

## Biographical Sketches

### *“Injury as Cultural Practice”*

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#### **Raquel Aldana, Professor of Law, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law**

Professor Aldana is a prolific legal scholar who joined the Pacific McGeorge faculty in 2009 after previously serving as a tenured professor at UNLV’s William S. Boyd School of Law in Las Vegas, Nevada. She is the founder and director of the Pacific McGeorge Inter-American Program, an innovative project committed to educating bilingual and bicultural lawyers who wish to pursue a domestic or transnational career with a focus on U.S-Latin America relations. The program offers a unique bilingual legal education in Guatemala and the opportunity for supervised quality placements in several countries of Latin America and in the U.S. For over a decade, Prof. Aldana has organized service learning programs to involve law students in the representation of hundreds of immigrants seeking to become citizens or apply for other types of immigration relief. She has served on the Board of the Society of American Law Teachers since 2008 and was Co-President of the organization from 2010-2012. She also currently serves on the AALS Curriculum Committee and was the Chair of the Presidential Program on Globalizing the Curriculum for the AALS 2013 Annual meeting. Professor Aldana has written extensively on immigration issues and on the rights of victims of state-sponsored crimes and domestic violence in the Americas. She began her legal career as an associate at Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue of Washington, D.C., later working at the Center for Justice and International Law in the nation’s capital where she litigated cases before the Inter-American Commission and the Inter-American Court on Human Rights. Professor Aldana continues her engagement with Latin America: She has been Fulbright Scholar in Guatemala where she taught several courses in a human rights L.L.M. program and conducted research on femicide; she has worked with domestic violence issues in Nicaragua, and continues to be involved with the transitional justice efforts in Guatemala, most recently as part of an Open Society Institute team of international observers of the first genocide trial tried in a domestic tribunal.

#### **Samantha Barbas, Associate Professor of Law, SUNY Buffalo Law School**

Samantha Barbas researches and teaches in the areas of legal history, First Amendment law and mass communications law. Her work focuses on the intersection of law, culture, media and technology in the United States in the early to mid-20 century. Her recent research has explored the history of the law of privacy and the media, and film censorship.

Barbas holds a Ph.D. in American history from the University of California, Berkeley, and a J.D. from Stanford Law School. She was previously an assistant professor of history at Chapman University, a visiting professor of history at U.C. Berkeley, and a lecturer at Arizona State University. She clerked for Judge Richard Clifton on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Barbas’ work has appeared in the Yale Journal of Law and the Humanities, the Akron Law Review, The Journal of American History, Film History, American Quarterly, Reviews in American History, Biography, The Women’s Review of Books and the San Francisco Chronicle. She is the author of two books: *Movie Crazy: Fans, Stars, and the Cult of Celebrity* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2001) and *The First Lady of Hollywood* (University of California Press, 2005).

**Pratiksha Baxi, Assistant Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India**

Dr Pratiksha Baxi teaches sociology of law. Dr. Pratiksha Baxi holds a doctoral degree in Sociology from Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. Her research interests range from sociology of law, medical jurisprudence, ethnographies of courts, violence, gender studies, judicial reform and feminist legal theory. Dr. Baxi has published on rape, sexual harassment, communal riots and “honour crimes”. Currently she is working on her book manuscript entitled Public Secrets of Law: Ethnography of Rape Trials in India [for the Oxford University Press]. The manuscript is based on her doctoral work, an ethnographic study of rape trials in a court in Gujarat, India. Dr. Baxi has been involved in public campaigns against violence against women in India. She was the founder member of the Gender Study Group [1992-1997] and Forum against Sexual Harassment [1998-2002] in University of Delhi, which primarily raised the issue of sexual harassment in the academia. She also initiated the formation of the Law and Social Sciences Research Network, anchored at the Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University in 2007. She was awarded the British Academy Visiting Fellowship at the University of Warwick (2006); a writing fellowship at the John Hopkins University (2000-1), Junior Research Fellowship of University Grants Commission (1993-2000) and the Prof. M.S.A. Rao Gold Medal, University of Delhi in 1993.

**Anne Bloom, Associate Dean for Faculty Scholarship and Professor of Law, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law**

Professor Bloom is broadly trained in both law and politics. She holds both a J.D. and a Ph.D. in political science. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Washington, where she studied under Michael W. McCann and the late Stuart Scheingold. Before coming to Pacific McGeorge, she was a professor of law and politics at Occidental College in Los Angeles. Professor Bloom has also taught at Loyola Law School of Los Angeles, New York Law School and the University of Salzburg as a visiting professor. In 2011, she was a Senior Fellow in the Center for Gender and Sexuality Law at Columbia Law School. Professor Bloom has published several articles on issues relating to litigation, lawyers and legal culture. Her work has been published in the Washington Law Review, the North Carolina Law Review, Law and Contemporary Problems, and other respected journals. Professor Bloom also has significant experience as a public interest lawyer, primarily with Public Justice, where she worked for nearly ten years litigating precedent-setting cases in a variety of areas, including civil rights and civil liberties, mass torts, court secrecy and federal preemption. She has written and commented on legal issues in a variety of public forums, including Congressional hearings, meetings of the American Trial Lawyers Association and the American Bar Association, hearings on proposed changes to the Federal Rules, and numerous academic and public interest law conferences. Professor Bloom continues to be active in the public interest bar and sits on the Board of Advisors for VoteRiders, a nonprofit dedicated to ensuring that citizens obtain the IDs they need to vote, and on the Class Action Preservation Project Research and Education Subcommittee for Public Justice.

**Khiara M. Bridges, Associate Professor of Law and Associate Professor of Anthropology, Boston University**

Khiara M. Bridges has written many articles concerning, race, class, reproductive rights, and the intersection of the three. Her scholarship has appeared in the Stanford Law Review, the Columbia Law Review, the California Law Review, the Boston University Law Review, the Fordham Law Review, and the Harvard Journal of Law and Gender, among others. She is also the author of

Reproducing Race: An Ethnography of Pregnancy as a Site of Racialization (2011), published by 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. While in college, she was a counselor at the Feminist Women's Health Center in Atlanta, gaining experience with policies affecting the availability of abortion services in Georgia. She has also been a reporter for the Miami Herald, speaks fluent Spanish and basic Arabic, and is a classically trained ballet dancer who continues to perform professionally in New York City. Professor Bridges teaches Critical Race Theory, Criminal Law, and a course on the Fourteenth Amendment at BU Law.

### **David Engel, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, SUNY Buffalo Law School**

David M. Engel, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor of Law, chairs UB's Council on International Studies and Programs, an advisory body to the provost. Formerly the Director of the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy and Vice Dean for Interdisciplinary Studies, he has also served as Director of International Programs at the Law School.

Engel teaches courses on torts and products liability and seminars on injuries and on law, culture and society. He also teaches the Thailand bridge course, which takes students to Chiang Mai, Thailand, for intensive study of Thai legal culture. In January 2011, he received an honorary doctorate of laws from Chiang Mai University, presented by Crown Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn.

Engel's research deals with law and society in the United States and in other countries, particularly Thailand, where he has lived, worked and taught for many years. In addition, he has researched the effects of American civil rights legislation on men and women with disabilities. Engel co-edited *Fault Lines: Tort Law and Cultural Practice* (Stanford University Press, 2009). His latest book, co-authored with Jaruwat S. Engel, is *Tort, Custom, and Karma: Globalization and Legal Consciousness in Thailand* (Stanford University Press, 2010). Engel served as President of the Law & Society Association and is a founding co-editor of the *Asian Journal of Law and Society* (Cambridge University Press).

### **Mary Anne Franks, Associate Professor of Law, University of Miami, School of Law**

Before joining the Miami Law faculty, Mary Anne Franks was a Bigelow Fellow and Lecturer in Law at the University of Chicago Law School. She received her J.D. from Harvard Law School in 2007. She received her D.Phil in 2004 and her M.Phil in 2001 from Oxford University, where she studied on a Rhodes Scholarship.

Before she began law teaching, Prof. Franks taught courses in social theory and philosophy at Harvard University, and also worked as a Senior Consultant for a negotiation consulting firm.

She currently teaches family law, criminal law, and criminal procedure. Her other research and teaching interests include cyberlaw, discrimination, free speech, and law and gender.

### **Marc Galanter, Professor of Law Emeritus, University of Wisconsin Law School**

Marc Galanter, John and Rylla Bosshard Professor Emeritus of Law and South Asian Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and formerly LSE Centennial Professor at the London School of

Economics, studies lawyers, litigation and legal culture. He has written extensively on these topics, including *Tournament of Lawyers: The Transformation of the Big Law Firm* (1991) and *Lowering the Bar: Lawyer Jokes and Legal Culture* (2005). He has been editor of the *Law & Society Review*, President of the Law and Society Association, Chair of the International Commission on Folk Law and Legal Pluralism, a member of the Council on the Role of Courts, a Guggenheim Fellow, and a Fellow of the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences. He is a member of the American Law Institute and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

He is recognized as a leading American student of Indian law. He is the author of *Competing Equalities: Law and the Backward Classes in India* (1984, 1991) and *Law and Society in Modern India* (1989, 1992) and many articles on the legal system and legal culture of India. He is an Honorary Professor of the National Law School of India and of the National Law University Delhi, served as advisor to the Ford Foundation on legal services and human rights programs in India, and was retained as an expert by the Government of India in the litigation arising from the Bhopal disaster. He is currently engaged in research on access to justice in India and in the United States.

### **S. Lochlann Jain, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Stanford University**

S. Lochlann Jain is an Associate Professor in Stanford's Anthropology department, where she teaches medical and legal anthropology.

Jain's book *Malignant: How Cancer Becomes Us* (University of California Press, 2013) reads across a range of material that includes history, oncology, law, economics, and literature, to explain how a national culture that simultaneously aims to deny, profit from, and cure cancer entraps us in a state of paradox—one that makes the world of cancer virtually impossible to navigate for doctors, patients, caretakers, and policy makers alike. The book was reviewed in *Nature* (“brilliant”) and *Discover* (“whip smart.”)

Jain's first book, *Injury* (Princeton University Press, 2006), analyzed the politics of tort law by examining how injuries and design are framed as legible legal concerns. The book was widely reviewed, and praised as: “a first-rate work of critique” (*American Bar Foundation*), “a provocative, sophisticated, and ambitious analysis” (*Law & Politics Book Review*), and “an impressive feat of interdisciplinary scholarship” (*American Anthropologist*).

Jain is the recipient of numerous prizes and fellowships, including from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Center for the Humanities, the Stanford Humanities Center, and the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford.

### **Greg Johnson, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Religious Studies, University of Colorado.**

Greg Johnson (Ph.D. University of Chicago) is an associate professor in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Colorado. Working in Hawaiian and American Indian contexts, Johnson studies repatriation and burial protection disputes, among other legally fraught and religiously revealing issues. Johnson's publications include *Sacred Claims: Repatriation and Living Tradition* (UVA Press 2007), “Courting Culture: Unexpected Relationships Between Religion and Law in Contemporary Hawai'i,” in *After Secular Law*, edited by Winnifred Sullivan, Robert Yelle and Mateo Taussig-Rubio (Stanford University Press 2011), and “Varieties of Native Hawaiian Establishment: Recognized Voices, Routinized Charisma, and Church Desecration,” in *Varieties of Religious Establishment*, edited by Winnifred Sullivan and Lori Beaman (Ashgate 2013).

**Yukiko Koga, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, City University of New York, Hunter College**

Yukiko Koga teaches Political economy, historical anthropology, legal anthropology, urban space, colonial inheritance, post-colonial & post-imperial relations, history & memory, and transnational East Asia (China and Japan).

Professor Koga's current research explores the generational transfer of unaccounted-for pasts stemming from Japanese imperialism in China. She inquires what it means for both Chinese and Japanese to come to terms with the Japanese imperialism more than sixty years after Japan's original violence and injustice in China ended with the Japanese defeat and the disappearance of its empire in 1945, and how the introduction of the market economy in China has created a new dynamic concerning the contested yet under-explored past for both Chinese and Japanese. Her first project takes place within a burgeoning economic sphere in Northeast China, while her second and third projects take place within a transnational legal sphere.

**Michael McCann, Professor of Political Science and Gordon Hirabayashi Professor for the Advancement of Citizenship, University of Washington.**

Michael McCann has served as chair of the Political Science Department and as founding director of both the Law, Societies, and Justice program and the Comparative Law and Society Studies (CLASS) Center. He is the author of *Rights at Work: Pay Equity Reform and the Politics of Legal Mobilization* (Chicago, 1994) and (with William Haltom) *Distorting the Law: Politics, Media, and the Litigation Crisis* (Chicago, 2004); both books have won multiple professional awards for distinguished scholarship. McCann is also: editor and lead author for *Law and Social Movements* (Dartmouth/Ashgate, 2006); co-editor, with Gerald Houseman, of *Judging the Constitution* (Little, Brown, 1989); and co-editor, with David Engel, of *Fault Lines: Tort Law as Cultural Practice* (Stanford, 2009). More than sixty of his essays have been published as journal articles, book chapters, and other forms of academic writing. He is currently researching a co-authored book project (with George Lovell) that chronicles nearly a century of struggle over rights by immigrant Filipino cannery workers associated with ILWU Local 37, culminating in the *Wards Cove v Packing* case in which the Supreme Court killed options for legal mobilization challenging institutionalized racism. Michael has won a university-wide Distinguished Teaching Award, a Guggenheim Fellowship (2008), a Law and Public Affairs Program fellowship at Princeton (2011-12), and an elected position as president of the (US based but international) Law and Society Association (2011-13).

**Sagit Mor, Lecturer, Assistant Professor, University of Haifa Law Faculty, Israel**

Sagit Mor is the Director of the Law and Health LL.M. Program at the Haifa Law Faculty, co-coordinator of the Van Leer study group on Disability Studies and co-coordinator of the Collaborative research Network of Disability Legal Studies at the Law and Society Association. Following the completion of her doctoral studies at New York University, she was an Ed Roberts postdoctoral fellow in disability studies at the University of California, Berkeley. Her doctoral dissertation won the Association for the Study of Law Culture and the Humanities 2007 Dissertation Award. Her main areas of interest are disability legal studies, law and social change, law and health and torts law. Her recent publications concerned employment discrimination of persons with disabilities, disability critique of wrongful life lawsuits, and the accommodation of the criminal process to persons with disabilities. Her current research focuses on disability critique of torts.

**Michael Musheno, Adjunct Professor of Law, U.C. Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law**

Michael Musheno is an adjunct professor of law and faculty director of the Legal Studies Program at UC Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law. He is a former program director of Law and the Social Sciences at the National Science Foundation, and has directed centers and departments at Arizona State University, the University of Kansas, and San Francisco State University. His teaching and writing focus on the state's frontline workforce, law in action, policing, logic and methods of socio-legal inquiry, and youth and conflict.

His professional activities have focused on the Law and Society Association (LSA). Musheno has served on the Board of Trustees of the Association, been a member of the Editorial Board of Law and Society Review, chaired an international workgroup focusing on the socio-legal dynamics of HIV/AIDS, and twice been on the organizing committee of the Graduate Student Workshop, most recently in 2009.

In support of his research and student mentoring, Musheno has twice won grants from the National Science Foundation and served as the faculty sponsor for successful research proposals to support the research of both undergraduate and graduate students. His scholarship draws substantially upon narratives, particularly the storytelling of subjects and agents of the state, and uses interpretive field methods. Michael's book, *Cops, Teachers, Counselors: Stories from the Front Lines of Public Service* (University of Michigan Press, 2004), co-authored with Professor Steven Maynard-Moody of the University of Kansas, is the winner of the American Political Science Association's 2005 Herbert A. Simon Book Award and the winner of the 2005 Best Book of Public Administration Research from the American Society of Public Administration. He has authored and co-authored nine books and over 40 academic journal articles and chapters, including pieces appearing in every major socio-legal academic journal, including Law and Society Review and Law and Social Inquiry.

His current book project, *Making it Work: Youth Conflict and Control in a Multiethnic Suburban High School* (University of Chicago Press, under contract), co-authored with Calvin Morrill, focuses on the capacities of youth to handle conflict on their own terms and how adult interventions interrupt the strategies youth use to get along with one another in a complex school environment.

His most recently published book, *Deployed: How Reservists Bear the Burden of Iraq* (University of Michigan Press, 2008) co-authored with Susan Ross of Lycoming College, is an academic trade book focusing on the life histories of one of the first military police reserve companies deployed after 9.11, including a year running a prison near Baghdad. It was released in paperback by the University of Michigan Press in 2009.

**Gowri Ramachandran, Professor of Law, Southwestern Law School**

After graduating from law school in 2003, Professor Ramachandran served as law clerk to Judge Sidney R. Thomas of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in Billings, Montana. She returned to academia a year later, first as a Future Law Professor Fellow at Georgetown University Law Center, then as a visiting professor at Florida State University Law School. She has been a member of the Southwestern faculty since 2006 and was named as the 2010 Irving D. and Florence Rosenberg Professor of Law in recognition of her outstanding teaching, service and scholarship. She was invited to teach as a visitor at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law in 2009. Professor Ramachandran's courses range from Constitutional Law and Federal Courts, to Employment Discrimination and Feminist Legal Theory.

Professor Ramachandran is co-editor of the Journal of Legal Education that is currently hosted by Southwestern, and she was named the Irving D. and Florence Rosenberg Professor of Law in 2010 for her outstanding teaching, professional accomplishments and service to Southwestern. Her own

research focuses on employment discrimination and employment law, constitutional law, human rights law, and queer theory. Through her scholarship, she challenges conventional notions of image and identity and the laws that shape them, particularly within institutions where personal freedoms are often thought irreconcilable with wider social good, such as workplaces, schools, and prisons.

**Claire Rasmussen, Associate Professor of Political Science, Interim Director of Graduate Studies, University of Delaware**

Claire Rasmussen is an Associate Professor of Political Science and International Relations with a joint appointment in Women and Gender Studies. She is Coordinator of the Sexuality and Gender Studies Minor. Her first book *The Autonomous Animal: Self-Governance and the Modern Subject* was published on the University of Minnesota Press. Her work has appeared in *Signs, Society and Space*, *Social and Cultural Geography*, *Citizenship Studies* and other outlets. She is currently completing a manuscript on liberal self-governance and the regulation of sexuality and other projects on the relationship between liberal governance and animality.

**Maurice Stevens, Associate Professor of Comparative Studies, Ohio State University**

Professor Stevens teaches interdisciplinary cultural and technological studies theories and methods. His most recent research has focused on the emergence and application of trauma theory in multiple clinical, social, and institutional contexts. In addition to publishing nearly a dozen articles, and guest editing an issue of the journal *Oppositional Conversations*, Stevens has published his first book titled *Troubling Beginnings: Trans(per)forming African-American History and Identity*, and is currently working on a second book called *From the Past Imperfect: Towards a Critical Trauma Theory*. He completed his PhD and MA degrees in the History of Consciousness Department at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Stevens taught at the University of California, San Diego in the departments of Literature and Ethnic Studies for two years before coming to OSU in 2000.

**Dr. Yoshitaka Wada, Professor of Law, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan**

Yoshitaka Wada teaches Negotiation, Dispute Resolution, Medical Law, and Japanese Legal Culture. His research interests include Law and Society Theory (especially based on social constructionism), ADR, Medical Malpractice, and Legal Profession from interdisciplinary perspectives. He has published many books including, among others, *Medical Conflict Management*, *Deconstruction of Law and Society Studies*, *Skills for Legal Counseling*, and *Negotiation and Dispute Resolution*. He is also serving for Japan Healthcare Mediator Association as a vice president.