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MESSAGE from Dean Rachel F. Moran

Welcome to this year’s UCLA Law Review Symposium, “Examining the Roots of Human Trafficking and Exploitation.” Our annual law review symposium always focuses on a critical concern, and this year is no exception. During the two days to come, our distinguished participants will address the historical causes and legal dynamics of trafficking and exploitation to help shed light on the issues, bring the insights of survivors to the forefront and further a dialog on how to tackle pressing community needs. We are honored that California Attorney General Kamala Harris, our keynote speaker, will discuss the state’s efforts to combat trafficking and bring perpetrators of these crimes to justice. We are also privileged to welcome an esteemed group of scholars and community leaders in the fields of law, medicine, social work, sociology and public health, as well as leaders among trafficking and exploitation survivors. I know that a great deal of hard work has gone into conceptualizing and realizing this event. I greatly appreciate all of the efforts of our student-run UCLA Law Review, whose members helped spearhead the organization of the symposium, as well as the support of our faculty, alumni and numerous event sponsors. I know that our panelists will foster an enlightened discussion on this crucial area in law, policy and practice. Thank you for being here and for your participation.

Warmly,

Rachel F. Moran
Dean and Michael J. Connell Distinguished Professor of Law

WELCOME from the Editors, UCLA Law Review Symposium

Thank you for attending the 2014-15 UCLA Law Review Symposium. The UCLA Law Review is honored to be hosting so many compelling and influential speakers over these two days, who will provide insight on the historical causes, current state, and future of human trafficking and exploitation. This Symposium would not be possible without the continued support of the UCLA Law Administration and UCLA Community. Additionally, we are grateful to the faculty, staff, presenters, and our sponsors, all of whom were instrumental in bringing this event together. We would like to especially thank Dr. Beth Ribet, Symposium Faculty Advisor, for her vision and devotion to this event.

The Law Review holds the annual symposium to provide insight on a pressing community need, and we are very fortunate to be able to do so. It is the Law Review’s hope that you leave this symposium with a greater understanding of human trafficking and exploitation law and policy.

Emily Given
Editor-in-Chief, UCLA Law Review

Jason Stavely
Symposium Editor, UCLA Law Review

WELCOME from Repair

As an organization focused on the health and disabling effects of violence, exploitation and inequity, we are pleased and grateful to partner with the UCLA Law Review in this two day symposium. We are particularly glad to have participated in developing an educational program that actively includes survivor leadership and participation, and that engages deeper questions of racial, gender and economic vulnerability to exploitation. We want to thank all the speakers and presenters for giving generously of their time and substantial expertise and experience. We’re amazed by and admiring of the work and insight embodied in this group of speakers and participants. We also appreciate, and thank the attendees for committing to learning, engaging, and supporting this program. We don’t take lightly the commitment to take time away from work or school, to brave Los Angeles traffic, and to spend the day receiving information and thinking and talking about extremes of human suffering. Welcome!

Beth Ribet
Co-Director & Co-Founder of Repair, and Symposium Faculty Advisor

Claudia Peña
Co-Director & Co-Founder of Repair
Symposium Schedule

Thursday, January 29, 2015

9:00am-9:30am | UCLA School of Law, Room 1347
INTRODUCTIONS
Jason Stavely, UCLA Law Review Symposium Editor
Rachel F. Moran, Dean and Michael J. Connell Distinguished Professor of Law
Christine Littleton, Vice-Provost, Diversity & Faculty Development

9:40am-10:15am | UCLA School of Law, Room 1347
WELCOMING REMARKS
Dr. Beth Ribet

10:30am-12:15pm | UCLA School of Law, Room 1347
THE ROOTS OF VIOLENCE: INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES ON TRAFFICKING, EXPLOITATION & LAW
Indigenous populations throughout North America, and in many parts of the world, contend with increased risk of trafficking and exploitation. This session will discuss the necessity of understanding trafficking and exploitation in their historical contexts while engaging present legal and social realities. Participants will discuss the crucial insights that indigenous communities bring to questions of systemic domination, property, and ownership and exploitation of persons. This session aims to encourage thoughtful race and gender conscious analysis of the context and consequences of trafficking and exploitation.

Christine Stark
Victoria Sweet
Professor Sarah Deer
Dr. Robyn Bourgeois

Chair: Professor Mishuana Goeman
Discussant: Professor Julian Agnon

12:15-12:30pm
PERFORMANCE BY DR. LORRAINE BONNER

12:45-2:45pm
LUNCH & CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION 1 | UCLA School of Law, Room 1420
COORDINATED LEGAL RESPONSES TO TRAFFICKING & EXPLOITATION: INFORMATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT & LEGAL ADVOCATES

This session shares information about the new and ongoing approaches taken by Southern California organizations to address trafficking and sexual exploitation. Presenting organizations include the Los Angeles District Attorney’s Office, Public Counsel, Families Against Sex Trafficking, and the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking. Presenters will share information about rights, remedies and resources available to victims, approaches to decriminalizing and de-stigmatizing those who are trafficked and exploited, and methods for investigating and prosecuting traffickers and others engaged in exploitation.

Introduction: Professor Jyoti Nanda
Kerry White
Melissa Decker Cheslock
Maria Carmen Lopez
Aida Diaz
D’Lita Miller
Sara Van Hofwegen

SESSION 2 | UCLA School of Law, Room 1347
MANIFESTATIONS OF EXPLOITATION & SEVERE TRAUMA IN BODIES & PSYCHES: INFORMATION FOR HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONER

The health effects of human trafficking and exploitation cannot be underestimated and jeopardize survival chances for victims. Healthcare represents a crucial point of intervention, and also can, if handled poorly, escalate traumatization. The healthcare providers in this session have
worked directly with survivors of trafficking and exploitation in various settings, and will discuss key considerations for healthcare practitioners, and other stakeholders concerned with the medical and psychological needs and vulnerabilities of survivors of severe trauma.

Introduction: Dr. Lorraine Bonner
Sara Weinberg
Dr. Susie Baldwin
Dr. Kenneth Chuang

SESSION 3 | Young Research Library, Main Conference Room
FILM SCREENING: “CARISSA”
Q&A with Carissa Phelps

3:00pm-4:45pm

CONCURRENT PLENARIES

SESSION 1 | UCLA School of Law, Room 1420
CRIMINALIZING VICTIMS OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION: COMPREHENDING THE HARM & SHIFTING POLICY & PRACTICE
What harms result from criminalizing victims of sexual exploitation? This session will investigate the dysfunction of victim-blaming and punitive responses to exploitation, and will also provoke collective reflection and awareness about the opportunities for systems change, generally, and as they are beginning to manifest through various institutional responses. This session also aims to highlight the particular vulnerabilities that contribute to exploitation and trafficking, and the prospects for and challenges in addressing those vulnerabilities within present legal frameworks.

Anne Gannon
Dr. Meredith Dank
Angeles Zaragoza

Chair: Vice-Provost Christine Littleton
Discussant: Dr. Bianca D.M. Wilson

SESSION 2 | Young Research Library, Main Conference Room
LABOR EXPLOITATION & TRAFFICKING: ADDRESSING ECONOMY, CITIZENSHIP & DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL POLICY
What techniques, strategies and policy initiatives are needed to combat labor trafficking? This session will discuss the current landscape of anti-trafficking policy in the U.S. and transnationally, with particular attention to its utility for victims of forced and heavily exploited labor. Additionally, this session aims to identify the socio-political dynamics that tend to sustain or engender vulnerability to trafficking and related forms of labor exploitation, including racial and gender inequity, anti-immigrant politics, and poverty.

Anna Park
Ima Matul
Professor Janie Chuang
Professor Kathleen Kim

Chair: Professor Lara Stemple
Discussant: Elissa Barrett

5:00pm-6:30pm | Hugh & Hazel Darling Law Library, 3rd Floor
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Special guest: Carissa Phelps
Speakers: Professor Cheryl Harris, Professor Jerry Kang, Professor Jyoti Nanda, Vice-Provost Christine Littleton, Dr. Beth Ribe
Symposium Schedule

Friday, January 30, 2015

9:00am-9:30am | Ackerman Grand Ballroom
ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

Emily Given, UCLA Law Review, Editor-in-Chief
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9:30am-11:15am | Ackerman Grand Ballroom
HISTORICAL, SOCIAL & LEGAL DIMENSIONS OF EXPLOITATION, PROSTITUTION & SLAVERY
How has the historical landscape of exploitation, prostitution and slavery contributed to the current state of trafficking? This session will bring Critical Race perspectives into contemplation of trafficking and exploitation by examining the relationship between legal systems and the treatment of human beings as property or commodities. Additionally, this session will highlight the complexity of race, gender, sexuality, economics, and citizenship in the creation and maintenance of extreme systems of vulnerability and violence. Contemporary policy concerns and points of intervention for practitioners and advocates, particularly in navigating criminal justice systems, will also be reviewed.

Professor Cheryl Nelson Butler
Professor Cheryl Harris
Professor Priscilla Ocen
Nikole Cababa

Chair: Claudia Peña
Discussant: Professor Alina Ball

11:30am-12:00pm | Ackerman Grand Ballroom
KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Introductions by UCLA Law Dean Rachel F. Moran & UCLA Vice-Chancellor Carole E. Goldberg
California Attorney General Kamala D. Harris

12:30pm-1:45pm | UCLA School of Law, Ralph and Shirley Shapiro Courtyard
LUNCH & NETWORKING

2:00pm-3:45pm | UCLA School of Law, Room 1347
FRAUGHT, ‘INVISIBLE’ AND CONTESTED ISSUES IN HUMAN RIGHTS & ANTI-TRAFFICKING ADVOCACY & POLICY
Panelists will address critical areas in discourse, policy and practice that are either likely to be overlooked, or that remain particularly controversial or difficult to resolve. Topics include dynamics of sexual exploitation and forced labor targeting persons with mental disabilities, the exclusion of various categories of exploited and abused people from the protections of anti-trafficking law, and the challenges of addressing gender subordination within politically charged and racialized contexts.

Autumn Burris
Carissa Phelps
Deborah Dorfman
Professor Karima Bennoune

Chair: Professor Jasleen Kohli
Discussant: Professor Tendayi Achiume
CLOSING REFLECTIONS: SURVIVOR-CENTERED APPROACHES TO COMBATING TRAFFICKING & EXPLOITATION

The closing panel, composed of survivors of labor and sexual exploitation and trafficking, will respond to the question: “What will be needed in order to build a more thoroughly effective movement against trafficking and exploitation?” Participants will also share insights about the inclusion of survivor leadership in contemporary and future anti-violence efforts.

Ima Matul
Christine Stark
Carissa Phelps
Autumn Burris
Dr. Robyn Bourgeois

Chair: Dr. Beth Ribet

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KHALED ABOU EL FADL
Dr. Khaled Abou El Fadl is one of the world’s leading authorities on Islamic law and Islam, and a prominent scholar in the field of human rights. He is the Omar and Azim Jaffa Distinguished Professor in Islamic Law at the UCLA School of Law where he teaches International Human Rights, Islamic Jurisprudence, National Security Law, Law and Terrorism, Islam and Human Rights, Political Asylum, Political Crimes and Legal Systems and The Trafficking in Human Beings: Law and Policy. He is also the Chair of the Islamic Studies Interdepartmental Program at UCLA and is the founding advisory board member of the UCLA Journal of Islamic and Near Eastern Law (JINEL).

Among his many honors and distinctions, Dr. Abou El Fadl was awarded the University of Oslo Human Rights Award, the Leo and Lisl Ettinger Prize in 2007, and named a Carnegie Scholar in Islamic Law in 2005. He was previously appointed by President George W. Bush to serve on the U.S. Commission for International Religious Freedom, and also served as a member of the board of directors of Human Rights Watch. He continues to serve on the advisory board of Middle East Watch (part of Human Rights Watch) and regularly works with human rights organizations such as Amnesty International and the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights (Human Rights First) as an expert in a wide variety of cases involving human rights, terrorism, political asylum, and international and commercial law. In 2005, he was also listed as one of LawDragon’s Top 500 Lawyers in the Nation.

A prolific scholar and prominent public intellectual, Dr. Abou El Fadl is the author of 14 books (five forthcoming) and over 50 articles on various topics in Islam and Islamic law. He has lectured on and taught Islamic law throughout the United States and Europe in academic and non-academic environments for over twenty years. His work has been translated into numerous languages including Arabic, Persian, French, Norwegian, Dutch, Turkish, Russian, and Japanese, among others.

Dr. Abou El Fadl is most noted for his scholarly approach to Islam from a moral point of view. He writes extensively on universal themes of morality, humanity, human rights, justice, and mercy, and is well known for his writings on beauty as a core moral value of Islam. He is one of the foremost critics of puritan and Wahhabi Islam. His most recent works focus on authority, human rights, democracy and beauty in Islam and Islamic law. His book, The Great Theft, was the first work to delineate the key differences between moderate and extremist Muslims, and was named one of the Top 100 Books of the Year by Canada’s Globe and Mail (Canada’s leading national newspaper). His book, The Search for Beauty in Islam: A Conference of the Books, is a landmark work in modern Muslim literature.

Dr. Abou El Fadl’s latest book, and his magnum opus, titled Reasoning with God: Reclaiming Shari’ah in the Modern Age, was published in October 2014. This important book explores the moral trajectory of Islam in the modern era and the ways in which Muslims can reengage the ethical tradition of Islam through Shari‘ah in the contemporary world.

Dr. Abou El Fadl holds a B.A. in Political Science from Yale University, a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Islamic law from Princeton University. Dr. Abou El Fadl is also an Islamic jurist and scholar, having received 13 years of systematic instruction in Islamic jurisprudence, grammar and eloquence in Egypt and Kuwait. After law school, he clerked for Arizona Supreme Court Justice James Moeller, and practiced immigration and investment law in the U.S. and the Middle East. He previously taught Islamic law at the University of Texas at Austin Law School, Yale Law School and Princeton University.

TENDAYI ACIUIME
Tendayi Achiume is Assistant Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law. Her research and teaching interests lie in international human rights law, international refugee law, comparative immigration law, international criminal justice, and property.

Achiume earned her B.A. from Yale University and her J.D. from Yale Law School. While at law school, she also earned a Graduate Certificate in Development Studies from Yale. She served as Managing Editor of Submissions for the Yale Journal of International Law and was a recipient of the Julian Aguon is a Pacific human rights lawyer whose work centers on the rights of non-self-governing and indigenous peoples in international law.

He is the author of several collections of political essays focusing on people struggles in Guam and the wider Micronesian region around issues of colonization, neocolonialism, and militarism, and several law articles in U.S. law reviews and journals on the legal nuances and complexities surrounding the international law on self-determination. Licensed to practice law in Guam, the Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Julian runs Blue Ocean Law, a boutique international law firm that provides legal counsel to these and other Pacific peoples, organizations, and governments on a wide range of legal matters. Julian has lectured on human rights law and policy issues at numerous academic and civic institutions as well as global justice gatherings across several continents. In 2011, the New York-based Petra Foundation named Julian a national “human rights hero” for his work toward defending and advancing the human rights of Pacific Island peoples.

SUSIE BALDWIN
Susie Baldwin, MD, MPH is a Public Health/Preventive Medicine physician whose interests focus on women’s health and human rights. Her career has taken her west from her origins in New York to Tucson and the Arizona-Sonora border region, and then Los Angeles.

Since 2005, Dr. Baldwin has served as an advocate for survivors of human trafficking, working in Los Angeles as a researcher, trainer, and clinician. For seven years, she volunteered as a physician for survivors of human trafficking, holding a specialty clinic in collaboration with the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking and community clinics in the safety net system of LA County. In 2011, Freedom Network USA honored Dr. Baldwin with the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Award for her dedication to the anti-trafficking field in the United States. Dr. Baldwin is a member of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services SOAR Technical Working Group, which has developed a human trafficking training curriculum for health professionals. In 2013, Dr. Baldwin and colleagues launched HEAL Trafficking (Health Professional Education, Advocacy, Linkage), an interdisciplinary network to unify and advance the efforts of health practitioners in the anti-trafficking movement.
Since 2006, Dr. Baldwin has been employed as Health Assessment Unit Chief at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, where she oversees the LA County Health Survey. Data from the survey are utilized to inform public health program planning, evaluation, and policy throughout the County. Dr. Baldwin also serves as DPH’s liaison to the LA County Task Force on Child Sex Trafficking. She has been honored with the Department’s Public Health Excellence Award and the Physician Recognition Award for Health Equity.

Dr. Baldwin has been medical director for Planned Parenthood of Southern Arizona and for the California Family Health Council, from which she received the 2014 Family Planning Champion Award. She has worked as a women’s health physician at the Chiricahua Community Health Center in Douglas, AZ, and as a provider for Planned Parenthood of Orange and San Bernardino Counties.

Dr. Baldwin graduated from Columbia University, attended the State University of New York Downstate College of Medicine in Brooklyn, completed an internship in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Arizona Medical Center, and residency at the same institution in Preventive Medicine and Public Health. She completed two research fellowships, one in Cancer Prevention and Control at the University of Arizona Cancer Center, focused on cervical cancer prevention, and one in Women’s Health Services Research at the Greater Los Angeles VA and UCLA.

She has authored research papers on identification of human trafficking victims in health care settings, psychological coercion in human trafficking, human papillomavirus infection in women and men, access to emergency contraception in California, and a variety of other public health topics. She has co-authored five book chapters covering menstrual disorders, intrauterine contraception, cancer prevention, and survey research.

Dr. Baldwin is a firm believer in true universal health care and is a board member of Physicians for a National Health Program – California. She dedicates her work to an anonymous young man who donated the pair of lungs that saved her life in December 2012.

ALINA BALL

Professor Alina Ball is the founding director of the Social Enterprise & Economic Empowerment Clinic at UC Hastings College of the Law. The clinic prepares students for a career in corporate law and provides them an opportunity to critically explore how transactional lawyering can advance issues of economic and social justice. Her scholarship focuses on the intersections of corporate law, community lawyering, clinical pedagogy, and critical race theory. She was honored as a 2015-16 Bellow Scholar for her work to increase accessibility to safe drinking water in rural, low-income communities in California. Prior to joining the faculty at UC Hastings, she was a Clinical Teaching Fellow with the Harrison Institute for Housing and Community Development at Georgetown University Law Center. In that role she worked with low-income residents to preserve affordable housing in the District of Columbia by representing tenant associations in the acquisition of their residential buildings and limited-equity cooperatives in the refinancing and operation of those buildings. Before her career in academia, Professor Ball was an associate at Morrison & Foerster LLP, in San Francisco and Washington, DC, where her practice focused on representing private and public companies in debt, venture capital, private equity, and mergers and acquisitions transactions.

She also advised nonprofit organizations on issues relating to entity formation, regulation of exempt organizations, and corporate governance. She received her J.D. from UCLA School of Law in 2008, with a specialization in Critical Race Studies, organizations, and corporate governance.

Previously as Bet Tzedek’s Director of Pro Bono Programs, Elissa co-founded the Holocaust Survivors Justice Network (HSJN), the largest pro bono project in U.S. History. Since its founding in 2008, HSJN law firms, corporate counsel and social service agency partners have served more than 5,000 survivors in 31 cities across North America, securing more than $20 million in reparations payments. As Bet Tzedek’s Housing Conditions Project Director, Elissa won strategic policy and litigation victories for low-income tenants facing substandard housing conditions, illegal evictions and gentrification.

In addition to her work with Bet Tzedek, Elissa served as Executive Director of Progressive Jewish Alliance, where she merged PJF with Jewish Funds for Justice to create Bend the Arc: A Jewish Partnership for Justice, which serves as a major voice for progressive Jewish values on immigration reform, voting rights, economic justice and criminal justice reform.

Following graduation from law school, Elissa worked with the Women’s Center for Legal Aid and Counselling in East Jerusalem on preparations for the International Women’s Conference in Beirut and on efforts to integrate human rights law and theory into the construction of policy priorities for the Palestinian Authorities during the Oslo Accords. Other international work included an externship with the South African Human Rights Commission and litigation to enforce the Bill of Rights on behalf of South Africa’s LBGT citizens. Upon return to the United States, Elissa was an associate at the law firms of Stroock LLP and Loeb & Loeb LLP, where she served as pro bono counsel with Lambda Legal arguing for unfettered access to health services and with the California Women’s Law Center asserting the right of privacy on behalf of battered women’s shelter residents.

Elissa has appeared in and written for the Huffington Post, Los Angeles Times, The Jewish Journal, The Forward, The San Francisco J-Weekly, Zeek, and CNN. Elissa has served on the Leadership Council of the National Jewish Social Justice Roundtable and has led and appeared at panels for the American Bar Association Equal Justice Conference, the Pro Bono Institute, SmartGrowth America, and National Council for Jewish Women, among others.

Elissa and her spouse reside in Los Angeles. They are active leaders at Temple Beth Chayim Chadashim and independently produce theatre and film projects designed to educate, entertain, inspire and particularly illuminate the lives of LGBT people.

ELISSA BARRETT

Elissa Barrett serves as Vice President and General Counsel of Bet Tzedek Legal Services, where she helms Bet Tzedek’s legal operations, public policy initiatives, project development, strategic planning, compliance, and labor-relations. Among her recent accomplishments are the creation of the California Consumer Justice Coalition (a regional force for combating foreclosure and consumer rights abuses funded by the National Mortgage Settlement Trust Fund that links legal services, community organizers, housing counselors, and government partners), and the Los Angeles Modest Means Incubator Consortium (an innovative partnership between law schools, legal services and the LA Law Library funded by the State Bar of California to address the justice gap that people of modest means face when in need of legal help).

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KARIMA BENNOUNE

Karima Bennoune is a professor of International Law at the University of California, Davis, School of Law. She grew up in Algeria and the U.S. After studying law, Middle Eastern and North African Studies, and Women’s Studies at the University of Michigan, Bennoune served as legal advisor to Amnesty International. A former member of the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law, she currently sits on the board of the network of Women Living Under Muslim Laws (WLULM). Bennoune’s human rights field missions have included Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Fiji, Lebanon, Pakistan, South Korea, Southern Thailand and Tunisia. Her publications have appeared in leading academic journals like the European Journal of International Law and the Columbia Journal of Transnational Law, and in mainstream press outlets, such as the New York Times and the San Francisco Chronicle, as well as on Reuters.com; the Guardian—Comment is Free; Al Jazeera.com; Open Democracy; and the Huffington Post. She appears regularly on MSNBC, including on All In With Chris Hayes. Her recent book, “Your Fatwa Does Not Apply Here: Untold Stories from the Fight
Association of San Diego. the California USA Representative for S.P.A.C.E. International and a member of the Women’s Equity Council (WEC) of the United Nations and Trainer with Runaway Girl, FPC, a Board Member of Prostitution, Research and Education and Breaking Free in St. Paul, Minnesota and Prostitution Survivors also featured in the book Prostitution, Trafficking and Traumatic Stress.

exploitation as she creates awareness, provides education, effectuates public policy reforms, delivers resources, and fosters positive change and social recognition to exploited individuals.

In her career, Ms. Burris has provided organizational leadership in establishing and developing Standing Against Global Exploitation (SAGE) in San Francisco, California. She addressed the demand side of sexual exploitation by providing education on the impact of prostitution on behalf of the San Francisco District Attorney’s Office First Offender Prostitution Program (FOPP) in addition to assisting other jurisdictions in the replication of both SAGE and FOPP programs. Ms. Burris co-authored the article Been There Done That: SAGE a Peer Leadership Model Among Prostitution Survivors also featured in the book Prostitution, Trafficking and Traumatic Stress.

In her career, Professor Butler has worked as Executive Director & General Counsel of Top Teens of America, Inc., in Houston. She has also worked with other leading advocacy organizations such as the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Legal Momentum, and the National Partnership for Women & Families. Her corporate experience includes working as an associate at Debevoise & Plimpton and Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton. Professor Butler clerked for Judge Emmett Sullivan, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and was also a Fellow with the Georgetown University Women’s Law and Public Policy Program. She has taught at the University of Houston Law Center as an Assistant Clinical Professor.
NIKOLE CABABA

Nikole Cababa is a 2nd generation Filipino American from Long Beach, CA. In 2009, she received a B.A. in International Development Studies from UCLA. Nikole began her social justice path in college serving as the Belmont Site Coordinator of Samahang Pilipino Advancing Community Empowerment (SPACE) leading the advocacy and youth empowerment programming for high school students in Historic Filipinotown. She joined Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE) shortly after as a lead organizer and played an integral role in the coalition building efforts to help pass Measure N, the Long Beach Living Wage Initiative which raised wages and paid sick days for over 2,000 hotel workers. For the past five years, Nikole has been involved with BAYAN USA, a national alliance of progressive Filipino organizations organizing for genuine democracy and independence in the Philippines, and currently serves as the Southern California Regional Coordinator. She recently has taken on the role as the Organizational Development Coordinator of GABRIELA Los Angeles, a grassroots organization fighting for the rights and welfare of women, immigrants, workers, LGBTQ, and gender non-conforming communities.

MELISSA DECKER CHESLOCK

Melissa Decker Cheslock is a May 1995 graduate of Southwestern University School of Law. She began interning with the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office in January 1995. She was hired by the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office as a Deputy District Attorney in August 1996. Melissa worked in various trial assignments as well as special units including Workers’ Compensation Fraud, Major Fraud and the Juvenile Division. She is assigned to coordinate the newly created Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office First Step Diversion Program.

JANIE CHUANG

Janie Chuang is a Professor of Law at American University, Washington College of Law. Professor Chuang teaches courses in international law, human trafficking, labor migration, and international commercial arbitration. In her scholarship, Chuang specializes in international law and policy relating to labor migration and human trafficking. Drawing on this expertise, Chuang has served as an adviser to the U.N. Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the International Labor Organization. Chuang has also served as the U.S. Member of the International Law Association’s Feminism and International Law Committee and as a Member of Executive Council of the American Society of International Law. She is a past recipient of the Open Society Fellowship of the Open Society Foundations and a Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Conference Grant. Prior to joining AUWCL, Chuang practiced with the law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, representing foreign governments in international litigation/arbitration and pro bono clients in asylum and human rights cases. Before her time at Cleary Gottlieb, Chuang worked as an adviser to the U.N. Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women and the U.N. Compensation Commission.

KENNETH CHUANG

Dr. Kenneth S. Chuang received his M.D. from Harvard Medical School and completed his residency and fellowship training at the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute. He holds a faculty appointment at UCLA, where he is an Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Refugee Trauma Program. Dr. Chuang has developed treatment programs for refugees, political asylum applicants and trafficking survivors. In 2004, he served as the Director of the Venice Family Clinic Program for Human Trafficking, which provided free medical care to trafficked clients and training for health professionals. Dr. Chuang was subsequently appointed by former Governor Schwarzenegger to serve as the state’s mental health expert on the California Alliance to Combat Trafficking and Slavery Task Force.

MEREDITH DANK

Dr. Meredith Dank is a senior researcher at the Urban Institute’s Justice Policy Center. Her areas of focus include the commercial sex economy, human trafficking, teen dating violence, LGBTQ issues, and victimization. She served as principal investigator on two studies overseen by the Department of Justice. One is a first of its kind effort to measure the underground commercial sex economy in the United States, funded by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ). The other seeks to better understand the juvenile justice system interactions and experiences of LGBTQ youth and young men who have sex with men (YMSM) engaged in the commercial sex market.

An expert in human trafficking, Dr. Dank has conducted research in eight countries and took part in a White House stakeholder meeting on victim services for survivors. She has worked to identify challenges in the investigation and prosecution of state and local human trafficking cases and to assess the evaluability of anti-trafficking programs in Cambodia, Sierra Leone and the Philippines. She also served as co-principal investigator on studies overseen by the State Department’s Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, and an NIJ project that examines the organization of forced labor trafficking and the stages of victimization (from recruitment through victim attempts to separate from the situation).

In her past work at Urban, Dr. Dank was co-PI in an NIU study that surveyed 8,000 teenagers to shed light on how young people use technology and social media to perpetrate dating violence, stalking and sexual harassment. She also examined how and why American Indian youth enter the federal justice system for a project overseen by the Bureau of Justice Statistics.


SARAH DEER

Sarah Deer is a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma. She has worked to end violence against women for over 20 years. She began as a volunteer rape victim advocacy program as an undergraduate and later received her J.D. with a Tribal Lawyer Certificate from the University of Kansas School of Law. She is currently a Professor of Law at William Mitchell College of Law in Minnesota. Her scholarship focuses on the intersection of federal Indian law and victims’ rights. Deer is a co-author of three textbooks on tribal law and a co-editor of Sharing Our Stories of Survival: Native Women Surviving Violence. She has received national recognition for her work on violence against Native women and was a primary consultant for Amnesty International’s Maze of Injustice campaign. She is the recipient of a 2014 MacArthur Fellowship.
AIDA DIAZ
Aida Diaz is the Shelter Case manager at the CAST Shelter and part of the CAST Emergency Response Team. At CAST, Aida provides comprehensive case management to female survivors and their families which may include crisis intervention, supportive counseling, family reunification support and resource linkage to medical, mental health, educational/vocational providers. Aida attended the University of Southern California where she studied Social Work and has experience working with at-risk youth, trauma survivors, immigrant women and families.

DEBORAH A. DORFMAN
Deborah Dorfman has over 20 years of experience in the area of disability law, with a particular focus on mental disability law. Ms. Dorfman is currently a senior attorney at the Center for Public Representation (CPR) where she provides representation to individuals with psychiatric, intellectual and developmental disabilities in class action and other systemic reform litigation and advocacy throughout the United States. Prior to working at CPR, Ms. Dorfman was the Director of Quality and Compliance at Kings County Hospital Center (KCHC) Behavioral Health Services where she, among other things, is working to ensure the hospital’s compliance with a Department of Justice consent decree. Prior to working at KCHC, Ms. Dorfman worked at Disability Rights California as the managing attorney of the Los Angeles regional office. Ms. Dorfman has also worked at the Disability Rights Legal Center in Los Angeles as the Deputy Director and before that, she worked as Senior Counsel and a supervising attorney in the General Litigation Division of the New York City Law Department where she represented the City of New York and its agencies in civil rights cases, including complex disability rights cases. Before working at the Law Department, Ms. Dorfman was the Associate Executive Director and Director of Legal Advocacy for Disability Rights Washington ("DRW") in Washington state. Ms. Dorfman worked for almost twelve years at DRW during which time she provided legal advocacy to individuals with disabilities, with a particular emphasis on providing advocacy to individuals with mental illness and individuals with developmental disabilities in cases of abuse, neglect, ADA discrimination and Medicaid access to services through class action and other systemic reform litigation. Ms. Dorfman has also worked at Disability Law Center in Utah and for the Mental Health Advocacy Project in San Jose, California. She has served as a legal consultant to the Mental Disability Advocacy Center in Budapest, Hungary. Ms. Dorfman has also given numerous presentations, nationally and internationally, and published a number of law review and other articles on disability rights issues. Ms. Dorfman is a graduate of New York Law School. She is also has a Masters Degree in History from New York University, and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of California at Berkeley.

ANNE C. GANNON
Anne C. Gannon is currently an Assistant United States Attorney in the Central District of California. She coordinates federal child exploitation investigations and prosecutions in Orange County as part of the U.S. Department of Justice’s Project Safe Childhood program. She has indicted dozens of cases involving the victimization of women and children and has handled 13 child exploitation appeals before the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

From 2012 to 2014, Ms. Gannon was assigned to Washington, D.C. where she served as the National Coordinator for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General. As the lead representative for the Attorney General’s protecting vulnerable populations priority goal, which includes combating human trafficking of adults and children, Ms. Gannon served on the President’s Senior Policy Operating Group to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, assisted in organizing a human trafficking survivor forum at the White House, and testified before the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child.

In 2009, the Daily Journal legal periodical named her one of the Top Women Litigators in California for her work combating child exploitation. From 2002 to 2003, Ms. Gannon served as an Assistant United States Attorney in Tucson, Arizona where she prosecuted border crimes, including the smuggling of unaccompanied, undocumented minors. She began her career as a law clerk to the Honorable Raner C. Collins, United States District Judge, District of Arizona. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley and her law degree from the University of Notre Dame.

CAROLE GOLDBERG
Carole E. Goldberg is the Jonathan D. Varat Distinguished Professor of Law at UCLA and UCLA’s Vice Chancellor, Academic Personnel. Previous positions have included Associate Dean of the UCLA School of Law and Chair of UCLA’s Academic Senate. Since 2007 she has served as a Justice of the Hualapai Court of Appeals. From 2011 – 2014 she was also one of President Barack Obama’s appointees to the Indian Law and Order Commission. Professor Goldberg has written widely about federal Indian law and tribal law, and is co-author of Cohen’s Handbook of Federal Indian Law (1982, 2005, and 2012 editions). Her most recent books are Defying the Odds: The Tule River Tribe’s Struggle for Sovereignty in Three Centuries (Yale University Press, 2010), Indian Law Stories (Foundation Press, 2011), and Captured Justice: Native Nations and Public Law 280 (Carolina Academic Press, 2012). In 2013 she received the Lawrence Baca Lifetime Achievement Award from the Federal Bar Association’s Indian Law Section.

LAURA GÓMEZ
Laura E. Gómez is Vice Dean for Faculty Development and Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law (she also holds zero-percent appointments in two other UCLA Departments: Sociology and Chicana/Chicana Studies). She rejoined the faculty of UCLA Law in 2011 after serving as professor of law and American studies at the University of New Mexico from 2005-10. Before that, she spent 12 years as professor of law at UCLA Law. She was a co-founder and the first co-director of UCLA’s Critical Race Studies Program. Prior to starting her career in academia, Professor Gómez clerked for Judge Dorothy W. Nelson on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and worked as a legislative aide to U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico.

Professor Gómez teaches in the areas of race and the law, law and society, and she has taught three first-year courses: Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, and Constitutional Law. She has lectured widely and has published numerous articles, book chapters, op-ed commentaries, and books. Her scholarship has focused on the intersection of law, politics and social stratification in both contemporary and historical contexts. Her books include Misconceiving Mothers: Legislators, Prosecutors and the Politics of Prenatal Drug Exposure (1997), which is widely taught in law and society and gender studies courses, and Manifest Destinies: The Making of the Mexican American Race (2007), which is widely taught in ethnic studies and history courses. In 2013, she published a co-edited volume (with Nancy López): Mapping “Race”: Critical Approaches to Health Disparities Research.

Professor Gómez is the past president of the Law and Society Association (she was the youngest person and the first person of color ever elected), a multi-disciplinary organization of scholars who study law, legal actors and legal institutions in cultural and social context. As an associate editor of the Law & Society Review, she worked to produce a special issue on law and racial inequality, published in 2010. She currently serves on the editorial board of Law & Social Inquiry, Aztlan, and she has in the past served on the editorial boards of SIGNs and Studies in Law, Politics and Society. She serves as a peer reviewer for many journals in the fields of law, sociology, ethnic studies, history, American studies, and gender studies, as well as...
For the National Science Foundation. She received an A.B. from Harvard in Social Studies (where she was a Harry S. Truman Scholar), an M.A. and Ph.D. in Sociology from Stanford University (where she had a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship), and a J.D. from Stanford Law School.

CHERYL HARRIS

Cheryl I. Harris is the Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation Chair in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at UCLA School of Law where she teaches Constitutional Law, Civil Rights, Employment Discrimination, Critical Race Theory and Race Conscious Remedies.

A graduate of Wellesley College and Northwestern School of Law, Professor Harris began her teaching career in 1990 at Chicago-Kent College of Law after working for one of Chicago's leading criminal defense firms and later serving as a senior legal advisor in the City Attorney's office as part of the reform administration of Mayor Harold Washington of Chicago. The interconnections between racial theory, civil rights practice, politics, and human rights have been important to her work. She was a key organizer of several major conferences that helped establish a dialogue between U.S. legal scholars and South African lawyers during the development of South Africa's first democratic constitution. This work played a significant role in the production of her acclaimed and influential article, "Whiteness as Property" (Harvard Law Review).

Since joining the UCLA Law faculty in 1998, Professor Harris has continued to produce groundbreaking scholarship in the field of Critical Race Theory, particularly engaging the issue of how racial frames shape our understanding and interpretation of significant events like Hurricane Katrina—("Whitewashing Race", in California Law Review), admissions policies ("The New Racial Preferences" in California Law Review)(with Carbado) and anti-discrimination law ("Reading Ricci: Whitening Discrimination, Race and Testing Faithfulness" in UCLA Law Review) (with West-Faulcon).

She has also lectured widely on issues of race and equality at leading institutions here and abroad, including in Europe, South Africa, and Australia, and has been a frequent contributor to various media outlets on current events and cases involving race and equality.

Professor Harris has served as a consultant to the MacArthur Foundation and has been on the board of leading academic societies, including the American Studies Association. She has served as faculty director for the Critical Race Studies Program at UCLA Law School and has been widely recognized as a groundbreaking teacher in the area of civil rights education, receiving the ACLU Foundation of Southern California's Distinguished Professor Award for Civil Rights Education. She is currently serving as Interim Chair of UCLA's Department of African American Studies.

KAMALA D. HARRIS

On January 3, 2011, Kamala D. Harris was sworn in as the 32nd Attorney General of the State of California. On November 4, 2014 she was re-elected to a second term in office. She is the first woman, the first African American, and the first South Asian to hold the office in the history of California.

As chief law enforcement officer for the state, Attorney General Harris has focused on combating transnational gangs that are trafficking guns, drugs, and human beings throughout California. She has fought to reduce truancy among California's elementary school students and ensure that every California child can exercise their constitutional right to an education. Attorney General Harris has worked to increase the adoption of technology and data-driven policing to assist law enforcement in the efficient investigation and prosecution of crime, and has traveled to every region of California to expand partnerships with local law enforcement. And she established the California Department of Justice Division of Recidivism Reduction and Re-entry to reduce crime by getting offenders back on track to productive, law-abiding lives.

As chief lawyer for the people of California, Attorney General Harris has led a bold response to the state's foreclosure crisis. She expanded prosecutions of mortgage-related fraud and crime by establishing a multidisciplinary Mortgage Fraud Strike Force. On behalf of California homeowners, she secured more than $18 billion from the nation's banks as part of the recent National Mortgage Settlement, including $12 billion in principal reductions. To restore transparency and fairness to the mortgage and foreclosure system, she wrote the nation's most comprehensive package of foreclosure reforms—the California Homeowner Bill of Rights—and fought successfully for its passage through the California Legislature and saw it signed into law.

Attorney General Harris has aggressively defended the rights of consumers. She has forged innovative agreements with the technology industry to improve privacy protections and strengthen online safety for consumers across the country and has established new prosecutorial teams dedicated to fighting piracy and crimes committed online. She has also fought to preserve California's natural resources, ensure marriage equality for all Californians, and defend the Affordable Care Act.

A career prosecutor, Attorney General Harris served two terms as District Attorney of San Francisco. Defeating a two-term incumbent, she was first elected DA in 2003, and was overwhelmingly elected to a second term in November 2007.

Attorney General Harris began her career in the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, where she specialized in prosecuting child sexual assault cases. In 1998, she joined the San Francisco District Attorney's Office, where she led the Career Criminal Unit. She also served as the head of the San Francisco City Attorney's Division on Children and Families.

Born in Oakland, California, Attorney General Harris is a graduate of Howard University, America's oldest historically black university. She received her law degree from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. Attorney General Harris is married to Doug Emhoff and is the author of the book Smart on Crime: A Career Prosecutor's Plan to Make Us Safer.

KATHLEEN KIM

Kathleen Kim is a Professor of Law at Loyola Law School where she teaches Torts, Immigration Law, Human Trafficking, and supervises the Immigrant Advocacy Concentration and the Loyola Immigrant Justice Clinic. Her scholarship investigates the intersection of immigration law, workplace rights, civil rights and the 13th Amendment and has addressed, among other things, the law's response to coercion in the context of human trafficking and undocumented worker exploitation.

Previously, Kathleen was a Skadden Fellow representing human trafficking survivors in civil litigation at the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights in San Francisco. In 2005, Kathleen became the inaugural Immigrants’ Rights Teaching Fellow at Stanford Law School, where she taught and supervised law students providing direct legal representation to indigent immigrant victims of crime and immigrants in removal proceedings.

In addition to her teaching and scholarship, Kathleen provides technical assistance and policy guidance on immigration and human trafficking matters. Among other federal and state legislative reform efforts, Kathleen co-authored the California Victims Protection Act and was a gubernatorial appointee to the California Alliance to Combat Trafficking and Slavery. She currently serves on the Advisory Boards of Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking and Polaris Project, and on the Board of Directors of Asian Americans Advancing Justice. In August 2013, Kathleen was appointed by Mayor Garcetti to the Board of Los Angeles Police Commissioners, which oversees the LAPD.

Kathleen graduated from Stanford Law School where she was an editor of Stanford Law Review and a Judge Takasugi Public Interest Fellow.
JASLEEN KOHLI

Jasleen Kohli is the Director of the Critical Race Studies Program at UCLA School of Law. The Director of the Critical Race Studies Program is the primary administrator of the CRS specialization, and is also responsible for the development and management of CRS Program activities aimed at the broader law school community.

Kohli has practiced in the areas of civil rights, labor law, and policy development, and her work revolves around integrating Critical Race Theory principles into practice. Prior to joining UCLA Law, Kohli served as policy analyst for the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE), a leading advocacy organization dedicated to promoting sustainable economic development. At LAANE, Kohli developed and advocated for innovative policies designed to address social inequality in the city’s lowest wage sectors and authored the reports A Tale of Two Cities: How Long Beach’s Investment in Downtown Tourism has Contributed to Poverty Next Door (2009) and Transforming the Gateway to L.A.: The Economic Benefits of a Sustainable Tourism Model (2009). Prior to her position at LAANE, Kohli was the first in-house counsel at UNITE HERE Local 11, the union representing hotel and food service workers. At UNITE HERE Local 11, she represented the union in arbitrations and proceedings before the National Labor Relations Board and developed and implemented legal strategies to advance union organizing campaigns.

Kohli received her J.D. from Harvard Law School and her B.A. from UC Berkeley with Highest Honors in English Literature, with an emphasis in postcolonial theory. While at Harvard Law, she served as a student attorney at the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, representing low-income clients in family law matters, and co-directed and produced a highly regarded documentary on issues of race and legal pedagogy entitled Legally Black and Brown and Yellow and Red.

CHRISTINE LITTLETON

Christine Littleton is a Professor of Law and Women’s Studies and has taught at UCLA since 1983. Since 2010, she has served in the Chancellor’s Organization as Vice Provost for Diversity and Faculty Development. She helped develop the UCLA School of Law’s policies and procedures on accommodations for students with disabilities. She has also served on faculty advisory committees for the Women’s Law Journal, for UCLA’s Critical Race Studies program, and for the Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation and Law.

Professor Littleton joined UCLA after serving as law clerk to Judge Warren J. Ferguson of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. She began teaching in the women’s studies interdepartmental program in 1985 and served as chair for several terms. From 2008 to 2010, she served as founding chair of the Department of Women’s Studies, where she has taught undergraduate and graduate courses. She also was interim director of the Center for the Study of Women from 2003 to 2006.

Professor Littleton has served on the Chancellor’s advisory committees on the gay and lesbian community, on working groups and task forces on disability issues, and recently on the Academic Programs Task Force. She also has been active in the community as a founding member of the Board of the California Women’s Law Center and a volunteer attorney for several nonprofit civil rights organizations. She has conducted or overseen investigations for the university and the City of Los Angeles involving allegations of discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, and disability, conducted trainings on sex and sexual orientation discrimination; and served as special master or consultant for major settlements in cases brought by the U.S. Department of Justice concerning housing and public accommodations discrimination. Littleton earned a bachelor’s degree with highest distinction in secondary education and communications from Pennsylvania State University and a J.D. from Harvard University.

MARIA CARMEN LOPEZ

Maria Carmen Lopez began working as a Victim Service Representative for the District Attorney’s Office Victim-Witness Assistance Program (VWAP) in 2008. Currently she is assigned to the Sex Crimes Unit, and First Step Diversion Program. Her education in both fields of Sociology and Psychology have helped her to work with victims of domestic violence, sex crimes, child abuse, stalking and human trafficking. She helps these victims to obtain Victim Compensation Program’s benefits for their out of pocket expenses directly related to the crime. Such benefits range from funding to mental health therapy, medical expenses, relocation, funeral/burial expenses, and loss of income or loss of support. She also explains to victims how the criminal justice system works, and accompanies them during court hearings to provide emotional support. Carmen introduces victims to free services such as VINE to obtain offender information, shelters or transitional homes, internships for youth, and other community resources. Often times, she outreaches to the community by providing presentations of VWAP at non-profit organizations throughout the Los Angeles County. She maintains constant communication with various mental health providers and outside agencies, to have a wide range of referrals for the population she serves.

IMA MATUL

Ima Matul is the Survivor Organizer for the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking in Los Angeles (CAST). Ms. Matul is a powerful speaker and advocate for the rights of immigrant laborers in the United States. She has spoken to politicians and legislators to promote survivor-centered legislation on the issue of human trafficking. Ms. Matul has received numerous awards for her leadership. In September 2012, Ima was recognized by President Barack Obama as a hero in today’s abolitionist movement.

Ms. Matul was born and raised in Indonesia. When she was only a teenager, she got an offer to work in the US. It seemed like a blessing and an opportunity for a better life. A labor recruiter said everything would be taken care of: passports, visas, and tickets. The recruiter promised Ms. Matul $150 a month in pay. While this was not a lot of money, it was more than Ima could earn in Indonesia.

However, when Ms. Matul arrived in Los Angeles it turned out the labor recruiter was a trafficker, and the house where she worked became a prison. After 3 years of physical and emotional abuse, Ima could not take it anymore and secretly wrote a letter to the nanny next door. A few days later, her neighbor arranged Ima’s escape. Ima was rescued and taken to the offices of the Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST) in Los Angeles. CAST provided Ima with counseling, support groups, legal assistance, and job skills training. Ima learned to speak and write in English and joined a leadership development program offered by CAST. A natural leader, Ima now works at CAST as a Survivor Organizer. Ima also leads the Survivor Leadership Program and the National Survivor Network.

D’LITA MILLER

D’Lita Miller is no stranger to sexual exploitation. As a child victim herself, she understands the trauma that victims suffer as a result of trafficking.

D’Lita was able to overcome the life of exploitation and has devoted her life to rescuing, mentoring, and advocating for victims of sexual exploitation and their families.

In the year of 2011 D’Lita’s youngest daughter became a victim of human trafficking, and since that time Ms. Miller has taken an aggressive proactive approach on empowering survivors of sexual exploitation. D’Lita has worked with several anti-human trafficking organizations such as,
Jyoti Nanda, a past Co-Faculty Director of the Critical Race Studies Program and core faculty of the David J. Epstein Public Interest Law Program, has been at UCLA School of Law since 2003. To date, Nanda has taught nearly 500 public interest minded law students. Professor Nanda’s scholarship interests are in civil rights, social justice advocacy and the ways in which children and youth intersect with the juvenile justice system. Her latest article, Blind Discretion: Girls of Color and Delinquency in the Juvenile Justice System appeared in the UCLA Law Review. In 2013, Professor Nanda founded the Youth & Justice Clinic at UCLA which trains students to holistically address the unmet legal needs of children Los Angeles County.

In addition, she teaches the Public Interest section of the first year Lawyering Skills course, Introduction to Public Interest Law and a doctrinal course on Juvenile Justice. This year, she also taught the pilot class Introduction to Lawyer Client Relationship and with Kimberlé Crenshaw, Intersectional Perspectives on Race, Gender & the Criminalization of Women & Girls.

Professor Nanda co-chaired a national conference with the UCLA Law Review titled: Underprotected & Overpoliced: Women, Race & Criminalization in 2012 that brought together academics and community activists. As a grant recipient from the Center for Community Foundation in 2008, she worked on the Juvenile Justice Project, a collaborative endeavor focused on addressing educational issues and the racial disparity within the juvenile delinquency system in Los Angeles County.

Prior to joining the faculty at UCLA School of Law, Professor Nanda was awarded a Skadden Fellowship to work as a staff attorney at the Los Angeles office of the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF). While at LDF, Professor Nanda helped file a multi-million dollar class action lawsuit against Abercrombie & Fitch alleging racially discriminatory hiring and firing practices. Professor Nanda earned her B.A. in Ethnic Studies/Rhetoric with highest honors from the University of California, Berkeley and her J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law, where she served as Articles Editor of the Northwestern Law Review and was trained at the Children & Family Justice Center.

Professor Nanda currently serves on the Advisory Board of Directors for the South Asian Network (SAN), a grass roots human rights organization based in Southern California. She has served as a past Board Co-Chair of the APADRC, which provides peace and conflict programming in elementary schools in Los Angeles, and she was the Pro Bono Chair for the South Asian Bar Association (SABA) of Southern California. In 2003, she was a principal Co-Founder of the SABA Public Interest Foundation which awards thousands of grants each year to public interest minded law students and non-profits. And shortly after the events of September 11, 2001, she co-founded 9/11 Legal Response Network, an anti-hate crimes advocacy group based in Los Angeles.

In April 2012, Nanda was selected by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa for the prestigious Dream of Los Angeles Award, the highest award bestowed by the Mayor given to someone from humble beginnings who has had career success. In April 2014, she was awarded the SABA Public Interest Foundation Trailblazer Award.
PRISCILLA OCEN

Priscilla Ocen is an Associate Professor of Law at Loyola Law School. Her work examines the relationship between race and gender identities and punishment. In particular, her scholarship has explored conditions of confinement within women’s prisons and the race and gender implications of the use of practices such as shackling during labor and childbirth. She has also explored the ways in which race, gender and class intersect to render women of color vulnerable to various forms of violence and criminalization. Her work has appeared in academic journals such as the California Law Review, the UCLA Law Review and the Du Bois Review as well as popular media outlets such as Ebony and Al Jazeera.

Prior to joining the faculty at Loyola Law School, Ocen was a Critical Race Studies fellow at UCLA School of Law, where she taught a course on Critical Race Theory and a seminar on Race, Gender and Incarceration.

Additionally, Ocen served as a law clerk to the Honorable Eric L. Clay of the U.S Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. Following her clerkship, she was the Thurgood Marshall Fellow at the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area, where she worked on various issues including voting rights, police misconduct, conditions of confinement in women’s prisons and spearheaded the creation of a Black Women’s Reentry Project.

Ocen is also active in the community as she serves as a member of the board of directors for the Equal Justice Society, an organization dedicated to transforming the nation’s consciousness on race through law, social science and the arts.

ANNA PARK

Anna Y. Park is the Regional Attorney for the Los Angeles District Office of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (“EEOC”). She is one of fifteen regional attorneys tasked with heading the litigation units for the regional district offices. Ms. Park is responsible for overseeing and directing all litigation on behalf of the EEOC which covers Southern California, Central California, Nevada, Hawaii, and the Pacific region which covers Guam, American Samoa, the Wake Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Since joining the EEOC, Ms. Park has brought influential cases on behalf of the EEOC. Ms. Park is the architect of the EEOC’s pursuit of human trafficking cases as civil rights violations under federal anti-discrimination laws on behalf of large classes of vulnerable workers. She has been recognized for her work in EEOC v. Trans Bay, the first human trafficking case brought by the EEOC in California on behalf of 48 Thai workers subjected to national origin discrimination. Ms. Park is also responsible for bringing EEOC v. Global Horizons, et al., the largest national origin discrimination case brought by the EEOC on behalf of over 500 Thai nationals who were victims of human trafficking in the agricultural industry.

Among some of the other “firsts,” Ms. Park has brought the first Hispanic preference cases in her region along with other major cases that have changed the way industries address discrimination and retaliation issues in employment throughout her region. EEOC v. L&T, et al., was the largest resolution ever brought by the EEOC in the Northern Mariana Islands on behalf of garment workers. She also brought the first case on behalf of migrant farm workers in Southern California in EEOC v. Rivera Vineyards, et al., tackling sexual harassment, retaliation, and job segregation against the largest grower at the time in the Coachella Valley. EEOC v. ABR Inc., et al., was one of the largest sexual harassment resolutions brought by the EEOC on behalf of 21 Latina women who were sexually harassed in Central California.

The EEOC has continually recognized Ms. Park for her leadership and innovation with national awards for several years running. She recently received the EEOC Chair’s Silver and Bronze Awards for advancing equality through excellence in 2014 for her work on EEOC v. Global Horizons, et al., and her leadership over the Los Angeles District Office.

Ms. Park has also received awards from the community. Recently, she was recognized for her work by the Asian Pacific American Bar Association. She received the Legal Impact Award by the Thai Community Development Center and she has also been recognized for her work by the Daily Journal of California. She has been active in the Asian American and Pacific Islander community, serving on the boards of the Korean American Bar Association, the Japanese American Bar Association, and the Asian Pacific American Bar Association. Ms. Park is the former president of WORK (Women’s Organization Reaching Koreans), and the former president of the Korean American Inter-Agency Council.

Ms. Park currently serves as a Ninth Circuit Lawyer Representative for the Central District of California. Ms. Park serves on the Executive Committee for the Labor and Employment Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. She was an Executive Board Member of the National Federal Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section. She currently serves as a member of the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI) Regional Interagency Working Group (RIWG).

Ms. Park is a highly sought after speaker and trainer, presenting for numerous professional organizations, corporations, law schools, governmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations. She is frequently asked to speak at conferences on varying topics for organizations like the American Bar Association, SHRM, National Employment Lawyers Association, National Employment Law Project, Nevada State Bar, and the Los Angeles County Bar Association, to name a few. Ms. Park delivered the Irving H. Green Memorial Lecture at the UCLA School of Law.

Ms. Park received her Juris Doctorate from the UCLA School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from UCLA. Prior to joining the EEOC, Ms. Park was with a prominent civil rights law firm in Los Angeles.

CLAUDIA PEÑA

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She was formerly the Statewide Director of the California Civil Rights Coalition (CCRC) for over five years. While there, Claudia focused on the California budget and progressive taxation policies, voting rights, racial justice, equal opportunity and coordinating ballot initiative efforts. She was previously Equal Justice Society’s third Judge Constance Baker Motley Civil Rights Fellow where she researched issues of implicit bias and equal protection cases. She began the one-year fellowship after graduating from UCLA School of Law where she graduated with a specialization in Critical Race Studies and as part of the David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law & Policy.

Claudia volunteered for the Johannesburg, South Africa-based Lawyers for Human Rights and for the Badil Center for Refugee Rights in Bethlehem, Palestine.

She received her B.A. in Sociology from Mills College and is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including: New Leaders Council “Heroes at Villas” Award, Hernandez Stern Scholarship, Foley Minority Scholarship and Morrison and Forrester Diversity Scholarship.

CARISSA PHELPS

When Carissa Phelps was 14 years old she was on the verge of becoming another casualty of the streets. What had started out as frequent sleepovers at friends’ houses to escape the wrath of her stepfather and her chaotic, impoverished home, grew into full-fledged running away, until her exasperated mother finally abandoned her at Fresno’s Juvenile Hall.

She was 12 years old.
opportunities to runaways, former runaways, and survivors of trafficking.

Commissioner Pratt has been a judicial officer since 2006. She is presently assigned to the Los Angeles Juvenile Delinquency Court. Since 2012, CATHERINE J. PRATT

Growth trainings improve protocols and responses to child sex trafficking within communities, while offering employment and career development opportunities to runaways, former runaways, and survivors of trafficking.

Commissioner Pratt is from Los Angeles and attended the Univ. of California at Berkeley for her undergraduate degree and Univ. of Southern California for law school. Prior to be appointed as a commissioner, she represented the County of Los Angeles in juvenile dependency matters and in civil class actions filed against the Dept. of Children and Family Services. She was one of the original counsel on the Katie A. litigation, the settlement of which brought significant changes to the mental health services provided to children in foster care throughout California.

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Dr. Ribet earned her doctorate from the University of California-Irvine in 2005, in Social Relations (Sociology & Anthropology), and her JD from UCLA Law in 2009, with a concentration in Critical Race Studies. She wrote her doctoral dissertation based on interviews with Jewish daughters of Holocaust survivors in the United States.

In addition to her non-profit sector work, Dr. Ribet is a lecturer in Gender Studies and Disability Studies at UCLA, and has taught previously at UCLA Law and Columbia University Law, among other institutions. Virtually all of her research and teaching incorporates some focus on the role of subordination, violence and inequity in creating new disabilities, injuries and illnesses among vulnerable populations. She also speaks publicly as a survivor of violence, and a person with disabilities.

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CHRISTINE STARK

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Before joining UCLA, Stemple was the Executive Director of the human rights organization Just Detention International. In 2004 Stemple was a Rockefeller Post Doctoral Fellow at Columbia University’s Program on Sexuality, Gender, Health and Human Rights. She also served as the Senior Advocacy Officer at the Pacific Institute for Women’s Health. Before that, Stemple worked briefly for the domestic and international programs at the Center for Reproductive Rights in New York and was a Teaching Fellow at Harvard University.

Stemple currently serves on the Advisory Board of UCLA’s Center for the Study of Women, and she is the Deputy co-Director of the UC Global Health Institute’s Center of Expertise on Women’s Health and Empowerment.

Stemple has drafted legislation that was signed into law, lobbied members of Congress and United Nations delegates, and testified before legislative bodies. Media commentary has included CNN, National Public Radio, Al Jazeera, the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, and the San Francisco Chronicle.
**Victoria Sweet**

Victoria Sweet (White Earth Ojibwe) joined the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges as a senior policy analyst in June 2014 after working as the legal fellow at the Indigenous Law and Policy Center at Michigan State University College of Law. She is a member of the Minnesota State Bar. Sweet received her JD from Michigan State University with a certificate in Indigenous Law and Policy, attended the Pre-Law Summer Institute, and earned her MAEd and BA from George Wnythe University. She spent a summer working at the White Earth Tribal Court, a summer working at the Indian Law Resource Center, and was both a research assistant and teaching assistant for Professors Matthew Fletcher and Wenonah Singel. In addition, she participated in an ICWA monitoring program in Michigan state courts. Prior to starting her law career, Sweet worked as a high school teacher and an educational lecturer, speaking at workshops and seminars across the United States and Canada. She has published articles on human trafficking and the human security of Indigenous women, has volunteered in international community development organizations, run workshops and conferences for Native youth, and served on the Board of Directors for the Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake.

**Sara Van Hofwegen**

Sara Van Hofwegen, Esq., has represented more than 250 survivors of human trafficking and is an expert on the legal remedies available to trafficking survivors. As an attorney with Public Counsel, Sara represents immigrant youth, and many of her clients have been victims of human trafficking in the U.S., in their home countries, or en route to the United States. Prior to joining Public Counsel, Sara was the Managing Attorney at the Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking, where she worked collaboratively with law enforcement and community partners and provided holistic legal services to survivors of human trafficking, including criminal victim-witness, civil, and immigration advocacy. Sara also provides training and technical assistance on human trafficking both in California and throughout the United States. She is a graduate of the University of Southern California, Gould School of Law.

**Sara Weinberg**

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**Kerry White**

Kerry White graduated from the University of California, San Diego with a B.A. in Political Science. He attended University of California, Berkeley (Boalt Hall) law school and graduated with a J.D. degree. Kerry White joined the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s office in 1984, and is currently the Head Deputy of the Juvenile Division. In his 30 years in the District Attorney’s office he has served as a trial deputy in the Compton Branch office, Central Trials, Workers’ Compensation Fraud Division, Abolish Chronic Truancy, and the Public Integrity Division. He has also served as an Assistant Head Deputy in the Hardcore Gang Division, Special Assistant in Branch and Area Operations as well as a Deputy-in-Charge for the Alhambra area office, Pasadena juvenile office and the Abolish Chronic Truancy office in Lynwood. He also been assigned as a Head Deputy in the Complaints Division, Major Fraud Division (now White Collar Crime), Justice System Integrity Division, Antelope Valley and Pasadena Branch offices.

**Bianca D.M. Wilson**

Bianca D.M. Wilson is a Senior Scholar of Public Policy at The Williams Institute, a research center of the UCLA School of Law. She earned a Ph.D. in Psychology from the Community and Prevention Research program at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) with a minor in Statistics, Methods, and Measurement, and received postdoctoral training at the UCSF Institute for Health Policy Studies and the UCSF Lesbian Health and Research Center through an Agency for Health Research and Quality (AHRQ) postdoctoral fellowship. Her research broadly focuses on the relationships between culture, oppression, and health, with an emphasis on how racial and sexual minorities navigate the intersection of multiple communities and oppressions. As part of this broad program of inquiry, Dr. Wilson is leading a research initiative aimed at documenting the demographic characteristics of youth in foster care, with an emphasis on measuring sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. Additionally, her work at the Williams Institute includes studying gender and ethnic/racial differences in the demographics and outcomes among same-sex couples using ACS and Census data.

**Angeles Zaragoza**

Angeles Zaragoza is a Deputy Alternate Public Defender for Los Angeles County, Van Nuys office, where she manages a misdemeanor caseload. Previously, she worked as an Assistant Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California handling felony cases, and as a misdemeanor trial attorney with the Sacramento County Public Defender’s office. Her experience at both the State and Federal level has illustrated numerous challenges and shortcomings in the justice system, and strengthened her resolve to be a fierce advocate for her clients, and a voice for better and more just policies. Before transitioning into the practice of criminal law, Angeles staffed a Medical Legal Community Partnership for Neighborhood Legal Services (NLS) of Los Angeles County. Through that position, she served as an on-site attorney within a low-income medical clinic in Sun Valley. She served clinic patients via provider referrals and assisted them with legal problems in various areas, including: immigration, family law, housing, social services, and special education.

Angeles graduated from UCLA Law School’s Public Interest Law and Policy Program with a Critical Race Studies specialization. While in law school, she was awarded the Cesar Chavez Fellowship and spent both summers with Learning Rights Law Center doing special education advocacy within the juvenile halls and camps in Los Angeles County. Her final year of law school, Angeles clerked for the Los Angeles County Public Defender’s office and spent an additional year there as a Senior Law Clerk.
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