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FACULTY & APPOINTMENTS

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University of California, Davis, School of Law
For more than 50 years, UC Davis School of Law has been known for excellence in teaching, outstanding legal scholarship, and a commitment to the ideals of social justice espoused by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for whom our law school building is named. Our King Hall community is dedicated to serving the greater good through community service, law reform, and training the next generation of attorneys, judges, and leaders. Nowhere is this commitment more evident than in the outstanding work of our faculty—the only “majority-minority” faculty of any leading American law school.

Widely regarded as being among the finest legal minds in the United States, our faculty publish prolifically in leading national and international reviews and journals; their books, casebooks, and treatises are read worldwide. Their scholarship addresses the most complex legal, social, and economic problems of our time, and they are frequently sought out by national and international media for commentary and insight on current events and contemporary issues. They are passionately committed to our students, who are among the most gifted and diverse of any law school.
Our faculty is also the most diverse of any top-tier law school in the nation. About half are female and 56 percent are members of ethnic minority groups. Ours is the only law school among the top 30 in *U.S. News & World Report*’s rankings to have a majority-minority faculty. Indeed, except for law schools affiliated with historically black institutions, or those in Puerto Rico, we are not aware of any other American law school with a majority-minority faculty.

Recently, the recruitment of outstanding additions to our corps of scholar-educators has bolstered our tradition of excellence and diversity. Joining us this year will be Irene Oritseweyinmi Joe, until recently a Visiting Assistant Professor and Binder Teaching Fellow at UCLA School of Law, and Aaron Tang, previously an attorney at Jones Day in Washington, D.C. and a former clerk for both Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor of the U.S. Supreme Court and Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Also joining us will be Mary Louise Frampton, most recently Faculty Director of the Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice at UC Berkeley School of Law. We also congratulate Professor Gabriel “Jack” Chin on his appointment as our new Edward L. Barrett Endowed Chair of Law.

As UC Davis School of Law has risen to the highest echelons in legal education, the faculty has led the way. The latest additions fit well into that grand tradition of scholars, teachers, and public servants that has defined King Hall for more than five decades.

Kevin R. Johnson
Dean and Mabie-Apallas Professor of Public Interest Law and Chicana/o Studies
Irene Oritseweyinmi Joe
ACTING PROFESSOR OF LAW

EDUCATION

J.D.
Stanford Law School
2006

B.A.
Government and African American Studies
University of Texas at Austin cum laude
2003

RESEARCH INTERESTS
Criminal law and procedure, juries, professional responsibility, trial advocacy and practice

Irene Oritseweyinmi Joe graduated with honors from the University of Texas at Austin, where she was the recipient of the Williams Jennings Bryan award for the best undergraduate honors thesis in the Department of Government. She holds a J.D. from Stanford Law School, where she was President of the Black Law Students Association and Lead Article Editor of the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.

Joe has significant experience in state court criminal litigation. She served as a fellow for the Equal Justice Initiative of Alabama where she represented indigent defendants in capital post-conviction litigation. She clerked with Judge Napoleon Jones of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California. Joe was a line defender and the Assistant Special Litigation Counsel at the Orleans Public Defenders. She also served as the Assistant Training Director with the Louisiana Public Defender Board and was responsible for creating and supervising statewide training programs for public defenders, investigators, mitigation specialists and administrative staff in connection with criminal misdemeanor, felony and capital trials.

Before joining UC Davis, Professor Joe was the Binder Teaching Fellow at UCLA School of Law, where she taught courses in the Ethics of Criminal Justice, Voir Dire, and Trial Advocacy. Joe’s most recent article, “Rethinking Misdemeanor Neglect” is forthcoming in the UCLA Law Review.
A former clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Aaron Tang’s teaching and research interests include constitutional law, education law, federal courts, labor law, and the intersections among civil litigation, the political process, and public policy more broadly. His law review articles have appeared in the *Stanford Law Review*, *New York University Law Review*, *Virginia Law Review*, and *George Washington Law Review*.

Tang graduated *summa cum laude* from Yale University in 2005 with a bachelor’s degree in Political Science. After graduation, he worked as a youth organizer and an eighth grade U.S. History teacher in St. Louis, Missouri. He then earned his J.D. from Stanford Law School before working for the Supreme Court litigation firm Goldstein & Russell, P.C., and clerking for Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. He then clerked for Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor during the October 2013 Term. Tang also was an attorney in the Issues and Appeals group at the law firm Jones Day in Washington, D.C., before joining the UC Davis law faculty, where he teaches courses including Constitutional Law and Education Law and Policy.
Mary Louise Frampton
DIRECTOR, AOKI CENTER FOR CRITICAL RACE AND NATION STUDIES

Mary Louise Frampton joins King Hall as the Director of the Aoki Center for Critical Race and Nation Studies in January 2017. She teaches in the areas of restorative justice, structural inequality, law and social justice, legislative advocacy, and professional responsibility. She has co-taught courses on critical race theory and participatory action research in low-income communities in the Central Valley. Professor Frampton led the Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice at Berkeley Law for more than a decade. She was a UC Berkeley Chancellor's Public Scholar and an Association of American Law Schools (AALS) National Bellow Fellow.

Frampton’s research interests are focused on the use of restorative justice as a tool to dismantle the school to prison pipeline, reduce the over-incarceration of people of color in the criminal justice system, and heal divided communities. She is engaged in research projects in juvenile justice systems and schools in the Central Valley and in the community of Greensboro, North Carolina. She was a co-founder of the Community-University Research and Action for Justice, a collaborative effort of UC academics and community activists in the San Joaquin Valley to alleviate poverty. Her publications include After the War on Crime: Race, Democracy, and a New Reconstruction (NYU Press).

For 30 years before joining Berkeley Law in 2001, Frampton was a civil rights attorney focusing on employment discrimination.
Professor Gabriel “Jack” Chin has been appointed as the Edward L. Barrett Endowed Chair of Law at UC Davis School of Law.

Chin is a teacher and scholar of Immigration Law, Criminal Procedure, and Race and Law. His scholarship has appeared in the *Penn, UCLA, Cornell,* and *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties* law reviews and the *Duke* and *Georgetown* law journals among others. The U.S. Supreme Court cited his work on collateral consequences of criminal conviction in *Chaidez v. United States,* in which the Court called his *Cornell Law Review* article “the principal scholarly article on the subject” and in *Padilla v. Kentucky,* which agreed with his contention that the Sixth Amendment required defense counsel to advise clients about potential deportation consequences of guilty pleas. Recently, Chin was cited in Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor’s dissenting opinion in *Utah v. Strieff,* a case concerning Fourth Amendment rights and police searches.

Chin won honors for his leadership of the successful petitioning of the California Supreme Court on behalf of Hong Yen Chang, who was denied a license to practice law in California more than a century ago as a result of laws that discriminated against Chinese immigrants. The Court posthumously granted a law license to Chang in March 2015.

Chin earned a B.A. at Wesleyan, a J.D. from Michigan and an L.L.M. from Yale. He clerked for U.S. District Judge Richard P. Matsch in Denver and practiced with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom and The Legal Aid Society of New York. He taught at the Arizona, Cincinnati, NYU and Western New England law schools before joining the UC Davis faculty. Chin is a member of the American Law Institute.