COUNSELOR

IMMIGRATION CRISIS

UC Davis Law offers answers, assistance

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, SCHOOL OF LAW
MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Civil rights are fundamental to Martin Luther King Jr. Hall, and to the urgent conversation about immigration that UC Davis Law is helping lead.

As daily headlines alert the nation of the latest news about detention conditions, Central American border crises, or DACA’s potential demise, UC Davis Law’s immigration experts clarify, inform and assist.

Our outstanding scholar-teachers create productive discourse and reaffirm the rule of law as they weigh the latest challenges to immigrants’ rights. Our world-famous Immigration Law Clinic notches key courtroom victories for migrants in dire circumstances. News of the clinic’s great work has helped draw more than $1.3 million in gifts and grants so far in 2019-20.

The community’s amazing support does not stop there. This year, the law school will set a development record, bringing in more than $5 million. Such generosity helps UC Davis Law maintain excellence as its standard.

Our rare “majority-minority” faculty consistently finishes in the top 25 nationally in scholarly impact. Our scholars publish prolifically in leading law journals and reviews, and illuminate topics like big data, disability rights, and the Supreme Court’s ideological shift through op-eds in the New York Times and other top media outlets.


The recent inductions of Professor Joh and Senior Associate Dean Afra Afsharipour further bolstered UC Davis Law’s already robust presence in the American Law Institute, the nation’s most prestigious legal reform organization.

Moving up six spots, UC Davis Law placed No. 31 among 200 ABA-approved law schools in the most recent U.S. News & World Report rankings. We also receive high marks for inclusiveness: The Princeton Review ranked us in its top 10 for faculty diversity and resources for minority and female students. And our current 1L class is our most diverse yet!

As you read about your fellow King Hall community members in these pages, I hope you will join me in taking pride in what we have accomplished together.

Sincerely,

Kevin R. Johnson
Law school dean, Mabie-Apallas Professor of Public Interest Law, and professor of Chicana/o Studies at the University of California, Davis
Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service  
Law Review symposia  
Speaker highlights  
Professor Hillman retires  
Public-service law fellowships  
Professor Larson’s new book,  
The Trials of Allegiance  
Recent faculty publications  
Milestone Reunions
KING HALL COUNSELOR
RUSSELL JURA ’74
pledges $1.25 million to UC Davis School of Law

UC Davis Law is pleased to announce that Russell Jura ’74 and his wife, Kathy, have given $1.25 million to further fund the Russell D. Jura Scholarship.

Established in 2004, the scholarship assists student recipients with the payment of tuition and fees. Fifteen King Hall students have received the scholarship so far.

“The purpose of the Jura Scholarship is to support the dreams of others, long after I have passed from this Earth,” Jura said. “I applaud those students who have made the effort, above and beyond their financial means, to attend law school. This scholarship will give its recipients the opportunity to focus on learning as their first priority.”

Jura served as senior vice president and general counsel for the Yamaha Motor Corporation U.S.A. He began his career as an in-house attorney at Yamaha just after law school, in 1975. Jura is a double Aggie, having received a B.S. degree from UC Davis in 1970.

A RECORD FUND-RAISING YEAR

UC Davis School of Law has drawn $4.2 million in gifts and grants in the 2019-20 academic year, placing it on track for its best fund-raising year ever.
Mark Perry ’80 and Melanie Peña give $1 million

Mark Perry ’80 and his wife, Melanie Peña, have pledged $1 million to UC Davis School of Law as a gift in their estate plan. The gift will be used to endow the Dean’s Discretionary Fund.

The gift extends the couple’s streak of extraordinary generosity toward the law school. They have donated nearly $1.7 million to UC Davis Law over the years.

The school’s Career Services office bears their name as part of a gift to help with the King Hall renovation/expansion. Perry and Peña also have supported the UC Davis Law Review, the Family Protection and Legal Assistance Clinic, and, along with David Hyman ’80, helped establish the Richard Archibald Memorial Fund, in honor and memory of Perry’s and Hyman’s UC Davis Law classmate. This fund supports the Loan Repayment Assistance Program.

“Melanie and I are pleased to continue our support of King Hall, and its extraordinary faculty and student body,” Perry said. “We have wonderful memories from our time in Davis, and we want to do our part to ensure that the school can continue to educate future generations of lawyers with a diversity of backgrounds.”

Perry is an independent board member and consultant in the biotechnology industry. He previously served as an executive at the biopharmaceutical companies Aerovance and Gilead Sciences, and as a partner at the law firm Cooley LLP.
Two outstanding teacher/scholars, Stacy-Ann Elvy and Karrigan Börk, joined the UC Davis Law faculty in 2019-20.

Professor Elvy received her J.D. from Harvard Law School, and her undergraduate degree from Cornell. Her research focuses on “the commercial law of privacy,” the subject of her forthcoming book from Cambridge University Press, The Internet of Things: The Future of Commercial Law and Privacy. She joins UC Davis Law from New York Law School, where she was a professor of law and associate director of the Center for Business and Financial Law.

Acting Professor Börk, a scholar in environmental law and natural resources law, holds a J.D. from Stanford Law School and a Ph.D. in ecology from UC Davis. He clerked for Chief Judge Mary Beck Briscoe of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

Professors Karima Bennoune, Ashutosh Bhagwat and William S. Dodge received endowed chairs at UC Davis Law in 2019-20.

Bennoune, an international law and human rights scholar and the United Nations Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, holds the Homer G. Angelo and Ann Berryhill Endowed Chair.

Bhagwat, an expert in constitutional law and free speech, holds the Boochever and Bird Chair for the Study and Teaching of Freedom and Equality.

Dodge, a specialist in international law, dispute resolution and transactions, is the inaugural holder of the John D. Ayer Chair in Business Law.

EMILY SCIVOLETTO returns to King Hall as new senior assistant dean

In the fall, UC Davis School of Law welcomed Emily Scivoletto back to King Hall as its new senior assistant dean for student affairs. Scivoletto previously served as inaugural director of the Academic Success Program. More recently, Scivoletto was the associate dean for academic and student affairs at UCLA School of Law, overseeing student affairs, diversity and inclusion, curriculum and pedagogy, and student academic success.
UC Davis School of Law observed the Jan. 20 Martin Luther King Jr. holiday with its first Day of Service and Celebration, organized by the law school, the Black Law Students Association and the Davis MLK Working Group. More than 90 members of the King Hall community (students, faculty, staff and alumni) spent the morning helping out at Fourth & Hope, a Woodland facility that provides services to the unhoused population, and assisting deferred action (DACA) recipients at King Hall.

BLSA President Kaleigh Thomas ’21, Dean Kevin R. Johnson and Alameda County Public Defender Brendon Woods spoke at a lunchtime gathering honoring Dr. King, the inspiration for the law school building’s name and public service mission.

On Jan. 15, or what would have been King’s 91st birthday, the Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund Award Celebration in King Hall honored UC Davis Chancellor Gary S. May, Associate Executive Vice Chancellor Rahim Reed and UC Davis Law Dean Kevin R. Johnson with Outstanding Service Awards for Leadership at UC Davis. Lyla Bugara ’20 received an MLK Scholarship Fund Award.
2019 GRADUATES BECOME LAWYERS
at King Hall Swearing-In Ceremony

One of the most joyous King Hall events of the year took place in December, when members of the class of 2019 who passed the California Bar Examination returned for the annual Swearing-In Ceremony.

Graduates, family and friends packed the Kalmanovitz Appellate Courtroom, where Sacramento Superior Court Judge Lauri Damrell ’05 administered the state oath and U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge Dennis Cota ’86 delivered the federal oath.

Dean Kevin R. Johnson congratulated the graduates on their achievement – and endurance. “You worked incredibly hard for three years to earn a J.D., then you spent a long, hot few months studying for the bar, then you took the bar and had to wait more months to find out if you passed,” he said. “Tonight truly completes the process.”

It was the first time UC Davis School of Law alums administered both oaths at a King Hall Swearing-In Ceremony. Damrell and Cota also serve as adjunct faculty at the law school. Damrell taught Implicit Bias in fall 2019, and Cota is a longtime Trial Practice teacher and coach.
In fall 2019, the UC Davis Law Review held two highly successful symposia that highlighted UC Davis Law faculty expertise and drew esteemed speakers from elsewhere.

October’s symposium, “An Empirical Analysis of Wealth Transfer Law,” focused on trust and estate law. UC Davis Law’s in-house expert, Professor David Horton, helped shepherd the event, which brought together several members of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, a national organization of lawyers and law professors elected to the group by their peers. Horton is an academic fellow of the college.

UC Davis Law Professors Andrea Cann Chandrasekher, Shayak Sarkar and Donna Shestowsky also participated in the symposium.

In November, an array of scholars, attorneys and policy experts convened for a symposium marking the 25th anniversary of Prop. 187, an initiative passed by California voters in 1994 that sought to strip undocumented immigrants of public benefits, including a public education. Blocked by an injunction and later invalidated, Prop. 187 never went into effect but helped lead the way for anti-sanctuary laws adopted in several other states.

Spearheaded by UC Davis Professor Leticia Saucedo, the symposium was retrospective but also timely. Speakers considered 187’s legacy amid current challenges to immigrant rights that echo those from 25 years ago, including President Donald Trump’s effort to rescind DACA, a program affecting communities similar to those targeted by 187.

Special thanks to Law Review editors Alice Park ’20 and Rebecca Brandel ’20 for their hard work in organizing these impressive events.
CHIEF JUSTICE CANTIL-SAKAUYE at King Hall

UC Davis School of Law was very fortunate to have the Chief Justice of California, Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye ’84, visit King Hall twice in fall 2019. In October, Cantil-Sakauye addressed students in the Judicial Process class taught by her fellow alum, Sacramento Superior Court Judge Lawrence G. Brown ’89. In November, Cantil-Sakauye spoke to the Filipino Law Students Association as part of the group’s Culture Week. Cantil-Sakauye is the first Filipina American, and second woman, to serve as the state’s chief justice.

The Chief Justice of California, Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye ’84, visited King Hall to address the Filipino Law Students Association (top) and the Judicial Process class.
JUSTICE CUÉLLAR ADDRESSES KING HALL, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

California Supreme Court Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar visited King Hall in January, speaking to a group that included UC Davis law students and undergraduates as well as high school students in the Puente Project, which aims to increase the number of educationally underserved students who enroll in four-year universities.

Justice Cuéllar shared his experiences as a student at Harvard, Yale and Stanford, advisor to President Barack Obama, and professor at Stanford Law School. During the event, Cuéllar received the Cruz Reynoso Sowing the Seeds of Justice Award from the law school and UC Davis’ Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Reynoso, a UC Davis Law professor emeritus, was the first Latinx justice on the state’s highest court. While on campus, Justice Cuéllar also appeared with Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Diversity and Professor of Law Raquel Aldana as part of the provost’s series on the future of the public university.

AUTHOR CARREYROU SPEAKS ABOUT BAD BLOOD

UC Davis School of Law co-sponsored an event featuring John Carreyrou, author of the best-selling book Bad Blood. The book details the rise and fall of Elizabeth Holmes, charismatic founder of the blood-testing technology company Theranos. George Demos, an adjunct professor at UC Davis Law, organized the event and interviewed Carreyrou on stage.

SPOTLIGHTING SPORTS AND WOMEN’S RIGHTS

In November, Professor Karima Bennoune, U.N. Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, conducted a Q&A with groundbreaking athlete and coach Katayoun Khosrowyar. The pair discussed Khosrowyar’s experiences as a soccer coach in Iran, and the importance of participation in sports as a component of women’s rights internationally.

Karima Bennoune, left, with Katayoun Khosrowyar
For 38 years, Professor Robert W. Hillman delivered the same vital message to his students at King Hall:

“Don’t back-date the minutes!”

Hillman’s catchphrase refers to corporations retroactively altering meeting records, a practice that “as a lawyer, you do not want to be anywhere near,” he said. But it is also shorthand for the spectrum of ethics issues in the legal field.

Ethics, particularly as applied to law-firm partnerships and lawyer mobility, have been a cornerstone of Hillman’s distinguished career. The Fair Business Practices and Investor Advocacy Chair at UC Davis Law and an American Law Institute lifetime member, Hillman transitioned to emeriti status at the end of 2019.

He leaves a business law program considerably more robust than the one that greeted him in 1981. For several years, Hillman was the school’s only full-time business faculty member.

“Professor Hillman’s scholarship and teaching have served as a foundation for business law at King Hall,” said UC Davis Law Dean Kevin R. Johnson. “We were extremely fortunate to have him here for so many years.”

Over the decades, Hillman watched the program grow in both scholars and specialties. “We really have some remarkably good people teaching business courses now,” he said.

Hillman “has made invaluable and enduring contributions to the study of business law in general,” said Senior Associate Dean Afra Afsharipour, a corporate law scholar. Afsharipour pointed to the Securities Regulation casebook, now in its ninth edition, that Hillman co-authored, and to his treatise Hillman on Lawyer Mobility, the definitive work on the subject.

“I was lucky to have been one of the first people to anticipate major changes in the structure of law firms,” Hillman said of his groundbreaking scholarship. Always focused on partnership law, he noticed in the 1980s that traditionally stable law partnerships were “starting to act in strange ways,” including disbanding and filing for bankruptcy. “I started to look at firms, which required me to go into other areas of law, like professional responsibility, legal ethics and tort law.”

Hillman also worked pro bono for Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf in the years just after she took office in 2006, following Liberia’s prolonged civil war. He helped Johnson Sirleaf renegotiate iron ore contracts with the world’s largest steel companies.

“I am very proud of that, in part because it’s practice, and I always believe that the optimal situation for a law professor is also to be a lawyer,” Hillman said.

Hillman has been a visiting professor in China, at NYU, and at his alma mater, Duke Law. (As a student, he beat out future Clinton investigator Ken Starr to be law journal editor-in-chief.) But he never considered calling any school but UC Davis home.

“It’s a great university, which is enormously important in facilitating research and creating the right environment for teaching. The law school specifically is very comfortable for an academic because of its tradition of civility.”

Hillman will return to King Hall in the fall for a Business Law Journal symposium in his honor. But he is taking a break before resuming teaching as an emeritus.

The last meeting of his final class before his retirement, Business Associations, flooded Hillman with great teaching memories: “As I looked out at the class, I was replaying earlier classes. I was seeing the many generations of Business Associations students I have taught sitting in that room.”

Two former students actually were there. United States Magistrate Judge Dennis Cota and Assistant Federal Defender David Porter, both from the class of 1986, helped send off Hillman. Cota even brought a cake, bearing this inscription:

“Thank you, Professor Hillman. Don’t back-date the minutes!”

“Professor Robert Hillman

“\text{I always believe that the optimal situation for a law professor is also to be a lawyer.}”

– Professor Robert Hillman
Professor Donna Shestowsky will conduct an 18-month empirical study of online dispute resolution (ODR).

Shestowsky, working with The Pew Charitable Trusts, will evaluate online platforms for mediations, negotiations and hearings. These platforms would eliminate the need for some parties to appear in physical courthouses.

“I am intrigued by the theoretical possibilities of ODR to help courts bring access to justice to their constituents, especially those who are unrepresented, lack financial resources, or live in remote areas,” Shestowsky said. “As an empirical scholar, I appreciate the fact that we should study ODR in its nascent stages to understand how it operates in practice.”

Originally developed for the private sector, ODR has been adopted by some public courts in the United States. But there has not been a neutral, empirical study before this one, initiated by The Pew Charitable Trusts in partnership with Shestowsky and the nonprofit National Center for State Courts.

The project will evaluate data from several courts that are piloting ODR programs. Shestowsky and her research team will focus on courts in Hawaii and Texas. Because of her study’s scope, Shestowsky is partnering in the research with Chicago’s Resolution Systems Institute, a nonprofit that aims to enhance court alternative dispute resolution systems.

The study will consider, among other questions, whether ODR reduces the time and stress on parties and courts; affects case outcomes; improves litigants’ use of court procedures and navigation of court rules; and increases users’ sense of procedural fairness.

Shestowsky directs UC Davis Law’s Lawyering Skills Education Program and is an expert in alternative dispute resolution. In May 2019, the Association of American Law Schools’ Section on Alternative Dispute Resolution named her article “Inside the Mind of the Client: An Analysis of Litigants’ Decision Criteria for Choosing Procedures” as the best of 2018.

Professor Courtney Joslin has been honored with a second Dukeminier Award from UCLA School of Law’s Williams Institute, for her 2018 Boston University Law Review article “Discrimination In and Out of Marriage.”

Named for the late UCLA Law Professor Jesse Dukeminier, the annual Dukeminier Awards recognize the best law-review articles on sexual-orientation and gender-identity issues. The selected articles are republished in an annual volume, the Dukeminier Awards Journal.

“It is such an honor to be recognized along with so many other important and distinguished scholars,” Joslin said. “The award brings greater attention to scholarship grappling with critically important and timely legal issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity.”

“Discrimination In and Out of Marriage” excavates the forgotten history of marital status discrimination advocacy.

Joslin previously received a Dukeminier Award for her 2010 Southern California Law Review article “Protecting Children (?): Marriage, Gender, and Assisted Reproduction Technology.”

UC Davis Law Professor Brian Soucek also received a Dukeminier Award, in 2015, as did Professor Emerita Angela Harris, in 2006.
Maleah Vidal ‘20 has had her eye on public service throughout her time at King Hall.

“I want to do meaningful work,” Vidal said. “I really want to uplift.”

To that end, she has taken all routes available through the Public Service Law Fellowships program offered by the University of California Office of the President. Vidal spent two summers working at nonprofits with the help of fellowship funding, and will start a yearlong post-grad fellowship later this year.

The UCOP program began in 2016 in response to a proposal by Dean Kevin R. Johnson and deans from three other UC law schools. The program since has funded approximately 230 UC Davis Law students in summer and post-grad fellowships. In 2019, UCOP fellowships helped more than 80 King Hall students and graduates obtain real-world public service experience.

“It is a top priority to offer support to students in their efforts to gain invaluable public-interest law experience,” Johnson said. “The fellowships provide a wonderful opportunity for students to help people in need.”

The summer program provides $4,000 to first- and second-year students to work at government agencies and nonprofit organizations in intern-level positions that otherwise would go unpaid.

Vidal spent a summer at Legal Services of Northern California in Sacramento and another at Bay Area Legal Aid – experiences that “reminded me of the important work that is desperately needed in these communities,” she said.

In September, she will begin a post-grad fellowship with the UC Davis Office of the Campus Counsel. “It is such a wonderful opportunity because every attorney in that office has 10-plus years of experience,” Vidal said. “To learn and grow and develop these lawyering skills that are transferable to any area of law – it is really a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”

Other fellows have secured paid positions at the agencies where they spent their summers. After she graduates in May, Lyla Bugara ‘20 will be a graduate law clerk at the Contra Costa Public Defender’s Office, where she worked in 2019.

“T know they looked heavily at the work I had done over the summer, and my level of commitment,” in deciding to hire her as a clerk, Bugara said.

In addition, the Office of the President holds a Public Service Law Conference each year. Through funding from UCOP, more than 30 King Hall students attended the 2020 conference in January at UC Irvine. The conference offered several panels emphasizing the importance of public service, including one moderated by UC President Janet Napolitano that featured Johnson and other UC law school deans.
Professor Carlton Larson’s phone has been ringing for the past three years.

The New York Times, Washington Post and NPR call him for insights about President Trump’s latest accusations of “treason” against the president’s critics, or vice versa. A constitutional scholar and legal historian, Larson is one of the foremost experts on the law of treason.

“Trump happened, and all of a sudden this topic which had been really kind of dorky and not of enormous popular interest became exciting,” Larson said.

Now Larson has a book out, The Trials of Allegiance: Treason, Juries, and the American Revolution (Oxford University Press). Although Trump’s presidency eased the way for a book contract, the project’s origins are considerably older.

The book presents the law of treason as a new way to frame the American Revolution. It reflects years of research conducted after Larson made a key discovery as a Harvard history undergraduate in 1996.

“I was looking for a topic for my senior thesis, and I had been reading a book about James Wilson,” Larson said. “He was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution and one of the first Supreme Court justices. But he is largely forgotten today.

“I read that he had defended people accused of treason in trials in 1778 and 1779. That seemed really interesting. What is a signer of the Declaration of Independence doing in court representing people accused of adhering to the king? Then I started thinking, ‘What does treason really mean when the whole American Revolution is an act of treason against the king?’”

Larson’s thesis was well-received. But he recognized, once at Yale Law, that he had not known enough about the law when he wrote it to “ask the questions legal historians should be asking,” he said.

After joining the UC Davis law faculty, he spent years studying Revolutionary-era Pennsylvania juries. The book’s nearly 100-page “notes” section and large file cabinets filled with research materials in Larson’s King Hall office reflect his painstaking efforts.

“If you do a legal history project well, it is more enduring than a lot of legal scholarship that addresses a particular problem happening right now,” Larson said.

Current events intervened, anyway, when the publication of Trials of Allegiance in September 2019 coincided with the Trump impeachment inquiry. Larson fielded media calls about Trump’s tweet suggesting House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff should be investigated for treason.

It was another opportunity to point out how present-day accusations of treason rarely match the constitutional definition of “levying war” against the U.S. or “adhering to their enemies.”

“I and a couple of other law professors have been beating this drum now for two or three years,” Larson said. “But I think it takes a while to seep in. My second book will address that.”

Immigration constantly makes news these days. Family separations, the DACA fight, and border crises in Central America and elsewhere have caused great public concern.

“You have a growing awareness that immigration issues really are the civil rights issues of the 21st century,” said Kevin Johnson, dean of UC Davis School of Law and an internationally renowned immigration scholar.

Some controversial U.S. policies, including family detention, started with President Obama. But the extreme tone of President Trump’s “zero tolerance” approach has put a finer point on immigrants’ struggles.

This focus on immigration has highlighted the status of UC Davis Law, with its unprecedented array of scholars and groundbreaking Immigration Law Clinic, as a national hub for immigration law. In addition, Martin Luther King Jr. Hall houses the UC Immigrant Legal Services Center, which assists students across the University of California system.

“I am not sure of any law school in the country that has the breadth or depth of an immigration law curriculum that ours does,” Johnson said. “We have a half-dozen faculty members who devote their research and teaching in large part to immigration issues.” They include Johnson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Diversity and Professor of Law Raquel E. Aldana and Professors Gabriel ‘Jack’ Chin, Shayak Sarkar, Leticia Saucedo and Brian Soucek.

The immigration clinic, directed by two alums, Professors Amagda Pérez ’91 and Holly Cooper ’98, received more than $1.3 million in gifts last summer to assist its work on behalf of migrants in dire circumstances.
The law school’s resources seem to have reached critical mass just as immigration crises are at a flashpoint. But the buildup has been steady. Or as Johnson likes to say, “We were doing immigration law before it was cool.”

When Johnson arrived in Davis in 1989, immigration clinic Director James F. Smith was the only person teaching immigration law.

“In the 1980s, most law schools did not view immigration law as a subject appropriate for true lawyers to study,” Johnson said. “There wasn’t even a casebook in 1980.”

Professor Smith, said Johnson, was “a visionary.” A Berkeley Law alum who worked for future California Supreme Court Justice and UC Davis Law Professor Cruz Reynoso at California Rural Legal Assistance during the grape-strike era, Smith saw the value of immigration law and clinical education before others did. Established in 1982, the Davis immigration clinic was among the first of its kind.

Johnson, a UC Berkeley and Harvard Law alumnus, had done pro bono work in war-torn El Salvador in 1986. He said the clinic, then focused on Central American asylum cases, played a role in his desire to join the Davis faculty.

A few years after he arrived, Johnson began teaching immigration law and building a foundation of scholarship that would establish him as one of the field’s top experts. A main contributor to the ImmigrationProf Blog, Johnson recently helped spearhead an amici curiae brief for 124 scholars in support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. The Supreme Court will decide this year on the legitimacy of Trump’s efforts to rescind DACA.

Johnson authored the casebook Immigrant Law and Social Justice with Professor Emeritus Bill Ong Hing and UCLA Law Professor Jennifer M. Chacón, also formerly of UC Davis.

Johnson recently collaborated with Aldana, Saucedo and Hing on the third edition of the handbook Understanding Immigration Law.

Aldana specializes in transitional justice, criminal justice reforms, and sustainable development in Latin America, and immigrant rights in the U.S. In 2018, she co-created the UC Davis Refugee Law-Mental Health Interdisciplinary Gathering of scholars, mental health providers, refugee resettlement practitioners and others.

Saucedo has made great inroads in examining the role of Latinx workers in the American workplace. She also organized the 2019 UC Davis Law Review symposium marking the 25th anniversary of Prop. 187, the California initiative that paved the way for anti-sanctuary laws in other states.

The U.S. Supreme Court has cited Chin’s work on the collateral consequences of criminal conviction, most notably in Padilla v. Kentucky, which established that defense attorneys must advise noncitizen clients of the deportation risks of a guilty plea. Chin’s 2018 collaboration with John Ormonde ’15, “The War Against Chinese Restaurants,” appeared in the Duke Law Journal and explored how statutes against restaurants played into the larger xenophobia of the Chinese Exclusion Act. Chin directs the law school’s clinical programs, including the immigration clinic.

Soucek researches antidiscrimination law, constitutional law and sexual orientation and gender identity as well as immigration law and policy. In 2018, he and Yale Law School Professor Judith Resnik filed an amici brief in the Ninth Circuit case C.J.L.G. v. Whitaker arguing that children in deportation hearings have a right to government-funded counsel.


There was no “conscious decision” to make Davis an immigration law juggernaut, Johnson said. But social justice is a foundation of King Hall, and “as we hired a more diverse faculty, we hired a faculty that was more interested in immigration issues.”
UC Davis Law began to attract its rare “majority-minority” faculty while Johnson’s predecessor, the late Rex Perschbacher, was dean. But most of the current immigration scholars arrived after Johnson’s tenure began in 2008.

“Because of his experience and his connection with everyone, Dean Johnson has attracted scholars committed to immigration law and practice,” said Pérez, the UC Davis Law alum and clinic co-director.

The daughter of Lake County farm workers, Pérez grew up watching other families who lived on the same ranch being “devastated” by visits from Border Patrol agents.

“That had a really profound impact on me, and I always wanted to do something about it,” Pérez said.

At UC Davis, she took Refugee Law from Johnson, Immigration Law from Smith and enrolled in the clinic. There, she, like students before and after her, spent a minimum of 12 hours a week doing practice, from drafting motions to representing clients in court under the supervision of a staff attorney (in her case, Smith).

“Amagda was a star student,” said Smith, speaking by phone from Southern California. He points to her sensitive handling of an interview with a young indigenous Guatemalan who survived the destruction of his village by forces led by Defense Minister Héctor Gramajo.

“Because of the graphic nature of the story and his age, the declarations from this young ‘John Doe’ became the symbolic moment in the litigation,” Smith said. “That happened because of Amagda.”

In 1995, Smith and fellow litigators won a $47.5 million judgment against Gramajo for 10 plaintiffs, eight of whom were UC Davis immigration clinic clients.

When a part-time attorney position opened at the clinic, Smith hired Pérez, who had spent a few years post-King Hall at California Rural Legal Assistance in Modesto. Once back in Sacramento, she split her time between the clinic and the CRLA Foundation. When Smith retired in 2007, Pérez began working full time at the clinic while retaining her position as CRLAF executive director.

Each semester, she helps supervise King Hall externs at CRLAF, which also employs UC Davis alums Bianca Dueñas ’16, Laura Flores-Dixit ’15 and Marcus Tang ’14 as immigration supervising attorneys.

Through CRLAF and the clinic, Pérez organizes naturalization workshops that have helped more than 40,000 people — people like her childhood neighbors — become U.S. citizens. She also helps shepherd DACA workshops and “know your rights” clinics that help allay immigrants’ fears and allow immigration-clinic students to gain valuable lawyering skills.

“The clinic received more than $1.3 million in gifts and grants last summer, including $900,000 generated by the nonprofit Together Rising through a highly successful crowdfunding effort.
chained together, in urgent need of advocates. “I realized (detainees) were the individuals who have the greatest need, and the least access to help,” she said.

She moved on to the Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project on the Arizona border, where she initiated the Detained Immigrant Children’s Rights Project. When she returned to Davis in 2006, it was to focus on the detained docket.

She was drawn back partly by her old mentors.

“You always have that echo of Dean Johnson, and Jim Smith, and Amagda, keeping the watermark high” while working cases, Cooper said. “They are icons in this field.”

Cooper is one of the most prominent attorneys in the fight for detained children’s rights, as counsel on the Flores case, the 1997 class-action settlement that set standards for minors’ detention. She joined Flores after working with migrant detainees in Yolo County.

Students have played vital roles as well. Monica Monsalve ’21 and Maria Walker ’21 interviewed children for the Flores case, and joined Cooper in Los Angeles last September to witness federal Judge Dolly Gee block Trump administration rules that would have allowed children to be detained indefinitely.

A few months earlier, Cooper had spoken to the Associated Press about poor conditions at a Texas Border Patrol facility. The story helped spark a national furor over how detained migrant children are treated.

Soon after, the nonprofit Together Rising donated $900,000 it had generated through a highly successful crowdfunding campaign to the immigration clinic. The money allowed the law school to hire King Hall alum J.J. Mulligan Sepúlveda ’15 and Daisy Ocampo Felt as staff attorneys for three years.

The James Irvine Foundation then granted the clinic $250,000 and the NextGen Policy Center gave $175,000.

“At a time when our clients and communities are feeling even more vulnerable, to be able to provide more services is a gift beyond the money,” Pérez said. “It is an acknowledgement that these communities have contributed to this nation. And it allows children, who are the most vulnerable, to have advocates to make sure they are treated humanely.”

Johnson praised Cooper and Pérez as UC Davis success stories.

“Both were affected substantially by the training and exposure they received here,” he said. “Both of them could easily go off and do something else” in their careers, “and we are lucky they haven’t.”

The networks established through UC Davis Law’s immigration programs contain thousands of scholars, attorneys and alumni, and intersect in key ways.

Alums are integral to the Immigrant Legal Services Center, founded in 2014 to serve the needs of undocumented and immigrant students across the UC system. Rachel Ray ’11 is a managing attorney in the program, and Damian Caravez ’18, Gloria Chong ’19 and Ian Dougherty ’19 are fellows.

UC Davis Law was all over the landmark 2014 California Supreme Court decision allowing Sergio Garcia, an undocumented immigrant who had been brought to the U.S. as an infant, to practice law.

Johnson worked on the briefing for the State Bar, Cooper submitted an amicus brief on Garcia’s behalf, and then-Assemblyman Luis Alejo ’01 helped move through legislation allowing undocumented immigrants to practice law. The Chief Justice of California, Tani Cantil-Sakauye ’84, wrote the unanimous decision. Reynoso, the civil rights hero and former California justice, gave Garcia the oath.

Reynoso also has advised the immigration clinic often.

“He always says that immigration rights are human rights,” Pérez said.

Much of the world has caught on. But challenges for immigrants, many of them extreme, will continue. So will UC Davis’ commitment to immigration law.

“While public attention may ebb and flow, I don’t think the issues surrounding immigration will ever change or go away,” Johnson said.
FORGING STRONG PARTNERSHIPS AROUND THE WORLD

For more than 30 years, UC Davis School of Law's International Programs have provided exceptional educational opportunities for international lawyers, judges, scholars, and J.D. and LL.M. students. This year, our LL.M. program welcomed 58 students from 23 countries to our academic community. Along the way, UC Davis School of Law has established vital, mutually rewarding partnerships with prestigious universities and other institutions around the world. Our international partners include:

**Chile**
- Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
- Universidad de Chile

**China**
- China University of Political Science and Law
- East China University of Political Science and Law
- Fudan University
- Renmin University of China
- Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
- Southwest University of Political Science and Law
- Tsinghua University
- Wuhan University
- Zhejiang University

**Denmark**
- University of Copenhagen

**Egypt**
- Judicial Studies and Research Center of the Egyptian Council of State

**France**
- Paris Nanterre University

**India**
- Jindal Global Law School

**Ireland**
- University College Dublin

**Japan**
- Supreme Court of Japan

**Korea**
- Supreme Court of Korea
- Korean Ministry of Justice

**Mexico**
- Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

**Switzerland**
- University of Lausanne
HARVARD PROFESSOR GORDON-REED ADDRESSES PUBLIC MONUMENT CONTROVERSY

Annette Gordon-Reed, Charles Warren Professor of American Legal History at Harvard Law School, delivered the Central Valley Foundation/James B. McClatchy Lecture on the First Amendment in September. Her talk addressed protests that erupted during the past several years regarding Confederate statues and other controversial public monuments.

Gordon-Reed won the Pulitzer Prize for her 2008 book *The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family*, which explored the relationship between Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings, an enslaved woman. Gordon-Reed said that while it is important to acknowledge “the bad things the founding fathers did,” some figures are inextricable from institutions, like Jefferson and the school he founded, the University of Virginia.

She sees less nuance in the role of Confederate statues in public spaces: “The Confederates were people who went against the flag of the United States of America. Why should they be honored in the American public sphere?”

UCI LAW’S GOODWIN delivers Barrett Lecture

Michele Bratcher Goodwin, Chancellor’s Professor at UC Irvine School of Law, delivered the Edward L. Barrett Jr. Lecture on Constitutional Law to an overflow crowd at King Hall in November. Bratcher previewed her book *Policing the Womb*, which explores the impact of laws surrounding pregnancy that can result in the punishment and incarceration of women, particularly poor women and women of color. Goodwin’s talk addressed fetal protection statutes and other measures that limit women’s autonomy throughout their pregnancies. “So many stories get overlooked when we just look at abortion” when discussing reproductive health, rights and justice, Goodwin told the audience.
Recent faculty publications

**BOOKS**

**Raquel Aldana**

*From Extraction to Emancipation, Development Reimagined* (edited collection with Steven W. Bender), American Bar Association and Carolina Academic Press (2018)

**Stacy-Ann Elvy**

**Robert W. Hillman**


**Ashutosh Bhagwat**
*Our Democratic First Amendment*, Cambridge University Press (forthcoming 2020)

**Kevin R. Johnson**


**Carlton Larson**

**ARTICLES**

**Afra Afsharipour**
Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law


**Karima Bennoune**
Homer G. Angelo and Ann Berryhill Endowed Chair, Professor of Law, and U.N. Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights


**Andrea Cann**
Chandrasekher
Professor of Law


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


**William S. Dodge**
John D. Ayer Chair in Business Law and Martin Luther King Jr. Professor of Law


Christopher S. Elmendorf  
Professor of Law  

John P. Hunt  
Professor of Law  
“Consent to Student-Loan Bankruptcy Discharge,” Indiana Law Journal (forthcoming 2020)  

Lisa Ikemoto  
Professor of Law  

Irene Oritseweyinmi Joe  
Acting Professor of Law  
“Regulating Mass Prosecution,” UC Davis Law Review (forthcoming)

Elizabeth Joh  
Professor of Law  
“What Trump Can Teach Us About Con Law” (podcast)

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

Thomas W. Joo  
Professor of Law  

Courtney Joslin  
Professor of Law  

Lisa Klotz  
Legal Writing Fellow  

Carlton Larson  
Professor of Law  

Peter Lee  
Professor of Law  

Albert C. Lin  
Professor of Law  
Menesh Patel  
Acting Professor of Law  

Lisa R. Pruitt  
Martin Luther King Jr. Professor of Law  

Shayak Sarkar  
Acting Professor of Law  

Leticia Saucedo  
Martin Luther King Jr. Professor of Law  

Darien Shanske  
Professor of Law  
“Auctioning the Upzone,” (with Christopher S. Elmendorf) Case Western Reserve Law Review (forthcoming 2020)

Donna Shestowsky  
Martin Luther King Jr. Professor of Law and Director of Lawyering Skills Education Program  
“Easing the Road to Civil Justice: Improving Litigants’ Awareness of ADR Options,” Court Review (2018)

Brian Soucek  
Professor of Law  
“Sexual Harassment By Any Other Name,” University of Chicago Legal Forum (2019)  

AMICI BRIEFS

Ashutosh Bhagwat  
Amici brief filed by administrative law scholars in DACA case before the U.S. Supreme Court

William S. Dodge  
Amici brief filed by international litigation professors in vitamin price-fixing case before the U.S. Supreme Court  
Amici brief filed by international law scholars in support of petitioners in Jesner v. Arab Bank, PLC, before the U.S. Supreme Court

Kevin R. Johnson  
Immigrant law professors’ amici brief filed in DACA case before the U.S. Supreme Court

Leticia Saucedo  
Amici brief filed, with 30 immigration, law and employment law scholars, including Kevin Johnson, in the case of Kansas v. Garcia before the U.S. Supreme Court. The brief addresses conflicts between state and federal law.

Darien Shanske  
Amici brief by constitutional law scholars in North Carolina v. Kastner before the U.S. Supreme Court  
Amici brief of four U.S. senators in South Dakota v. Wayfair before the U.S. Supreme Court

Brian Soucek  
Amici brief filed, on behalf of 16 scholars of anti-discrimination law, in three LGBTQ employment discrimination cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.
UC Davis School of Law is proud to recognize the extraordinary contributions that friends, alumni, faculty and staff have made to support endowments, scholarships and other privately raised funds established to benefit the law school. Each dedicated fund provides invaluable support and is vital to the future of King Hall. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to making these supporting funds a reality.

**LECTURES**
- Dean Edward L. Barrett, Jr., Lecture on Constitutional Law
- Professor Brigitte M. Bodenheimer Lecture on Family Law
- Central Valley Foundation / James B. McClatchy Lecture on the First Amendment

**CHAIRS AND PROFESSORSHIPS**
- Homer G. Angelo and Ann Berryhill Angelo Professorship and Fund for International Legal Communication Studies
- John D. Ayer Bankruptcy Chair
- Professor Edward L. Barrett, Jr., Professorship
- Boochever and Bird Chair for the Study and Teaching of Freedom and Equality
- Daniel J. Dykstra Chair
- Fair Business Practices and Investor Advocacy Chair
- Mabie-Apallas Public Interest Chair

**SCHOLARSHIPS**
- Edward L. Barrett, Jr., Scholarship
- Helen Bates Scholarship
- David and Manana Beatty Scholarship
- Stephanie J. Blank Memorial Scholarship
- Brieger-Krevans Scholarship
- Brigitte Bodenheimer Memorial Scholarship
- California Law Reform Scholarship
- Cannata-Cunningham Scholarship
- Jose and Laura Castillo Scholarship
- Celestial Summer Dove Cassman Scholarship
- The Class of ’69 Scholarship Fund
- The Class of ’75 Scholarship Fund
- The Class of ’84 Scholarship Fund
- The Class of ’88 Scholarship Fund
- Dennis M. Chandler Memorial Scholarship
- John E. Cheddle Memorial Scholarship
- Joel Dobris Student Support Fund
- Christine M. Doyle Scholarship
- Easter Family Trial Advocacy Scholarship
- Professor Floyd Feeney Scholarship
- Samuel S. Foulk Memorial Scholarship
- Deborah J. Frick Memorial Scholarship
- Megan E. Glanville (MEG) Scholarship
- Jose O. and Maria Gutierrez Scholarship
- Jeffrey Huflaker ’79 Memorial Scholarship
- Herbert T. and Frances K. Ikazaki Scholarship
- Inwinkelried-Clark Scholarship
- Elizabeth Inadomi Scholarship
- Jackson Lewis Employment Law Scholarship
- Frank and Margaret Johns Scholarship
- Friedrich Juenger Johns Memorial Scholarship
- Russell D. Jura Scholarship
- Kalmanovitz Scholarship
- Kennis Family Scholarship
- Thelma and Hiroshi Kido Scholarship
- Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholarship
- King Hall Academic Excellence Scholarship
- King Hall Scholarship
- Joseph Lake and Jan Cutter Lake Scholarship
- Albert J. Lee and Mae Lee Scholarship
- James T. Lim and So Yun Park Scholarship
- William and Inez Mahie Family Foundation Scholarship
- Harry M. “Hank” Marsh Memorial Scholarship
- Lesley McAllister Scholarship
- Susan and James B. McClatchy / Central Valley Foundation Scholarship
- Edward Peña Scholarship
- Rex R. Perschbacher Scholarship
- Joseph and Mary Ann Ramirez Scholarship
- Michael H. Remy Memorial Scholarship
- Cruz and Jeannene Reynoso Scholarship for Legal Access
- Satre Family Scholarship
- Maggie Schelen Public Service Scholarship
- Schimbor Family Scholarship
- Bill Smith Memorial Scholarship
- Solis- McClain Veterans Scholarship
- Stock Family Scholarship
- Joan Story ’77 and Robert Kidd ’77 Scholarship
- Sunquist Consumer Law Scholarship
- Jeffrey Anne Tatum Scholarship
- The Martha West Social Justice Scholarship
- The Honorable Philip C. Wilkins Memorial Scholarship
- Bruce Wolk Scholarship
- Wydick Family Scholarship
- Environmental Law Endowment Fund
- Richard M. Frank Environmental Writing Prize
- Patrick J. Hopkins Memorial Fund
- Hy and Kay Ikeda Memorial Award
- King Hall Alumni Association Award
- King Hall Annual Fund
- King Hall Legal Foundation, independent 501 (c) (3)
- King Hall Veterans Support Fund
- Loan Repayment Assistance Fund
- Moses Lasky Anti-Trust Prize
- Theodore M. Pritikin Memorial Fund
- Public Interest Law Fund
- John and Mary Quirk Environmental Award
- William A. & Sally Rutier Distinguished Teaching Award
- Trial and Appellate Advocacy Fund
- UC Davis Law Review Endowment Fund

**21ST CENTURY CLUB**
Anonymous
Richard H. ’69 & Susan Avanzino
Robert D. Bacon ’76
Wayne A. ’71 & Jaque A. Bartholomew
Jay C. Carlisle ’69
Garret C. ’77 & Lynn Dalley
Gina E. Dronei ’79
Ronald P. Erickson ’74
David D. Hicks ’72
The Honorable Joan K. Irion ’79 & Mr. Jon M. Seithman
Margaret Z. Johns ’76
Russell D. ’74 & Kathy Jura
Nancy Krop ’87 & Mike Hedblom
Teresa Lai ’83 and James Stanislaw
Sally Lu Lake ’77
Theodore R. Lakey ’70
Robert ’71 & Barbara ’76 Leidigh
William E. Mantle ’74
Dean Emeritus & Professor Rex R. Perschbacher & Professor Debra L. Bassett ’87
The Honorable Elizabeth L. Perris ’75
Mark Perry ’80 and Melanie Peña
Professor Lisa R. Pruitt
Donna S. Selnick ’77
Judith Strum Schuler ’73 and Robert Schuler
The Honorable Tom W. Stallard ’75 & Ms. Meg S. Stallard
The Honorable Nancy Wieben Stock ’76 and Mr. Ron Stock ’75
William D. Strickland ’97
Laurence B. Wohl ’72
Professor Emeritus Richard C. Wydick & Ms. Judy Wydick
The following lifetime giving societies represent individuals and organizations who have chosen to support the School of Law in significant ways.

**Platinum**
($1,000,000 and above)
- Garrett C. ‘77 and Lynn Dailey
- Russell D. Jura ‘74 and Kathy Jura
- Kalmanovitz Charitable Foundation
- William E. Manile ‘74
- Mark L. Perry ‘80 and Melanie P. Petal
- Philip G. ‘75 and Jennifer A. Satre
- William & Inez Mabie Family Foundation

**Gold**
($500,000-$999,999)
- Richard H. ‘69 and Susan Avanzino
- Margaret Z. Johns ‘76
- William A. ‘71 and Sally Rutter
- Sue R. Wilkins ‘77

**Century**
($100,000-$499,999)
- Anonymous
- Wayne A. ‘71 and Jaive A. Bartholomew
- Helen Bates ‘77 and Estate
- David F. ‘72 and Mariana Beatty
- Joseph E. Bernstein ‘74
- Charles A. ‘73 and Charlotte S. Bird
- William N. Brigger ‘85 and Sarah Krevans
- California Community Foundation
- The California Endowment
- Professor Jay C. Carlisle ‘69
- Central Valley Foundation
- Arthur ‘70 and Kathryn Chinski
- David & Lucie Packard Foundation
- Patrick W. ‘74 and Allison Emery
- Ronald P. Erickson ‘74 and Dia Armenta
- Henry S. Fong ‘69 and Julita Fong, M.D.
- Ford Foundation
- Daniel C. ‘84 and Ann O. Girard
- Brad Glanville, Kira Zappettini and Jeffrey Wilson
- Google Inc.
- Hugh and Hazel Darling Foundation
- The Honorable Joan K. Irion ‘79 and Mr. John M. Seitman
- Taras Kiek
- Clement J. ‘75 and Melinda Kong
- Rachel R. Krevans ‘84
- Theodore R. Lakey ‘70
- Law School Admission Council
- Barbara J. ‘76 and Robert E. ‘71 Leidigh
- Ron Lovitt
- Charles McClain ‘71
- Scott H. McNutt ‘82 and Lee Manus McNutt
- Joseph S. Melchione ‘74
- NextGen Policy Center founded by Tom Steyer
- Katy I. ‘98 and David Orr
- Professor and Dean Emeritus Rex R. Perschbacher ‘74 and Professor Debra L. Bassett ‘87
- Rosenthal & Company
- Paul C. ‘75 and Carla P. Rosenthal
- Thomas R. ‘73 and Georgia L. Schattish
- Donna S. Selnick ‘77
- Gary D. Solis ‘71 and Andrea C. Haslinger
- The Honorable Tom W. Stallard ‘75 and Ms. Meg S. Stallard
- State Bar of California
- The Honorable Nancy Wieben Stock ‘76 and Mr. Ronald C. Stock ‘75
- Joan H. Story ‘77 and Robert E. Kidd ‘77
- Jeffery A. Tatum ‘78
- Tina Thomas and Bill Abbott
- Nancy S. Coan Torres ‘86
- Professor Emeritus David A. Traill
- Verzon Foundation
- Professor Laurence B. Wohl ‘72
- Professor Emeritus Richard C. Wydick ‘75 and Ms. Judy Wydick
- Yurok Tribe
- Zelle Hofmann Voelbel & Mason LLP

**Benefactor**
($50,000-$99,999)
- Professor Emeritus Homer Angelo ‘74 and Ms. Ann Berryhill Angelo ‘74
- Robert D. Bacon ‘76
- Dean Emeritus and Professor Emeritus Edward L. Barrett, Jr. ‘74
- Marc A. ‘83 and Christine A. Bellinson
- Stephen F. Boutin ‘72 and Linda Thomas-Boutin
- Elizabeth Cabraser
- Gordon K. and Carolyn S. Davidson
- Downey Brand Attorneys LLP
- Professor Floyd F. Feeley ‘74
- Robert E. Giometti, D.D.S.
- Hispanics in Philanthropy
- The Honorable Dale L. Ikeda ‘76 and Ms. Deborah J. Ikeda
- Jackson Lewis P.C.
- Charity Kenyon ‘77 and Michael R. Eaton
- Maximilian ‘76 and Martha E. Koessler ‘77

**Patron**
($25,000-$49,999)
- Keith M. ‘89 and Kim L. Allen-Niesen
- American Law Institute
- Yeoryios C. ‘72 and Nancy K. Apallas
- Professor Emeritus Florian Bartosic ‘74 and Ms. Alberta Chew
- Ronald M. Boldt ‘77
- Boutin Jones Inc.
- Norman E. Brand ‘75 and Nancy E. Spero
- The Honorable Trena H. Burger-Plavan ‘78 and Mr. Frank P. Plavan, Jr. ‘72
- Susan A. and Kenneth G. Cassman
- Jose ‘86 and Laura Castillo
- Professor James P. Chandler ‘70 and Ms. Elizabeth Chandler
- Robert S. Chapman ‘76 and Candace E. Carlo ‘78
- Chevron Corporation
- Robert A. ‘79 and Virginia A. Christopher
- The Honorable Patricia Y. Cowett ‘72
- Daniel J. Dykstra, Jr. and Moira Dykstra
- Mark A. Easter ‘89
- Ellison, Schneider & Harris LLP
- Catherine Leacox Farman ‘85 and Charles S. Farman ‘85
- Eileen M. Feild
- Fenwick & West LLP
- Anna E. Foulk ‘71
- Margaret M. Foulk
- Lilly C. Frawley ‘76
- Kathleen A. Glanville
- George H. Gross, Jr. ‘69
- Thomas R. Goin ‘76
- David M. Gong ‘74
- Linda S. Gross ‘77
- James W. and Olivia P. Guthrie
- Alejandro ‘82 and Kathy Gutierrez
- Alan Harlan, D.D.S.
- David L. Hyman ‘80 and Farah Jimenez
- Daniel J. Ichinaga ‘83 and Allison S. Cook
- Rew K. Ikazaki ‘87
- Elizabeth A. Inadomi ‘85
- John Paul Stevens Fellowship Foundation
- Barbara Juenger
- Robert H. ‘77 and Carla Kennis
- Thelma H. ‘77 and Hiroshi Kido ‘77
- Mae Lee ‘75 and Estate
- Wilfred Y. Lim ‘75 and Susan Sakuma
- Professor Francine J. Lipman ‘93
- John Paul Stevens Fellowship Foundation
- Jean L. and Patrick W. Mullen
- Northgate Gonzalez Markets
- The Honorable Elizabeth L. Perris ‘73 and Ms. Beverly S. Schnabel ‘73
- Joseph L. ‘78 and Mary Ann Ramirez
- Mary Beth S. Rehman
- Remy Moose Manley, LLP
- Frank L. ‘78 and Deborah H. Rugani
- Robert A. Rundstrom ‘71
- Scaife Family Foundation
- Patricia S. Schimbor ‘76
- Anne J. Schneider ‘76
- Jan E. Schori ‘78 and Case
- Buttermann
- Elisabeth A. Semel ‘75
- Kelly Shea ‘05 and Trevor Foster
- William D. Strickland ‘97
- Erik J. and Renee K. Sundquist
- The Honorable Leslie A. Swain ‘80 and Mr. Bert Deixler
- Professor Clayton Tanaka and Ms. Christine Aoki
- Michael A. ‘75 and Jalaine Van Horne
- Pamela K. Webster ‘82
- Kim G. Cantil ‘84 and Joseph A. Wender, Jr. ‘84
- Dean Emeritus Bruce Wolk and State Senator Lois G. Wolk
- Bruce R. Worthington ‘74
- Paul R. Zappettini ‘80 and Erin Deiley-Zappettini

Current as of February 2020 • † Deceased
The 51st UC Davis School of Law commencement, held on May 18, 2019, at the Mondavi Center, celebrated the achievements of the more than 200 students composing the J.D. and LL.M. classes of 2019.

Dean Kevin R. Johnson, the event’s emcee, congratulated the class on its remarkable commitment to public service. Its members racked up more than 42,000 public service hours; students traveled to Texas to help detained immigrant children, and to Colorado to help naturalize immigrants.

United States District Court Judge Troy L. Nunley, in his keynote address, spoke of his many positive interactions with King Hall students over the years. Nunley’s daughter Cimone is a member of the King Hall class of 2018, and Nunley has brought in UC Davis Law students to be clerks and externs.

“Each time I meet with you, I come away impressed with your preparedness, knowledge, vision, inquisitive natures, and hopefulness,” Nunley said.

UC Davis Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Ralph J. Hexter, on hand to confer degrees and offer remarks, cited the Aesop’s fable of the ants and the grasshopper in encouraging members of the class of 2019 to act “irresponsibly” on occasion.

“Some measured irresponsibility may be the rocket that takes you to great heights” professionally, Hexter told the graduates. “Some of history’s most influential thinkers fell short of our modern ideal of the responsible worker.” Charles Dickens, he noted, worked just five hours a day.

Reza Harris ’19, recipient of the Dean’s Merit Scholarship, an editor for the UC Davis Law Review and co-creator of a new King Hall mural depicting Dr. King, was the student speaker. Professor Aaron Tang was the faculty speaker.

Lauren Neuhaus ’19 received the Law School Medal honoring the highest academic achievement among J.D. candidates. Professors William Dodge and Clay Tanaka served as faculty marshals, and Senior Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Hollis Kulwin, wrapping up her 17-year career at UC Davis School of Law, announced the graduates’ names.
Help King Hall RAISE THE BAR on Give Day 2020 by supporting more students’ dreams:

Gift by gift. Year by year. Side by side.

2017: $50K  
2018: $75K  
2019: $94K

Thanks for always being up for a challenge – every gift counts!

Contact: Casey Becker, 530-752-1067 or clsbecker@ucdavis.edu

giveday.ucdavis.edu
2020 UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 12
Celebrating King Hall
Mondavi Center

Friday, March 13
Tribal Justice Project Symposium
King Hall, UC Davis

Sunday, March 15
Patiño Banquet
Uptown Ballroom, Sacramento

Monday, March 16
Bill Smith Lecture, “Access to Justice for Transgender Inmates”
King Hall, UC Davis

Thursday, April 2
Asian Pacific American Law Student Association Annual Banquet

Friday, April 3
Business Law Journal Symposium
King Hall, UC Davis

Friday, April 17
CEQA at 50 Conference
King Hall, UC Davis

Friday, April 23
Public Service Graduation
King Hall, UC Davis

Saturday, May 16
Commencement
Mondavi Center

Mon-Thurs, June 22-25
Summer Tax Institute
King Hall, UC Davis

Friday, Sept. 25
Business Law Journal Symposium for Professor Emeritus Robert Hillman
King Hall, UC Davis

Saturday, Oct. 24
Alumni Reunions
King Hall, UC Davis

Please visit law.ucdavis.edu for details and additional event listings.