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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, SCHOOL OF LAW
Recently, the recruitment of three outstanding additions to this corps of scholar-educators has bolstered our tradition of excellence and diversity. Joining us this year will be Shayak Sarkar, a former Rhodes Scholar whose research focuses on law and economics, financial regulation, employment law, and immigration. We are also pleased to welcome Raquel Aldana, previously the Associate Dean for Scholarship at the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, as UC Davis Vice Chancellor for Academic Diversity and a Professor of Law. Joining us as Director of our new Water Justice Clinic is Camille Pannu, a graduate of UC Berkeley School of Law who has worked for the Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment. In addition, we are pleased to recognize Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Madhavi Sunder, an influential scholar of law and culture, intellectual property and social justice, as the Daniel J. Dykstra Chair of Law.

The UC Davis School of Law faculty is committed, diverse, and incredibly talented. We are thrilled to welcome these new additions and look forward to continuing the tradition of scholarly and teaching excellence at King Hall.

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

From its inception more than 50 years ago, UC Davis School of Law has been committed to scholarly and teaching excellence, as well as the ideals of social justice and equality espoused by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to whom the law school building is dedicated. Our King Hall community is committed to diversity and to serving the greater good through community service, law reform, and training the next generation of attorneys, judges, and leaders. Leading the way forward is our outstanding faculty—the only “majority-minority” faculty of any top-tier American law school.

The King Hall faculty publishes prolifically in leading national and international reviews and journals, and their books, casebooks, and treatises are read worldwide. Their scholarship addresses the most complex legal, social, and economic issues of our time, and they frequently are called upon by national and international media seeking commentary and insight regarding current events and contemporary issues. They are widely regarded as being among the finest legal minds in the United States, and passionately committed to our students, who are among the most gifted and diverse of any law school.
Madhavi Sunder, an influential scholar of law and culture and Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, has been appointed as the Daniel J. Dykstra Endowed Chair at UC Davis School of Law.

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

“Dean Sunder is a world-class scholar whose work addresses some of the most important issues in contemporary society: technology, intellectual property, and social justice,” said Dean Kevin R. Johnson. “UC Davis School of Law is proud to recognize her accomplishments with the Daniel J. Dykstra Endowed Chair.”

Dean Sunder succeeds Professor and Dean Emeritus Rex Perschbacher, who was the inaugural holder of the Dykstra Chair. The chair is awarded to a faculty member who demonstrates “outstanding scholarship and teaching and is committed to the ideals of founding School of Law faculty member Dan Dykstra.”
Raquel Aldana
ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR
FOR ACADEMIC DIVERSITY AND
PROFESSOR OF LAW

Raquel E. Aldana is Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Diversity at UC Davis and a Professor of Law at the School of Law. She joined UC Davis in 2017.

Aldana is a graduate of Arizona State University (earning a bachelor's degree in English and another in Spanish) and Harvard Law School. She was a professor at the William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, before joining the McGeorge School of Law faculty in 2009.

Her scholarship has focused on transitional justice, criminal justice reforms, and sustainable development in Latin America, as well as immigrant rights in the United States. She has taught immigration law and international human rights, lawyering for immigrants, “crimmigration,” criminal law and procedure, international labor law, Latin American comparative law, international public law, international human rights, statutes and regulations, and the Central American migration corridor.

She founded and directed the McGeorge School of Law’s Inter-American Program, which trains bilingual and bicultural lawyers for transnational careers or to work with the growing Latino population in the United States. She served as the school’s associate dean for faculty scholarship, 2013-17.

She is co-editing From Extraction to Emancipation: Development Reimagined, a forthcoming book from the American Bar Association. She serves on the Latin American and Caribbean Council of the ABA’s Rule of Law Initiative, and was recently elected to the Council for Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Educational Pipeline. Aldana is a Fellow of the American Bar Association, previously served as the co-president of the Society of American Law Teachers, and was a Fulbright Scholar in Guatemala in 2006 and 2007.
Shayak Sarkar

**ACTING PROFESSOR OF LAW**

Shayak Sarkar’s scholarship addresses the structure and legal regulation of inequality. His substantive interests lie in financial regulation, employment law, immigration, and taxation. He is currently finishing his Ph.D. in economics at Harvard and will join the UC Davis School of Law faculty in Spring 2018.

Professor Sarkar clerked for the Honorable Guido Calabresi of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Prior to his clerkship, he practiced as an employment attorney at Greater Boston Legal Services, where he focused on domestic workers’ rights. He received his J.D. from Yale Law School, where he was active in the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project and the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic. He also served as a Coker Fellow in Contracts and received the Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans. Before law school he studied as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, where he earned masters degrees, with distinction, in social work and development economics.

His research has appeared in the *Review of Economics and Statistics*, the *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, the *Harvard Journal of Law and Gender*, the *Yale Journal on Regulation*, and edited volumes.

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**Education**

**P.H.D.**

*Economics*

*Harvard University*

2018 (expected)

**J.D.**

*Yale Law School*

2013

**M.S.**

*Economics for Development*

*Oxford University*

Rhodes Scholar

2009

**M.S.**

*Evidence-based Social Intervention*

*Oxford University*

2008

**A.M.**

*Statistics*

**A.B.**

*Applied Mathematics*

*Harvard University*

*magna cum laude*

*Phi Beta Kappa*

2007

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**Research Interests**

Employment discrimination law, financial regulation, immigration law and policy, law and economics
Camille Pannu
DIRECTOR, WATER JUSTICE CLINIC

Camille Pannu directs the Water Justice Clinic, a project of the Aoki Center for Critical Race and Nation Studies. The Water Justice Clinic partners with stakeholders to improve the sustainability of rural water systems; advocate for the inclusion of rural and low-income communities in water management decisions; and ensure that all Californians have access to safe, clean and affordable drinking water.

Prior to joining King Hall, Pannu served as an Equal Justice Works Fellow in the southern San Joaquin Valley, where she worked with low-income residents to combat poverty and environmental racism by improving infrastructure in rural communities; assisting community organizations with issues regarding land-use, zoning, tax, funding, employment law and nonprofit compliance; and creating “green-collar” community- and worker-owned enterprises.

She was a law clerk to the Honorable Richard A. Paez of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and to the Honorable Stefan R. Underhill of the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut. Pannu received her undergraduate and law degrees from UC Berkeley.