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Welcome From the *UCLA Law Review*

Students, Practitioners, Professors, Activists, and Community Members,

We take great pleasure in welcoming you all to the UCLA Law Review's 2021 symposium: Structural Inequality & the Law. This year's virtual format brings together a dynamic group of scholars and activists from across the nation. These incredible panelists join us to examine structural inequality within the law, particularly as it relates to social movements, the concept of public safety, institutional change, and freedom dreams. As we began to plan this symposium last spring, the ground was shifting beneath our feet. We were and still are experiencing unprecedented tragedies. But in the midst of it all, we also saw an unprecedented resistance to the systems of white supremacy and subordination. There has perhaps been more conversation about the role of law than ever before, and we chose this year's topic with the intention to center resistance movements grounded in antiracist work and goals. We seek to highlight the scholarly work and community organizing efforts that many of our panelists engage in daily.

In particular, we are excited to hear from the many activists presenting their work, so that those of us in the legal field may remind ourselves to ground our own work in the lives that are affected by these structures and policies. Legal academia and discourse are too often detached from the lives affected by our scholarship, and our symposium challenges us to, as Professor Mari Matsuda put it, look to the bottom, remembering law is a lived experience and is shaped by people across society.

We are honored to be part of this discussion, and it is our hope that we all leave with a greater understanding of the oppressive structures that govern our lives in disparate ways. We should feel galvanized by the many incredible people doing this necessary work, and must push ourselves to envision and invest in a different and more just future.



We would like to thank the moderators, panelists, and UCLA Law Review members who worked tirelessly to put this symposium together, as well as everyone whose work and resistance has contributed to these conversations. We would also like to thank our co-sponsors for providing the support necessary to make this event possible. In particular, we are grateful to our Symposium Faculty Sponsors, Sunita Patel and Kimberlé Crenshaw, for their commitment and labor in coordinating this event. This is the beginning of many conversations to come as we continue to learn and unlearn, to question and dismantle the racist and oppressive systems on which our legal system was founded, and, as Professor Amna Akbar put it, to radically reimagine.

Ryann Garcia
Symposium Editor

AK Shee
Editor-in-Chief



Welcome From the Faculty Sponsors

We are honored to work with the *UCLA Law Review* to bring you our two-day program, *Structural Inequality and the Law*. At this important moment, a month after white supremacists took over the Capitol and two weeks after a new administration entered the White House, we must look to our past in order to build toward a better future. Today we face the lasting imprint of the prior administration's attack on the decades of struggle that produced gains towards equality. For those interested in structural change and building a different future, we must chart a path without post-racialism, color-blindness, and other denials of intersectional inequality.

Our goal is to create an exchange among leading scholars, legal advocates, and social movements. A structural re-imagining of democracy requires a process of re-inventing and creating institutions while leveraging existing law and its mechanisms. We will hear from leading scholars and advocates across a range of fields and social movement concerns including policing, disability justice, public health, movement law, Federal Indian Law, immigrant justice, trans liberation, and more. The program will engage in critical race theory, socio-legal methods, Black radical traditions, and innovative social movement practices. This project bridges theory and praxis and puts them in dialogue.

We are grateful to the members of the *UCLA Law Review*, particularly Ryann Garcia, Symposium Editor, and AK Shee, Editor-in-Chief, for their unseen labor and for supporting an agenda with an expansive view of inequality and knowledge production. We also thank Maya Hairston, Outreach Coordinator, and Vincent Liu, Chief Diversity Editor, for their hard work in creating an inclusive and accessible program. Finally, we thank our interpreters, co-sponsors, all of our speakers, and UCLA staff members whose individual work and collective visions helped to shape this project.

Warmly,

Sunita Patel

Assistant Professor of Law

Faculty Director, UCLA Veterans Legal Clinic

Kimberle Crenshaw

Distinguished Professor of Law, Promise Institute Chair in Human Rights

Co-Founder and Executive Director of the African American Policy Forum



Structural Inequality & the Law

Day 1: Friday, February 5th

9:30-10:00 a.m. **Opening Remarks and Welcome**

Ryann Garcia (*UCLA Law Review* Symposium Editor)

AK Shee (*UCLA Law Review* Editor-in-Chief)

Sunita Patel (Assistant Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the UCLA Veterans Legal Clinic)

10:00-11:30 a.m. **Panel I: Framing What Grounds Us—Structural Inequality, Social Movements, and the Law**

The opening roundtable will explore structural approaches to reimagining democracy, and grapple with the world that has been created by reflexively foregrounding a particular racist story about who we are, our origins, and about what we can be. This esteemed set of panelists will consider what the white supremacist attacks of January 6th reveal about the state of our democracy and the destructiveness of the push for reconciliation. As the nation builds back, it needs legal frameworks capacious enough to respond to the scale of the crises we face. This roundtable, centered on critical race theory, will explore how the law can facilitate a more inclusive future for all.

Cheryl Harris (Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation Chair in Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at UCLA School of Law)

Amna Akbar (Associate Professor of Law at the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law)

Charles Lawrence (Centennial Professor and Professor of Law, Emeritus, at the University of Hawai'i)

Talila "TL" Lewis (Co-founder and Volunteer Director of Helping Educate to Advance the Rights of Deaf Communities (HEARD))

Moderator: **Kimberlé Crenshaw** (Co-Founder and Executive Director of African American Policy Forum, Promise Institute Chair in Human Rights at UCLA School of Law)



Structural Inequality & the Law

Day 1: Friday, February 5th

12:00-1:30 p.m. **Panel II: Rethinking Public Safety: Taking Structural Inequality Seriously**

Discourses in law and social policy routinely rely on the idea of public safety to justify various forms of policing, among other features of the carceral system. Indeed, for decades now the claim that policing specifically and carcerality generally are necessary to ensure public safety has had enormous traction in debates around inequality and the criminal legal system. Broadly articulated, the purpose of this panel is to challenge that assumption to foreground some of the ways in which the pursuit of public safety instantiates racial and other forms of inequality. Particular attention will be paid to the intersection of public health and public safety, hospital policing, and policing of persons in mental health distress.

Osagie K. Obasogie (Haas Distinguished Chair and Professor of Bioethics at the University of California, Berkeley, in the Joint Medical Program and School of Public Health)

Peyton Provenzano (First-year JD student and third-year PhD student in the Jurisprudence & Social Policy Program at Berkeley Law)

Sunita Patel (Assistant Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the UCLA Veterans Legal Clinic)

Khiara M. Bridges (Professor of Law at UC Berkeley School of Law)

Jeff Fagan (Isidor and Seville Sulzbacher Professor of Law at Columbia Law School and Professor of Epidemiology at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University)

Moderator: **Devon Carbado** (Honorable Harry Pregerson Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law)

1:30-1:45 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

Kimberlé Crenshaw (Co-Founder and Executive Director of African American Policy Forum, Promise Institute Chair in Human Rights at UCLA School of Law)



Structural Inequality & the Law

Day 2: Saturday, February 6th

10:15-10:30 a.m. **Opening Remarks and Welcome**

Asli Bâli (Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the Promise Institute for Human Rights at UCLA School of Law)

10:30-12:00 p.m. **Panel III: Social Movements and Institutional Change**

Social movement theory and movement lawyers have long been engaged in a project of re-imagining and changing institutions. The racial justice uprisings and new political environment offer opportunities to build political and economic systems that envision different futures. This panel will explore how social movements leverage strategic litigation, non-legal strategies, and public defense. Panelists will consider strong reforms of law and legal institutions to promote social change.

Purvi Shah (Founder, Movement Law Lab/Co-Founder Law For Black Lives)

Rebecca Tsosie (Regents Professor and Faculty Co-Chair, Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program at the James E. Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona)

Shaun Ossei-Owusu (Presidential Assistant Professor of Law at University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School)

Moderator: **Scott Cummings** (Robert Henigson Professor of Legal Ethics and Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law)



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Day 2: Saturday, February 6th

12:30-2:00 p.m.

Panel IV: Social Movements, Freedom Dreams, and the Law

Robin D.G. Kelley's *Freedom Dreams* reminds Black activists to dream of a new world. Our closing conversation engages leading advocates in how law limits those dreams, yet wields a specific power in the project of building different futures.

Robin D. G. Kelley (Gary B. Nash Endowed Chair in U.S. History at UCLA)

Marbre Stahly-Butts (Member of the Leadership Team of the Movement For Black Lives Policy Table)

Jacinta Gonzalez (Senior Campaign Organizer with Mijente in Phoenix, AZ)

Dean Spade (Associate Professor at Seattle University School of Law)

Moderator: **Sunita Patel** (Assistant Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the UCLA Veterans Legal Clinic)

2:00-2:15 p.m.

Closing

Sunita Patel (Assistant Professor of Law and Faculty Director of the UCLA Veterans Legal Clinic)

Ryann Garcia (UCLA Law Review Symposium Editor)

AK Shee (UCLA Law Review Editor-in-Chief)

Alanna Kane (incoming UCLA Law Review Editor-in-Chief)



Speaker Biographies

Day 1: Opening Remarks



Sunita Patel

Sunita Patel is an Assistant Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law. She is also the Faculty Director of the UCLA Veterans Legal Clinic. Professor Patel teaches *Policing Poverty, Civil Rights and Policing Clinic, Veterans Justice Clinic: Poverty, Homelessness & Criminalization*.

Professor Patel writes in the areas of police misconduct, civil rights litigation, and social movement theory. Her most recent article “Jumping Hurdles to Sue the Police” (2020) appears in the *Minnesota Law Review* and was selected as the 2019 Association of American Law Schools Civil Rights Section Junior Scholar Works in Progress.

Professor Patel’s scholarship draws upon her unique experience as a civil rights litigator and human rights advocate. She regularly provides research and legal support to social movement organizations. She spent more than a decade engaged in cutting edge litigation and advocacy with some of the most prominent public interest organizations in the country, including the Center for Constitutional Rights, The Legal Aid Society of New York, and the Southern Center for Human Rights. Prior to joining UCLA School of Law, Professor Patel held teaching positions with American University Washington College of Law and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Professor Patel’s significant litigation included: *Floyd v. City of New York*, a landmark class-action lawsuit brought against the New York City Police Department that successfully challenged the department’s discriminatory stop and frisk practices, and *Turkmen v. Ashcroft* (argued in the U.S. Supreme Court as *Abassi v. Ashcroft*), a class-action *Bivens* suit on behalf of Muslim and Arab men who challenged senior officials in the U.S. government for their roles in the post-9/11 round-ups and punitive treatment in federal prison. Professor Patel served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Ivan L. R. Lemelle in the Eastern District of Louisiana and was previously awarded a prestigious Soros Justice Advocacy Fellowship. She has served as a board member for the U.S. Human Rights Network and Families for Freedom. Professor Patel received her J.D. Magna Cum Laude from American University Washington College of Law where she was elected to the Order of the Coif. She received her B.A. in from Tulane University.



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Panel I: Framing What Grounds Us—Structural Inequality, Social Movements, and The Law



Kimberlé Crenshaw

Kimberlé Crenshaw is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the African American Policy Forum, and the Founder and Executive Director of the Center for Intersectionality and Social Policy Studies. She is the Promise Institute Professor at UCLA Law School, the Isidor and Seville Sulzbacher Professor at Columbia Law School, and is popularly known for her development of “intersectionality,” “critical race theory,” and the #SayHerName Campaign. She is the host of the podcast Intersectionality Matters!, the moderator of the widely impactful webinar series Under The Blacklight: The Intersectional Vulnerabilities that the Twin Pandemics Lay Bare, and a columnist for The New Republic.

Kimberlé is one of the most cited scholars in the history of the law, and was named Ms. Magazine’s “No. 1 Most Inspiring Feminist,” honored as one of the ten most important thinkers in the world by Prospect Magazine, and included in Ebony’s “Power 100” issue. Her groundbreaking work on “intersectionality” has traveled globally and was influential in shaping the South African Equality Clause. She has been a Visiting Professor at the Sorbonne and University of Paris; Centennial Professor at The London School of Economics; Fellow at the Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University; and taught at universities in South Africa, Brazil, and Italy. She received her J.D. from Harvard, L.L.M. from University of Wisconsin, and B.A. from Cornell University, and sits on the boards of Sundance, VDay, and the Algorithmic Justice League.



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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-ing Test Fairness" in UCLA Law Review) (with West-Faulcon).



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Amna Akbar

Amna Akbar is an Associate Professor of Law at the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Her research and teaching focus on social movements, critical theory, and policing, race, and inequality. Her scholarship explores the intersections of national security and criminal law, and the potential of social movements to transform our thinking about law, law enforcement, and law reform. She writes broadly for academic and popular audiences, in outlets like NYU Law Review, UCLA Law Review, NOMOS, Citizenship Studies, the Journal of Legal Education, Law and Political Economy, the Nation, Boston Review, and more. In her teaching and lawyering work, she is deeply engaged with law and organizing in Ohio and around the country.

Before coming to Ohio State, Professor Akbar taught at New York University (NYU) Law School and the City University of New York (CUNY) Law School. She received her B.A. from Barnard College, Columbia University, and her J.D. from the University of Michigan, where she served as editor-in-chief of the Michigan Law Review. After law school, she clerked for Judge Gerard E. Lynch in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, and worked as a staff attorney at Queens Legal Service Corp. in a community-based battered women's project.



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Charles R. Lawrence III

Charles Lawrence, Centennial Professor and Professor of Law, Emeritus, at the University of Hawai'i, is a graduate of Haverford College and Yale Law School. He has taught law at the University of San Francisco, Stanford, Georgetown, Harvard, Berkeley, UCLA, and the University of Southern California. Professor Lawrence is best known for his prolific work in antidiscrimination law, equal protection, and critical race theory.

Professor Lawrence has received distinguished teaching awards from the University of San Francisco, Stanford Law School, the Society of American Law Teachers and honorary doctorates from Haverford College, Georgetown University and Nelson Mandela University, South Africa.



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Talila "TL" Lewis

Talila A. Lewis is an abolitionist community lawyer, educator and organizer who unites movements for justice by making manifest the inextricable links between ableism and all forms of oppression and inequity, especially racism and classism. Recognized as a 2015 White House Champion of Change and one of Pacific Standard Magazine's Top 30 Thinkers Under 30, Lewis engineers and leads innovative and intersectional social justice efforts that illuminate and address grave injustices within education, medical, and legal/carceral systems that have gone unaddressed for generations. As the creator of the only national database of imprisoned deaf/blind people, Lewis, advocates with and for thousands of imprisoned and formerly imprisoned disabled people as the volunteer director of HEARD (@behearddc). As one of the only people in the world working on deaf wrongful conviction cases, Lewis regularly testifies, teaches and presents and on wrongful convictions of disabled people, carceral ableism, and related topics. Lewis serves as a consultant for dozens of social justice organizations and as an expert on cases involving multiply-marginalized disabled people. A founding member of the Harriet Tubman Collective and co-creator of the Disability Solidarity praxis, Lewis has taught at Rochester Institute of Technology and Northeastern University School of Law.

A recent graduate of American University Washington College of Law, Lewis has received awards from numerous universities, the American Bar Association, the American Association for People with Disabilities, the Nation Institute, National Black Deaf Advocates, and EBONY Magazine, among others. Lewis is a 2018 Roddenberry Fellow & a 2018 Atlantic Fellow for Racial Equity.



Speaker Biographies

Panel II: Rethinking Public Safety: Taking Structural Inequality Seriously



Devon Carbado

Devon Carbado is the Honorable Harry Pregerson Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law and the former Associate Vice Chancellor of BruinX for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. He teaches Constitutional Criminal Procedure, Constitutional Law, Critical Race Theory, and Criminal Adjudication. He has won numerous teaching awards, including being elected Professor of the Year by the UCLA School of Law classes of 2000 and 2006 and received the Law School's Rutter Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2003 and the University's Distinguished Teaching Award, the Eby Award for the Art of Teaching in 2007. In 2005 Professor Carbado was an inaugural recipient of the Fletcher Foundation Fellowship. Modeled on the Guggenheim fellowships, it is awarded to scholars whose work furthers the goals of *Brown v. Board of Education*. In 2018, he was named an inaugural recipient of the Atlantic Philanthropies Fellowship for Racial Equity. Professor Carbado writes in the areas of employment discrimination, criminal procedure, implicit bias, constitutional law, and critical race theory.

His scholarship appears in law reviews at UCLA, Berkeley, Harvard, Michigan, Cornell, and Yale, among other venues. He is the author of *Acting White? Rethinking Race in "Post-Racial" America* (Oxford University Press) with Mitu Gulati) and the editor of several volumes, including *Race Law Stories* (Foundation Press) (with Rachel Moran), *The Long Walk to Freedom: Runaway Slave Narratives* (Beacon Press) (with Donald Weise), and *Time on Two Crosses: The Collective Writings of Bayard Rustin* (Cleis Press) (with Donald Weise). A board member of the African American Policy Forum, Professor Carbado was the Shikes Fellow in Civil Liberties and Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School in 2012. Professor Carbado graduated from Harvard Law School in 1994. Professor Carbado is currently working on a series of articles on affirmative action and a book on race, law, and police violence.



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Osagie K. Obasogie

Osagie K. Obasogie, J.D., Ph.D., is the Haas Distinguished Chair and Professor of Bioethics at the University of California, Berkeley, in the Joint Medical Program and School of Public Health. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Center for Genetics and Society. Obasogie's scholarly interests include Constitutional law, bioethics, sociology of law, and reproductive and genetic technologies. His writings have spanned both academic and public audiences, with journal articles in venues such as the Cornell Law Review, Law & Society Review, University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law, Stanford Technology Law Review, and the Journal of Law, Medicine, and Ethics along with commentaries in outlets including the New York Times, Washington Post, The Atlantic, Slate, Los Angeles Times, Boston Globe, San Francisco Chronicle, and New Scientist. His first book, *Blinded By Sight: Seeing Race Through the Eyes of the Blind* (Stanford University Press) was awarded the Herbert Jacob Book Prize by the Law and Society Association. His second book, *Beyond Bioethics: Toward a New Biopolitics* (University of California Press, co-edited with Marcy Darnovsky), is an anthology that examines the past, present, and future of bioethics. Obasogie received his B.A. in Sociology and Political Science (with distinction in both majors) from Yale University, his J.D. from Columbia Law School where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, and his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California, Berkeley where he was a fellow with the National Science.



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Peyton Provenzano

Peyton Provenzano is a first-year JD student and third-year PhD student in the Jurisprudence & Social Policy Program at Berkeley Law. Her legal focus is on 4th Amendment Jurisprudence, with an emphasis on the police use of force. Peyton's work is situated at the disciplinary intersections of Law & Society, Critical Criminology, and Critical Race Theory. Peyton's current research and policy advocacy is centered on community-based alternatives to the police for psychiatric emergencies, intimate-partner violence, and community-level violence.



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Khiara M. Bridges

Khiara M. Bridges is a professor of law at UC Berkeley School of Law. She has written many articles concerning race, class, reproductive rights, and the intersection of the three. Her scholarship has appeared or will soon appear in the Harvard Law Review, Stanford Law Review, the Columbia Law Review, the California Law Review, the NYU Law Review, and the Virginia Law Review, among others. She is also the author of three books: *Reproducing Race: An Ethnography of Pregnancy as a Site of Racialization* (2011), *The Poverty of Privacy Rights* (2017), and *Critical Race Theory: A Primer* (2019). She is a coeditor of a reproductive justice book series that is published under the imprint of the University of California Press.

She graduated as valedictorian from Spelman College, receiving her degree in three years. She received her J.D. from Columbia Law School and her Ph.D., with distinction, from Columbia University's Department of Anthropology. While in law school, she was a teaching assistant for the former dean, David Leebron (Torts), as well as for the late E. Allan Farnsworth (Contracts). She was a member of the Columbia Law Review and a Kent Scholar. She speaks fluent Spanish and basic Arabic, and she is a classically trained ballet dancer.



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Jeff Fagan

Jeffrey Fagan is the Isidor and Seville Sulzbacher Professor of Law at Columbia Law School and Professor of Epidemiology at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University. He also a Senior Research Scholar at Yale Law School. His scholarship focuses on fairness and accuracy in the administration of criminal justice and public policy. His research and scholarship examine race and criminal law procedure, policing and police reform, the legitimacy of the criminal law, capital punishment, firearm violence and regulation, drug policy, and juvenile crime and punishment. He served on the Committee on Law and Justice of the National Academy of Science from 2000-2006. He was a member of the 2004 National Research Council panel that examined policing in the U.S. He was an expert consultant to the U.S. Department of Justice in its investigation of the Ferguson (Missouri) Police Department, the lead expert witness for plaintiffs in the civil rights trial on the New York City Stop and Frisk policy, and an expert witness before the Constitutional Court of Indonesia on capital punishment. He was a consultant and expert witness on capital punishment to the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights from 2010-2016. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Criminology.



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Day 2: Opening Remarks



Aslı Bâli

Aslı Bâli is Professor of Law at the UCLA School of Law and Faculty Director of the Promise Institute for Human Rights. She is a core faculty member of the Critical Race Studies Program at UCLA Law and previously served as the Director of the UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies. Bâli's research focuses on two broad areas: public international law—including human rights law and the law of the international security order—and comparative constitutional law, with a focus on the Middle East. Her scholarship has appeared in the *American Journal of International Law*, *Cornell International Law Journal*, *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, *University of Chicago Law Review*, *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law*, *Virginia Journal of International Law* and *Yale Journal of International Law* among others; her edited volume *Constitution Writing, Religion and Democracy* was published by Cambridge University Press in 2017 and a second edited volume, *From Revolution to Devolution: Experiments in Decentralization in the MENA Region* is forthcoming from Cambridge University Press in 2021. Her current research examines questions of federalism and decentralization for the purposes of addressing identity-based conflict and self-determination demands in the Middle East. She has served as the Florence Rogatz Visiting Professor of Law at the Yale Law School in Spring 2020 and was a fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study in 2012. Bâli currently serves as co-chair of the Advisory Council for the Middle East Division of Human Rights Watch and as chair of the Task Force on Civil and Human Rights for the Middle East Studies Association. She received her J.D. from Yale, her M.Phil. from Cambridge University and her Ph.D in Politics from Princeton University.



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Panel III: Social Movements and Institutional Change



Scott Cummings

Scott Cummings is Robert Henigson Professor of Legal Ethics and Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law, where he teaches and writes about the legal profession, public interest law, law and social movements, and community economic development. He is the faculty director of Legal Ethics and the Profession (LEAP), a program promoting research and programming on the challenges facing the contemporary legal profession. He is also a long-time member of the UCLA David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy, a specialization training students to become public interest lawyers. Professor Cummings's research is focused on economic development, law and social movements, and the legal profession. His most recent book, *Blue and Green: The Drive for Justice at America's Port* (MIT University Press, 2018), examines the role of lawyers in a campaign by the labor and environmental movements to transform the trucking industry at the port of Los Angeles. *An Equal Place: Lawyers in the Struggle for Los Angeles*, a sweeping study of how lawyers have helped to challenge inequality in one of America's most unequal cities, is scheduled for publication by Oxford University Press in 2020.

Professor Cummings is also the co-author of the first public interest law textbook, *Public Interest Lawyering: A Contemporary Perspective* (with Alan Chen) (Wolters Kluwer, 2012), and co-editor of a leading legal profession casebook, *Legal Ethics* (with Deborah Rhode, David Luban, and Nora Engstrom) (7th ed. Foundation Press, 2016). He also edited *The Paradox of Professionalism: Lawyers and the Possibility of Justice* (Cambridge University Press, 2011). Professor Cummings is currently co-Principal Investigator of a National Science Foundation funded study (with Richard Abel and Catherine Albiston), which examines the factors causing law students to enter and persevere in public interest careers. His key articles include: "The Social Movement Turn in Law," *Law & Social Inquiry* (2018); "The Puzzle of Social Movements in American Legal Theory," *64 UCLA Law Review* 1554 (2017); "Preemptive Strike: Law in the Campaign for Clean Trucks," *4 UC Irvine Law Review* 939 (2014); and "Privatizing Public Interest Law," *25 Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics* 1 (2012).



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Purvi Shah

An experienced movement lawyer, civil-rights litigator, policy advocate and law professor, Purvi has spent her career at the intersection of law and social movements. After a decade of providing legal support to grassroots movements, Purvi founded Movement Law Lab to build a new generation of legal organizations and lawyers with the skills, know-how and vision to use law to create social change. Purvi has a long-track record as a legal innovator having founded numerous visionary legal organizations in the past decade. In 2015, in the aftermath of the Ferguson uprisings, Purvi co-founded Law For Black Lives, a national network of 3,500 lawyers committed to using law to build a world where #BlackLivesMatter. Prior to that, Purvi was the founding Director of the Bertha Justice Institute at the Center for Constitutional Rights, the nation's first movement lawyering institute. While there, she trained thousands of emerging lawyers on movement lawyering and helped build a global network of movement lawyers in 16 countries. Prior to that, Purvi co-founded the Community Justice Project of Florida Legal Services in 2006. There, she represented taxi drivers, tenant unions, public housing residents, and immigrants rights groups. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Purvi worked as a community organizer with youth in Miami, students in India, and families of incarcerated youth in California.

Purvi is best-known for being an effective multiplier and a skilled coach on movement lawyering. Her teaching experience spans being a distinguished Givelber Lecturer at Northeastern Law School, a clinical professor at the University of Miami School of Law (2007-2011) and a sought-after trainer on movement lawyering at law schools and legal organizations around the world.

For her work, Purvi has been awarded an Ashoka Fellowship, Echoing Green Fellowship, Soros Equality Fellowship, Harvard Law School Wasserstein Fellowship, Miami Foundation Fellowship, and a New Voices Fellowship. She is also the recipient of the East Bay Community Law Center's Justice Award, the ACLU of Florida's Rodney Thaxton Award for Racial Justice and the Community Justice Project's Community Defender Award. Purvi's work has been featured in Forbes, MSNBC, the Nation, the Miami Herald, and the Daily Business Review. Purvi holds a BA in Political Science and Social Policy from Northwestern University and a JD from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law.



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Rebecca Tsosie

Rebecca Tsosie is a Regents Professor at the James E. Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona, and she serves as a Faculty Co-Chair for the Indigenous Peoples' Law and Policy Program at the University of Arizona. Professor Tsosie, who is of Yaqui descent, is widely known for her work in the fields of Federal Indian law and indigenous peoples' human rights. Prior to joining the U of A faculty, Professor Tsosie was a Regent's Professor and Vice Provost for Inclusion and Community Engagement at Arizona State University. Professor Tsosie was the first faculty Executive Director for ASU's Indian Legal Program and served in that position for 15 years. Professor Tsosie has published widely on sovereignty, self-determination, cultural pluralism, environmental policy and cultural rights. She teaches in the areas of Federal Indian Law, Property, Constitutional Law, Critical Race Theory, and Cultural Resources Law. Professor Tsosie is a member of the Arizona Bar Association and the California Bar Association.

Professor Tsosie serves as a Supreme Court Justice for the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and as an Associate Judge on the San Carlos Tribal Court of Appeals. She received her B.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of California, Los Angeles.



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Shaun Ossei-Owusu

Shaun Ossei-Owusu is an interdisciplinary legal scholar with expertise in legal history, criminal law and procedure, civil rights, and the legal profession. His work sits at the intersection of law, history, and sociology, and focuses on how governments meet their legal obligations to provide protections and benefits to poor people and racial minorities. He also works on stratification in legal education and the legal profession.

He has received awards from social science and humanities organizations such as the American Bar Foundation, American Society for Criminology, American Society for Legal History, The Huntington Library, and the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the National Science Foundation. His work has been published or is forthcoming in the *New York University Law Review*, *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, *Virginia Law Review*, *Michigan Law Review*, *UCLA Law Review*, *Southern California Law Review*, *Wisconsin Law Review*, and the *American Journal of Law & Medicine*, among other outlets. His public writing has appeared in the *ABA Journal*, *American Prospect*, *Boston Review*, *Jacobin*, *Public Books*, and *Salon*.

His book project, *The People's Champ: Legal Aid from Slavery to Mass Incarceration*, is under contract with Harvard University Press. Before joining the Penn Law faculty, he was an Academic Fellow and a Kellis E. Parker Teaching Fellow at Columbia Law School. He received his PhD from the Department of African American Studies at UC Berkeley and his JD from Berkeley Law. He previously practiced litigation and healthcare enforcement law at Sidley Austin LLP in Washington, D.C., and worked as a Loaned Associate focusing on public benefits appeals with the Barbara McDowell Appellate Advocacy Project at the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia. He is a 2021 New America Fellow and a proud Bronx-born native.



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Panel IV: Social Movements, Freedom Dreams, and the Law



Robin D. G. Kelley

Robin D. G. Kelley is the Gary B. Nash Endowed Chair in U.S. History at UCLA. His books include, *Thelonious Monk: The Life and Times of an American Original* (2009); *Africa Speaks, America Answers: Modern Jazz in Revolutionary Times* (2012); *Freedom Dreams: The Black Radical Imagination* (2002); *Race Rebels: Culture Politics and the Black Working Class* (1994); *Yo' Mama's DisFunktional!: Fighting the Culture Wars in Urban America* (1997); and *Hammer and Hoe: Alabama Communists During the Great Depression* (1990). He is currently completing *Black Bodies Swinging: An American Postmortem* (forthcoming Metropolitan Books). Kelley's essays have appeared in several anthologies and publications, including *The Nation*, *Monthly Review*, *New York Times*, *Color Lines*, *Counterpunch*, *Souls*, *Black Renaissance/Renaissance Noir*, *Social Text*, *The Black Scholar*, *Journal of Palestine Studies*, and *Boston Review*, for which he also serves as Contributing Editor.



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Marbre Stahly-Butts

Marbre Stahly-Butts works closely with organizers and communities across the country to advance and actualize radical policy. She currently serves on the Leadership Team of the Movement For Black Lives Policy Table and helped develop the Vision for Black Lives Policy Platform. Since graduating from Yale Law School four years Marbre has supported local and national organizations from across the country in their policy development and advocacy. She joined the Center for Popular Democracy as a Soros Justice Fellow in Fall 2013. Her Soros Justice work focused on organizing and working with families affected by aggressive policing and criminal justice policies in New York City in order to develop meaningful bottom up policy reforms. While in law school, Marbre focused on the intersection of criminal justice and civil rights and gained legal experience with the Bronx Defenders, the Equal Justice Initiative and the Prison Policy Initiative. Before law school Marbre received her Masters in African Studies from Oxford University and worked in Zimbabwe organizing communities impacted by violence and then in South Africa teaching at Nelson Mandela's alma mater. Marbre graduated from Columbia University, with a BA in African-American History and Human Rights.



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Jacinta Gonzalez

Jacinta Gonzalez is a Senior Campaign Organizer with Mijente and is based in Phoenix, AZ. Previously, she worked at PODER in México, organizing the Río Sonora River Basin committees against water contamination by the mining industry. Jacinta was the lead organizer for the New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice Congress of Day Laborers (2007-2014). In Louisiana Gonzalez helped establish a base of day laborers and undocumented families dedicated to building worker power, advancing racial justice, and organizing against deportations in post-Katrina New Orleans.



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Dean Spade

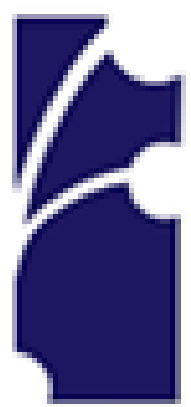
Dean Spade is an Associate Professor at Seattle University school of Law, where he teaches Administrative Law, Law and Social Movements, Poverty Law, Professional Responsibility and other courses. Dean has been working to build queer and trans liberation based in racial and economic justice for the past two decades. He's the author of *Normal Life: Administrative Violence, Critical Trans Politics, and the Limits of Law*, the director of the documentary "Pinkwashing Exposed: Seattle Fights Back!," and the creator of the mutual aid toolkit at BigDoorBrigade.com. His latest book, *Mutual Aid: Building Solidarity During This Crisis (and the Next)*, was published by Verso Press in October 2020.



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