96**, an assistant Sacramento County public defender, argued and won a case before the California Supreme Court. The case, *K.R. v. Superior Court of Sacramento County*, affirms that for juveniles who enter into a plea agreement, an implied term of that agreement is that the judge who accepts the plea will also be the judge who pronounces sentence, barring a waiving of that right by the pleading defendant.

**Liam McKenna '12** has been appointed as general counsel for the House Oversight & Government Reform

Committee. McKenna was selected by Congressman Jason Chaffetz, U.S. representative for Utah's 3rd congressional district and the Chair of the Committee.

**Rosemary Metrailler '77** received SacLEGAL's Founders' Award for her efforts on behalf of gay rights and against job discrimination.

**Marc Picker '88** has been appointed by the Washoe County Board of Commissioners as the new Alternate Public Defender for Nevada's Washoe County.

**Esmeralda Soria '11** has been elected as president of the Fresno City Council. Soria was elected to the council in 2014 and became the first woman to represent Fresno's District 1.

**Gary Solis '71** has been named as recipient of the UC Davis School of Law Alumni Association's 2018 Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Sacramento Mayor **Darrell Steinberg '84** accepted the UC Davis School of Law Alumni Association's 2017 Distinguished Alumnus Award at “Celebrating King Hall” held March 2 at the UC Davis ARC Ballroom.

**Joan Story '77** has been elected as President of the Port of Oakland.

**Liza Thantranon '10**, Managing Attorney for Health at Legal Services of Northern California, has been named as a member of the “Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40—Class of 2017” by the National LGBT Bar.

**Monika Kalra Varma '00** was appointed Executive Director of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area.

**Diane Wasznicky '80** has been honored by Association of Certified Family Law Specialists with the ACFLS Hall of Fame Award. 🏆



## IMMIGRATION IN CRISIS

### LOCATION:

**King Hall** – ongoing series from 12-1 p.m.  
Lunch will be served.

The UC Davis School of Law is internationally recognized for its depth of expertise in Immigration Law. Today's news headlines, Congressional showdowns and fierce public debate all revolve around immigration policies regarding undocumented immigrants, open vs. closed borders and migrant labor. Our lecture series will provide informed discussion rather than rhetoric. The United States is at a critical juncture in immigration reform – experts from King Hall will give insight into how policy actions impact human rights, labor, DREAMers and refugees.

- ▶ **February 28, 2018** – “Challenging the American Dream: The Future of DACA”
- ▶ **March 15, 2018** – “The Story of Immigrant Worker Centers and their Advocates” in conjunction with 21st Century Coolies Conference
- ▶ **April 3, 2018** – “Providing and Taking Away Sanctuary for Immigrants and Refugees”
- ▶ **April 24, 2018** – “How Racism Drives Immigration Policy and the Role of the Courts”

### FEATURING UC DAVIS SCHOOL OF LAW FACULTY:



**Kevin R. Johnson**  
Dean and Mabie-Apallas  
Professor of Public Interest Law  
and Chicana/o Studies



**Raquel Aldana**  
Professor of Law and Associate  
Vice Chancellor for Academic  
Diversity



**Gabriel “Jack” Chin**  
Edward L. Barrett Jr. Chair of Law,  
Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Professor of Law and Director of  
Clinical Legal Education



**Amagda Pérez**  
Lecturer and Co-director of  
the UC Davis School of Law  
Immigration Law Clinic



**Shayak Sarkar**  
Acting Professor of Law



**Brian Soucek**  
Acting Professor of Law



**Rose Cuison Villazor**  
Professor of Law

## THE FIRST, THE ONLY, OR ONE OF THE FEW:

The UC Davis School of Law faculty changed dramatically during the course of Evelyn Lewis's teaching career. When she arrived in 1989, King Hall, like most law schools of the era, had few women faculty members and even fewer people of color. By the time she retired from full-time teaching last year, the School of Law was home to the only "majority minority" faculty of any leading American law school.

"It has been an absolute transformation," said Lewis, "and I think I've been part of that."

By the time she arrived in Davis, Lewis was already used to being a groundbreaker. She had been the first African American to earn membership in the University of North Carolina's Phi Beta Kappa chapter, a leader in the effort to establish UNC's African American Studies program, and the first African American female partner in any majority-owned Bay Area law firm.

During 15 years of practice at Steinhart & Falconer in San Francisco, she discovered a love of transactional law, even as she encountered some resistance from colleagues and clients.

"As an African American raised in the segregated South, I was used to battling for the rights of black people, so to find myself in an environment where I also had to fight for women's rights was interesting and new for me," Lewis said. "I've sometimes had to figure out whether the issue was with me being a woman, or me being a minority, or both."

At the time, few law firms had female partners and even fewer had policies in place to accommodate working mothers. When Lewis became pregnant, she felt she was in "an unsustainable situation." Her friend and mentor Derek Bell, who had been the first tenured African American Professor of Law at Harvard, encouraged her to consider academia and recommended her to recruiters at King Hall, who invited her for a visit.

"I remember the day I drove up to the campus, and it was so peaceful and beautiful," Lewis said. "I had been exhausted, but my spirit lifted, and I felt like this was the place for my next career move."

At UC Davis, her extensive experience in business law proved invaluable, as she quickly established herself as an outstanding teacher of courses including Trusts, Wills and Estates—or "Twee" as she likes to call it—and worked to establish new courses such as Transactional Drafting and Nonprofits. She was a popular teacher, and won the William and Sally Rutter 2012 Distinguished Teaching Award.

Lewis was also very active in the King Hall community, supporting student organizations including the Real

## PROFESSOR EMERITA EVELYN LEWIS



Estate Law Students Association and Black Law Students Association. She repeatedly served on the Admissions Committee during an era when faculty was deeply involved in selecting incoming students. She also served on the Appointments Committee for eight consecutive years at a time when Deans Rex Perschbacher and Kevin R. Johnson were determined to diversify the faculty.

"I feel that we did a great job with both faculty and students, increasing the number of women and minorities while always getting quality people and being mindful of relevant laws," Lewis said.

After back problems prompted her to retire from full-time teaching last year, Lewis took only one semester off before returning to teach "Twee," and she's set to teach one course per semester in 2017-18. "I think it keeps you thoughtful and involved and vibrant, and keeping that vibrancy is important as you become more mature in age," she said.

Lewis said that retirement has given her the opportunity to "live life more deeply" by spending time with friends and family. She feels grateful for that, and for her experiences as a trailblazer in law and legal education.

"Most of my career, I've been the first, the only, or one of the few," said Lewis. "I ended up surviving the wars, some would say. I've been blessed in that I've always been employed in places that had great humanity." 🌟



## A Different Kind of Reception

### SHAMA HAKIM MESIWALA '98

For some law students, networking comes naturally. For others, it can be a struggle to meet new people and forge the personal connections that are such an important part of launching a successful legal career.

“The experience I remember is that you get invited to receptions, and you feel out of place,” said Shama Hakim Mesiwala '98. “You don't know what to do, you think nobody wants to talk to you, and after a couple of these functions, you stop going.”

A co-founder of the South Asian Bar Association (SABA) of Sacramento and now a Sacramento Superior Court Judge, Mesiwala worked through SABA to create a different kind of reception. As one of California's few Muslim judicial officials, Mesiwala is aware of the importance of fostering diversity in the legal profession.

Ten years ago, she started a Diversity Law Student Reception, an annual event held in her backyard. The reception has grown from about 80 participants in its first year to more than 200 at the September 2017 gathering where Chief Justice of California Tani Cantil-Sakauye '84 spoke about the important role mentors played in her own career and the pressing need for diversity in California's legal community.

Also present was King Hall's Senior Associate Dean Madhavi Sunder. “The event, which began with just a handful of judges a decade ago, has grown into a phenomenal space for celebrating and supporting diversity in the profession,” Sunder said. 🌟

## Professor Bennoune, Accompanied by King Hall Students, PRESENTS TO UNITED NATIONS

Professor Karima Bennoune, acting in her capacity as United Nations Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, gave a series of high-profile presentations to the UN during 2017, speaking on fundamentalism, extremism, women's rights, and cultural rights.

In March, she presented a report at the meeting of UN Human Rights Council in Geneva. Accompanying her were King Hall students Juli King '18 and Reema Pangarkar '18. In the report, Bennoune expressed concerns over the normalization of fundamentalist and extremist ideology and rhetoric in numerous political and social contexts.

In a joint statement, King and Pangarkar said “Accompanying Professor Bennoune to the UN Human Rights Council was a great experience for both of us, as we're both interested in international human rights and cultural rights. Being able to see the inner workings of the

UN Human Rights Council provided us with an experience students do not get in academic courses.”

Also in March, Bennoune presented at a series of events during the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York City. Jasjot Maan '18 accompanied her on that trip. In July, Bennoune delivered the keynote address opening a seminar in Geneva on “Cultural Rights and the Protection of Cultural Heritage” that was organized by the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. In October, she presented before the UN General Assembly in New York City on the ways in which diverse forms of fundamentalism and extremism pose a growing threat to women's rights around the world. Also in October, Professor Bennoune spoke at an international roundtable on “Responding to Cultural Cleansing, Preventing Violent Extremism” hosted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris. 🌟



## King Hall Alumni Lead the Way on **UC DAVIS GIVE DAY**

The King Hall community gave more than \$50,000 to the School of Law as part of the first-ever UC Davis Give Day event, contributing 100 gifts—the second-highest total of any UC Davis professional school.

“Lawyers are competitive,” said John McKinsey ’99, who helped spearhead King Hall’s Give Day campaign. “Our alums wanted to beat out the other professional schools, and the result was a healthy competition that benefitted everyone.”

For Give Day, UC Davis encouraged all alumni to make a gift during the 29-hour period beginning at noon on April 21 and running through April 22, the date of the 2017 Picnic Day celebration. The university received more than \$1.2 million from 3,025 gifts, thanks in large part to alumni volunteers who sent hundreds of social media posts and referral links encouraging classmates, friends, and family to give.

Driving the effort on behalf of the School of Law were McKinsey and fellow King Hall Alumni Board members Gary Solis ’71 and Beth Inadomi ’85. All three agreed to make challenge gifts, with McKinsey pledging \$5,000, Solis promising \$6,000, and Inadomi committing \$5,000.

“When the subject of Give Day first came up, those of us on the Alumni Board said, ‘We can lead the way here,’” said Solis, who teaches at the Georgetown University Law Center and George Washington University Law School. “I was asked whether I would be willing to make a contribution that could

serve as an example and encourage others to give, and I was pleased to do that. I was also very pleased by the response, not necessarily to my example, but to Give Day as a whole.”

Solis said that McKinsey was “the driving force,” contacting representatives of each King Hall class and encouraging them to reach out to classmates.

“I sent emails to each of the classes, and I got a lot of personal responses as well as a lot of giving,” said McKinsey, who is a partner at LeClairRyan and frequently teaches an Energy Law seminar at King Hall. “But it wasn’t about me. I just helped to channel the interest and the energy level we have in so many of our alums. There were quite a few alums who responded, and several reached out to their classes. The list is too long to even include in an article.”

McKinsey said that he was most pleased with the overall participation level and the large number of new donors. “I think sometimes people feel like they don’t have a lot of money to give, so maybe it isn’t worthwhile to make a small gift,” said McKinsey. “Give Day encourages everyone to participate, even people who can only give a minimal amount. That participation has a value that goes beyond the dollar amount. The smallest gift shows a commitment from your class, and from our King Hall community, and encourages others to participate as well. That’s what I liked about Give Day, and I am excited about doing it again for Give Day in 2018.” 🏆

## UC Davis School of Law is proud to **CELEBRATE DIVERSITY!**

- 1 in 5 first-generation college students.
- Only “majority-minority” faculty of leading American law schools.
- One of the most diverse student bodies in the nation.



## REW IKAZAKI '87: GRATITUDE AND GIVING

After 30 years as a successful business attorney, Rew Ikazaki '87 has learned to “hit the pause button.” He’s taking some time to reflect, and finding ways to give back. That’s why he created the Herbert T. and Frances K. Ikazaki Scholarship at UC Davis School of Law.

“I’ve been thinking about my life, how fortunate I’ve been, and that started the wheels turning,” said Ikazaki, who recently left Tesla after five years as a chief counsel. “I’m now in a good position to be able to share the benefits which many others have helped me achieve.”

In naming the scholarship, Ikazaki wanted to honor his parents. “I’ve raised my son, and I understand the responsibility and challenges of being a parent,” he said. “I certainly didn’t appreciate everything they did back then.”

Ikazaki’s father was an attorney in Honolulu, and watching him at work and in the community inspired dreams of becoming a lawyer. After earning his undergraduate degree at UCLA, Ikazaki came to King Hall and found himself enjoying the small town feel of Davis and the welcome he received from his classmates and professors.



Rew Ikazaki

“We very quickly became a community,” he said. “You definitely got to know everyone in your class. We also got to know the professors outside of the classroom.”

While at UC Davis, Ikazaki also enrolled in the Graduate School of Management as one of the first students pursuing the joint degree program. Having the dual background helped him in his law career, Ikazaki said. Early on, Ikazaki worked at a Tokyo law firm and as foreign in-house counsel at Japan’s second largest ink and diversified chemical company. He returned to California to join Sun Microsystems where he spent 11 years before Oracle’s acquisition of the company.

Thereafter, he worked at Trident Microsystems for a year before joining Tesla’s legal team in late 2011. Now that his son is in graduate school, Ikazaki feels that he’s in a position to reflect on his life and career, and find ways to give back.

“It’s one of the things I discuss when speaking with students,” said Ikazaki. “It’s important to remember how fortunate we are to have had these opportunities, to acknowledge all the help we received along the way, and to now share some of what we’ve been able to accomplish and support those following in our paths.” 🌟

## KING HALL HOSTS ABA REGIONAL NEGOTIATIONS COMPETITION, UC DAVIS TEAM PLACES THIRD

UC Davis School of Law hosted the 2017 ABA Regional Law Student Negotiations Competition in the Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom on November 4-5, 2017, marking the first time King Hall has hosted this prestigious event.

Twenty teams from across ABA Region 10 traveled to UC Davis for the competition, including students from Lewis & Clark Law School, University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, Santa Clara University School of Law, Seattle University School of Law, UC Berkeley School of Law, UC Hastings College of the Law, University of Idaho College of Law, and University of Oregon School of Law. This year’s topic was National Security Law.

Competitors from the King Hall Negotiations Team (KHNT) included the teams of Stefan Weidemann '19 and Lexi Airey '19, Kim Angulo '19 and Priyam Desai '19, and Alejandro Marin '19 and Sara Taylor '19.

The teams of Angulo and Desai and Weidemann and

Airey tied for fourth place in the preliminary rounds. Angulo and Desai advanced to Sunday’s final round after a close tiebreaker. In addition to the competitors from UC Davis, teams from McGeorge, the University of Oregon, and UC Berkeley also advanced to the finals. In a close final round, the University of Oregon narrowly took the first-place spot. McGeorge and UC Davis tied for second place; the tiebreaker went to McGeorge, resulting in a third-place finish for the UC Davis team of Angulo and Desai. UC Berkeley came in fourth.

The King Hall Negotiations Team said that thanks were due to the practitioners who acted as competition judges, and to the King Hall alumni who came from as far as Los Angeles to support their efforts. Special thanks were due to Professor Donna Shestowsky, faculty advisor, for her commitment to the negotiations team and her extra support in hosting the competition at King Hall, and to the Dean’s Office for generous financial support. 🌟

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New Legislation,” with David Kamin, David Gamage, Ari D. Glogower, Rebecca M. Kysar, Darien Shanske, Reuven S. Avi-Yonah, Lily T. Batchelder, J. Clifton Fleming, Daniel Jacob Hemel, Mitchell Kane, David S. Miller, Daniel Shaviro, and Manjol Viswanathan. (2017)

“Tax Cannibalization and Fiscal Federalism in the United States,” with David Gamage, *Northwestern University Law Review* (2017)

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**Donna Shestowsky**, Professor of Law  
“I Didn’t Do That!”: Event Valence and Child Age Influence Adults’ Discernment of Preschoolers’ True and False Statements,” with co-authors, *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* (forthcoming)

“When Ignorance is Not Bliss: An Empirical Study of Litigants’ Awareness of Court-Sponsored Alternative Dispute Resolution Programs,” *Harvard Negotiation Law Review* (2017)

“How Litigants Evaluate the Characteristics of Legal Procedures: A Multi-Court Empirical Study,” *UC Davis Law Review* (2016)

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**Brian Soucek**, Acting Professor of Law  
“Marriage, Morality, and Federalism: The U.S. and Europe Compared,” *International Journal of Constitutional Law* (forthcoming 2018)

“Aesthetic Judgment in Law,” *Alabama Law Review* (selected for presentation at the Harvard/Stanford/Yale Junior Faculty Forum 2016) (2017)

“Hively’s Self-Induced Blindness,” *Yale Law Journal Forum* (2017)

**Madhavi Sunder**, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Daniel J. Dykstra Endowed Chair

“Intellectual Property in Experience,” *Michigan Law Review* (forthcoming 2018)

“The Battle to Define Asia’s Intellectual Property Law: From TPP to RCEP,” with Anupam Chander, *UC Irvine Law Review* (forthcoming 2018)

“The Law of Look and Feel,” with Peter Lee, *Southern California Law Review* (2017)

Author of the most cited International Intellectual Property Article of the decade (2016)

- <http://writtendescription.blogspot.com/2016/03/most-cited-ip-law-articles-published-in.html> (for Madhavi Sunder, IP3, 59 *Stanford Law Review* 257 (2006))
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**Aaron Tang**, Acting Professor of Law  
“School Vouchers, Special Education & The Supreme Court,” *University of Pennsylvania Law Review* (forthcoming 2019)

“Rethinking Political Power in Judicial Review,” *California Law Review* (forthcoming 2018)

“Whose Money Is It Anyways: Have We Been Wrong About Agency Fees All Along?,” *Harvard Law Review Forum* (forthcoming 2018)

“Reverse Political Process Theory,” *Vanderbilt Law Review* (2017)

“Public Sector Unions, the First Amendment, and the Costs of Collective Bargaining,” *NYU Law Review* (2016)

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**Dennis Ventry Jr.**, Professor of Law  
*Federal Income Taxation*, with co-editors, 7th ed., for Foundation Press (2017)  
*Discussion Problems for Federal Income Taxation*, with co-editors, 7th. ed., for Foundation Press (2017)

“Stitches for Snitches: Lawyers as Whistleblowers,” *UC Davis Law Review* (2017)

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**Rose Cuison Villazor**, Professor of Law  
“Sanctuary Networks,” *Minnesota Law Review* (forthcoming 2019)

“Rewriting Chae Chan Ping v. United States,” in *Critical Race Judgments*, with editors Bennett Capers et. al (forthcoming 2019)

*Asian Americans and the Law*, with Neil Gotanda and Robert Chang, *NYU Press* (forthcoming 2018)

“Problematizing the Insular Cases and the Protection of Culture,” *Harvard Law Review Forum* (2018)

“Loving v. Virginia 50 Years Later: Interracial Marriages and Property Law,” *Fordham Law Review* (2018)

“U.S. Citizen Children and their ‘New Property’ Right to their Immigrant Families,” *Family Law Quarterly* (2018)

“Contemporary Barriers to Interracial Relationships,” *Fordham Law Review* (forthcoming 2018)

“Sanctuary Everywhere,” *UC Davis Law Review* (forthcoming 2018)

“American Nationals and Interstitial Citizenship,” *Fordham Law Review* (2017) 🌟



### **KING HALL COMMUNITY SUPPORTS THE UC DAVIS PANTRY**

UC Davis School of Law staff, faculty, and students turned out in support of the UC Davis Pantry, providing volunteer service and donations as part of King Hall's "adopt a week" program. From September 26-29, 2017 about three dozen members of the King Hall community participated as volunteers for the food bank, and many more contributed food, toiletries, and funding.

"It's been really great to see the Law School's excitement in getting involved," said Rosa Maria (Rosy) Martinez, Unit Director of the Pantry and a UC Davis undergraduate who works as a dean's assistant at King Hall. "Even the deans at the School of Law took time to volunteer, and I think that shows the Law School really cares about the university and all of its students."

King Hall volunteers included Dean Kevin R. Johnson, Senior Assistant Dean for Administration Brett Burns, Professors Gabriel "Jack" Chin and Lisa Pruitt, Executive Director of Development and Alumni Relations Karen Charney, and Assistant Dean of Career Services Craig Compton. Volunteers signed up for a total of 32 hours of service, stocking shelves, assisting with food distribution, and providing front desk support. In addition, the King Hall community made generous donations of non-perishable foods and toiletries to bins placed outside the Mabie Law Library, the Dean's Office, and Career Services.

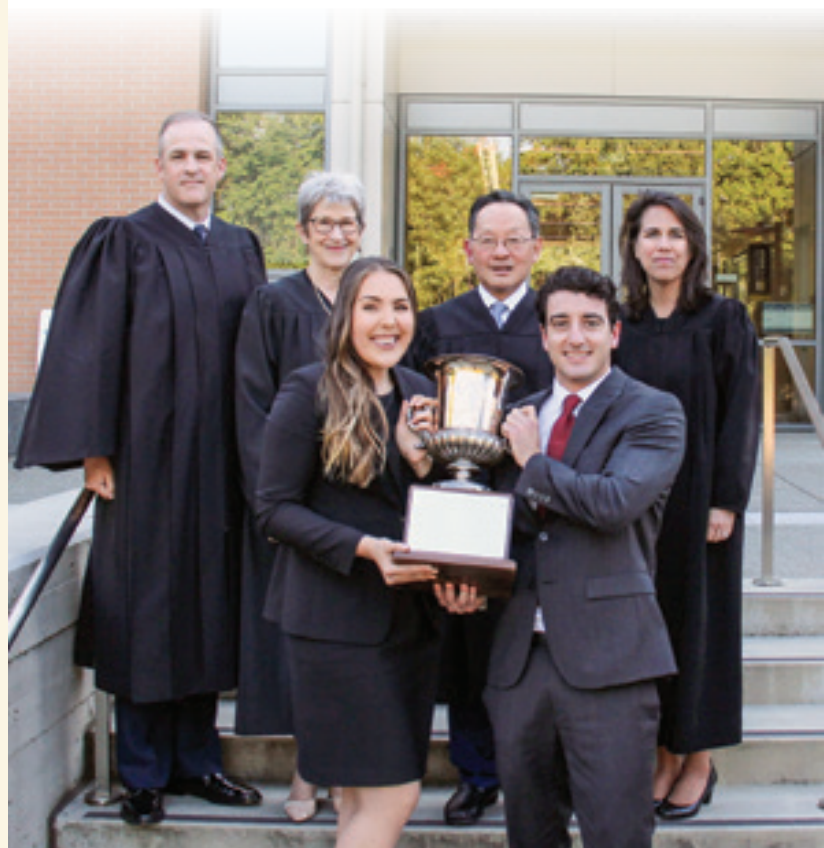
Formed in 2011 in response to concerns about food insecurity on campus, the Pantry is a student-run organization that provides up to three meals or personal items per day to UC Davis students. According to the University of California's "2016 Student Food Access and Security" study, 19 percent of UC students experience "very low" food security, which is defined as reduced food intake at times due to limited resources. 🌱

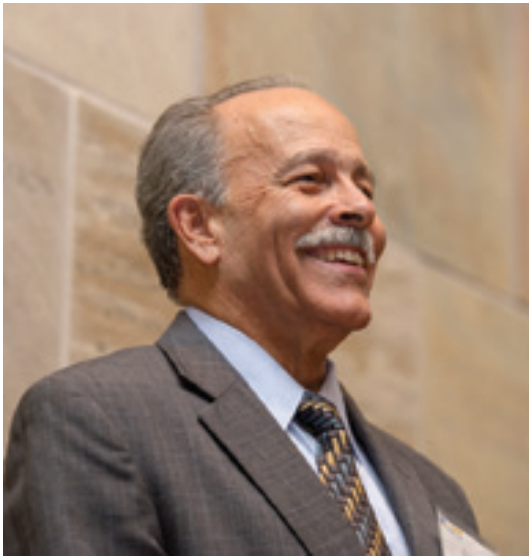
## **King Hall Students Shine in 2017 Neumiller Competition**

UC Davis School of Law hosted another highly successful Irving L. Neumiller Competition on April 20, 2017 as the team of Rebecca Friedemann '18 and Anton Swain-Gil '18 narrowly edged Paolo Hermoso '18 and Sarah Oh '18 before a panel of distinguished judges in the Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom.

This year's problem involved a treason prosecution and Fourth Amendment search and seizure issue. Hermoso and Oh represented the petitioner/defendant, while Friedemann and Swain-Gil advocated on behalf of the United States. The students argued before a panel of judges including Justice Elena Duarte of the California Third District Court of Appeal, Justice Ming Chin of the California Supreme Court, Justice Kathleen Butz '81, also of the Third District Court of Appeal, and Lt. Col. Brendon Tukey, Judge Advocate of the U.S. Air Force Western Judicial Circuit.

The Neumiller Competition is the culmination of each year's Appellate Advocacy program at King Hall, wherein top students are selected to compete in front of a panel of distinguished judges. In recent years, the panels have included Chief Justice of California Tani Cantil-Sakauye '84, Justice Leandra Kruger of the Supreme Court of California, and Ninth Circuit Judges Alex Kozinski, Michael Daly Hawkins, Sandra S. Ikuta, Stephen Reinhardt, and Mary Schroeder, among others. 🌱







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CLASS OF 2007



CLASS OF 2012













UC DAVIS '18  
GIVEDAY  
april 20–21 | every aggie counts

**OUR ANNUAL GIVE DAY** event runs from Friday, April 20 at 12 p.m. to Saturday, April 21 at 5 p.m. King Hall alumni are making challenge gifts including Daniel Ichinaga '83, Beth Inadomi '85, Kim Lucia '09, John McKinsey '99, Gary Solis '71, and Bijal Vakil '96.

Several classes will also be adding their class gift funds during Give Day.

Join them by making a gift to UC Davis School of Law, together we add up!

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## 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **APRIL 4, WEDNESDAY**

Asian Pacific American  
Law Students Association  
(APALSA) Banquet

### **APRIL 13, 14, FRI-SAT**

Admitted Students  
Weekend

*King Hall, UC Davis*

### **APRIL 24, TUESDAY**

Immigration in Crisis  
Lecture Series: "How  
Racism Drives Immigration  
Policy and the Role of  
the Courts"

*King Hall, UC Davis*

### **APRIL 27, FRIDAY**

Public Service Graduation  
*King Hall, UC Davis*

### **MAY 10, THURSDAY**

Alumni and Admitted  
Student Reception

*Sheppard, Mullin, Richter &  
Hampton LLP  
San Francisco, Calif.*

### **MAY 15, TUESDAY**

Lesley McAllister  
Festschrift

*King Hall, UC Davis*

### **MAY 18, FRIDAY**

Environmental Law  
Certificate Ceremony  
*King Hall, UC Davis*

### **MAY 19, SATURDAY**

Class of 2018  
Commencement  
*Mondavi Center, UC Davis*

### **MAY 22, TUESDAY**

Alumni Reception in Alaska  
*South Restaurant + Coffee  
House  
Anchorage, Alaska*

### **JUNE 18-21, MON-THURS**

Summer Tax Institute  
*King Hall, UC Davis*

### **JULY 10, TUESDAY**

Supreme Court Year in  
Review

*Weintraub | Tobin  
Sacramento, Calif.*

### **AUGUST 12, SUNDAY**

Class of 2021 Welcome  
BBQ  
*Alumni Center, UC Davis*

*Please visit the School of Law website at [law.ucdavis.edu](http://law.ucdavis.edu) and  
navigate to "News & Events" for details and additional event  
listings.*