

SAMEER MAHENDRA ASHAR

401 E. Peltason Drive
Irvine, California 92697
949-824-3710
sashar@law.uci.edu

ACADEMIC
APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE SCHOOL OF LAW

Associate Dean for Equity/Senior Leadership, 2021-present
Clinical Professor of Law, 2011-18, 2020-present
Director, Workers, Law, and Organizing Clinic, 2020-present
Co-Founder, UCI Labor Center, 2022-present
Founder and Co-Director, Immigrant Rights Clinic, 2011-18

Courses:

Workers, Law, and Organizing Clinic; Legal Profession; Labor Law; Law and Social Movements

Service:

Faculty Advisory Committee (elected), 2012-13, 2023-24
Promotion & Tenure Committee (elected), 2022-23
Co-Chair, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, 2017-18, 2021-present
Provost's Dean Search Advisory Committee, 2021-22
Chair or Co-Chair, Faculty Appointments Committee, 2020-22
Chair, Admissions Committee, 2014-15

Advisory Committee, Center on Law, Equality, and Race; Student Success Committee; Fellowship Advisor; University Council on Planning and Budget; UCI Community Labor Project; UC Academic Senate; Clerkship Committee; numerous Promotion and Tenure subcommittees and *ad hoc* administrative search committees

UCLA SCHOOL OF LAW

Vice Dean for Experiential Education/Senior Leadership, 2018-20
Professor of Law, 2018-20

Courses:

Immigrant Family Legal Clinic; Workers, Law, and Organizing Clinic

Service:

Experiential Committee; Equity Diversity, and Inclusion Committee; Core Faculty, Critical Race Studies and Epstein Public Interest Law Programs; *ad hoc* teaching and administrative search committees

CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK SCHOOL OF LAW
Associate Dean for Clinical Programs/Senior Leadership, 2008-11
Associate Professor of Law. 2003-11
Director, Immigrant and Refugee Rights Clinic, 2003-08

Courses:
Immigrant and Refugee Rights Clinic

Service:
Co-Chair, Race and Privilege Committee, 2010-11

ABA Accreditation Committee; Academic Standing; Appointments Committee; Budget Committee; Building Committee; Curriculum Committee; Faculty Reappointments Committee; Professional Development Committee; Student Recruitment Committee; Worker Employment & Labor Committee; numerous *ad hoc* teaching and administrative search committees

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW
Assistant Professor of Law & Co-Director, Civil Rights Clinic, 2002-03

NYU SCHOOL OF LAW
Acting Assistant Professor of Clinical Law & Co-Director, Immigrant Rights Clinic, 2001-02
Clinical Fellow, Immigrant Rights Clinic, 2000-01

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP Judge Deborah A. Batts, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, 1999-2000

EDUCATION HARVARD LAW SCHOOL
J.D., *cum laude*, 1993-96
Irving Kaufman Public Service Fellow
Lead Articles Editor, HARVARD CIVIL RIGHTS-CIVIL LIBERTIES LAW REVIEW
Research Assistant, Professors Charles Ogletree and Martha Minow
Co-Chair, Coalition for Civil Rights

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE
B.A., *High Honors*, 1987-91
Political Science, Economics, and Religion
Ivy Award for Leadership, Scholarship, and Contributions to the Community

PUBLICATIONS

The Futures of Law, Lawyers, and Law Schools: A Dialogue (with Benjamin H. Barton, Michael J. Madison, and Rachel F. Moran), 84 UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2024).

Pedagogy of Prefiguration, 132 YALE LAW JOURNAL FORUM 869 (2023).

Movement Law (with Amna Akbar & Jocelyn Simonson), 73 STANFORD LAW REVIEW 821 (2021).

Race, Ethnicity, and the Legal Profession (with Hilary Sommerlad, Meera Deo et al.), in RICHARD L. ABEL ET AL. (EDS.), LAWYERS IN 21ST-CENTURY SOCIETIES, VOL. 2: COMPARISONS AND THEORIES (2021).

Shapeshifting Displacement: Notions of Membership and Deservingness Forged by Illegalized Residents (with Susan Bibler Coutin (lead author), Jennifer Chacón, Stephen Lee, and Jason Palmer), 12 HUMANITY 339 (2021).

Critical Theory and Clinical Stance (with Wendy A. Bach), 26 CLINICAL LAW REVIEW 81 (2019).

Democratic Norms and Governance Experimentalism in Worker Centers (with Catherine Fisk), 82 LAW & CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS 141 (2019).

DACA, Government Lawyers, and the Public Interest (with Stephen Lee), 87 FORDHAM LAW REVIEW 1879 (2019); reprinted in IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY LAW REVIEW (2020) and BENDER'S IMMIGRATION BULLETIN (2019).

Access to Power (with Annie Lai), 148 DÆDALUS 82 (2019).

Case Study 1: Movement Groups with Flat, Innovative Governance Structures (with Meena Jagannath), 47 HOFSTRA LAW REVIEW 19 (2018).

Citizenship Matters: Conceptualizing Belonging in an Era of Fragile Inclusions (with Jennifer Chacón (lead author), Susan Bibler Coutin, and Stephen Lee), 52 UC DAVIS LAW REVIEW 1 (2018).

Movement Lawyers in the Fight for Immigrant Rights, 64 UCLA LAW REVIEW 1464 (2017); excerpted in LATINOS AND THE LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS (2nd ed. 2021).

Deferred Action and the Discretionary State: Migration, Precarity, and Resistance (with Susan Bibler Coutin (lead author), Jennifer Chacón, and Stephen Lee), 21 CITIZENSHIP STUDIES 951 (2017).

Deep Critique and Democratic Lawyering in Clinical Practice, 104 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 201 (2016); excerpted in CRITICAL JUSTICE: SYSTEMIC ADVOCACY IN LAW AND SOCIETY (2021).

Fieldwork and the Political, in SUSAN BRYANT, ELLIOTT MILSTEIN, ANN SHALLECK (eds.), *TRANSFORMING THE EDUCATION OF LAWYERS: THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF CLINICAL PEDAGOGY* (2014).

Advancing Low Wage Organizing Through Legal Representation, 47 CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW: JOURNAL OF POVERTY LAW AND POLICY 313 (2013).

Review Essay, 47 LAW & SOCIETY REVIEW 982 (2013), reviewing RUBEN J. GARCIA, *MARGINAL WORKERS: HOW LEGAL FAULT LINES DIVIDE WORKERS AND LEAVE THEM WITHOUT PROTECTION* (2012).

Review Essay, 62 JOURNAL OF LEGAL EDUCATION 193 (2012), reviewing FRANK S. BLOCH (ed.), *THE GLOBAL CLINICAL MOVEMENT: EDUCATING LAWYERS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE* (2011).

Law Clinics and Collective Mobilization, 14 CLINICAL LAW REVIEW 455 (2008); excerpted in *PUBLIC INTEREST LAWYERING: A CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVE* (2012) and *CLINICAL ANTHOLOGY: READINGS FOR LIVE CLIENT CLINICS*, 2nd Ed. (2011).

Public Interest Lawyers and Resistance Movements, 95 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW 1879 (2007).

Immigration Enforcement and Subordination: The Consequences of Racial Profiling After September 11, 34 CONNECTICUT LAW REVIEW 1185 (2002); reprinted in 23 IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY L. REV. 545 (2003).

Justice O'Connor's Blind Rationalization of Affirmative Action Jurisprudence: Adarand Constructors, Inc. v. Pena (with Lisa Opoku), 31 HARVARD CIVIL RIGHTS-CIVIL LIBERTIES LAW REVIEW 223 (1996).

OTHER WRITING

Law Clinics and Racial Capitalism (with Renee Hatcher and John Whitlow), Law and Political Economy Blog (Nov. 7, 2022).

What Movements Do to Law (with Amna Akbar and Jocelyn Simonson), BOSTON REVIEW (Apr. 26, 2022).

Movement Visions for a Renewed Left Legalism (with Amna Akbar and Jocelyn Simonson), Law and Political Economy Blog (Mar. 5, 2019).

Movement Visions for a Renewed Left Politics (with Amna Akbar and Jocelyn Simonson), Law and Political Economy Blog (Mar. 4, 2019).

Teaching, Guerrilla Style (with Amna Akbar and Jocelyn Simonson), Law and Political Economy Blog (Oct. 23, 2018).

The Political Economy of Immigration Enforcement (with Amna Akbar), Law and Political Economy Blog (Jun. 6-7, 2018).

The Critical Responsibilities of South Asian American Leadership, THE AEROGRAM (Nov. 16, 2017).

Centering Justice in Legal Education Reform Discourse, Best Practices for Legal Education Blog (Mar. 8, 2016).

Executive Report, Russell Sage Foundation, *Navigating Legal Liminalities Along Pathways to Citizenship: Immigrant Vulnerability and the Role of Mediating Institutions* (with Edolina Burciaga, Jennifer Chacon, Susan Coutin, Alma Nidia Garza, and Stephen Lee) (2015).

White Paper, UCI Immigrant Rights Clinic, *Misplaced Priorities: The Failure of Secure Communities in Los Angeles County* (with Edgar Aguilasocho and David Rodwin) (2012).

GRANTS

UC Workers Rights Policy Initiative, *UCI Labor Center Proposal* (with Virginia Parks and Walter Nicholls), 2022-25

AAUW, *Southern California Low-Wage Worker Legal Services Project*, 2022-23

National Science Foundation, *Executive Relief and the Roles of Mediating Institutions in Immigration Law and Policy* (with Susan Bibler Coutin, Jennifer Chacón, and Stephen Lee), 2016-19

Russell Sage Foundation, *Navigating Legal Liminalities Along Pathways to Citizenship: Immigrant Vulnerability and the Role of Mediating Organizations* (with Susan Bibler Coutin, Jennifer Chacón, and Stephen Lee), 2014-15

UCLA Institute for Research on Labor & Employment, *Assessing the Impact of Wage Theft in Orange County*, 2014-15

UC Center for Collaborative Research for an Equitable California, *Wage Theft and Health Care Access Among Warehouse Workers in Southern California* (with UC Riverside and UCLA Labor Center), 2013-14

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Pedagogy of Prefiguration, Georgetown Law and Social Movements Colloquium (November 7, 2023).

Radical Imagination, Maryland Law Clinical Program 50th Anniversary (October 27, 2023).

Colloquium, *Contract Theory and Marginalized Workers*, Berkeley, CA (October 20, 2023).

Panelist, *Affirmative Action Jurisprudence and Philanthropy*, OC Grantmakers, Orange, CA (August 23, 2023).

Pedagogical Tools for Client-Centered Lawyering in a Movement Context: Examples from Immigrant Rights Advocacy, AALS Clinical Section Conference, San Francisco, CA (April 30, 2023).

Pedagogy of Prefiguration, Modern Legal Education and the Unmaking of American Lawyers, Pittsburgh, PA (April 20, 2023).

Panelist, *Law and Power Building*, New York, NY (April 7, 2023).

Pedagogy of Prefiguration, UC Law SF Center for Race, Immigration, Citizenship, and Equality (April 6, 2023).

Pedagogy of Prefiguration, Law and Political Economy Conference, Cambridge, MA (April 1, 2023).

Integrating Critical Pedagogies to Fulfill Revised ABA Standard 303, Association of American Law Schools, Section on Civil Rights, San Diego, CA (January 5, 2023).

Pedagogy of Prefiguration, Labor Law Group, San Diego, CA (December 9, 2022).

Pedagogy of Prefiguration, POLIMA Conference on Political Imagination, Turku, Finland (June 12, 2022).

Panelist, *Advancing Workers Rights*, More Just Podcast (June 5, 2022).

Participant, *Poverty Law, Racial Justice, and Movement Building*, Karsh Center for Law and Democracy, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA (May 25, 2022).

Law Clinics and Racial Capitalism, Association of American Law Schools Clinical Section Conference (May 10, 2022).

Panelist, *Movement Lawyering*, University of Minnesota School of Law, Minneapolis, MN (March 25, 2022).

Migration as Extractivism: Race, Labor, and Enforcement, CUNY School of Law, New York, NY (March 16, 2022).

Panelist, *Critical Immigration Law*, LatCrit Conference (October 8, 2021).

Law and Policy in the Biden-Harris Era – Immigration Law, Webinar, UCI Law (June 8, 2021).

Respondent, Ming Hsu Chen, *Pursuing Citizenship in the Enforcement Era*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (May 29, 2021).

Respondent, Ray Brescia, *The Future of Change*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (May 27, 2021).

Teaching Movement Lawyering, New Clinicians Conference (May 16, 2021).

Collaboration and Coalition Building between Asian Americans and African Americans, UCI Korea Law Center (April 14, 2021).

Guest Lecturer, Leti Volpp, *Crimmigration*, UC Berkeley Law (April 13, 2021).

Respondent, *Movement Law*, Theory Talks, Max Planck Institute (April 8, 2021).

Moderator, Practice Panel, UCI Labor and Employment Law Society (April 6, 2021).

Migration as Extractivism: Race, Enforcement, and Labor, Tulane Law (March 30, 2021).

Respondent, Ifeoma Ajunwa, *The Paradox of Automation as Anti-Bias Intervention*, UCI Colloquium on Law and Artificial Intelligence (March 29, 2021).

Migration as Extractivism: Race, Enforcement, and Labor, UCI CLS Race Proseminar (March 3, 2021).

Moderator, *Moving Forward Post-Insurrection*, Texas A&M Law (February 11, 2021).

Respondent, Shirin Sinnar, *Hate Crimes, Terrorism, and the Framing of White Supremacist Violence*, UCI Law Intellectual Life Workshop (January 27, 2021).

Movement Lawyering, Skadden Fellowship (September 9, 2020).

Movement Law, Mapping U.S. Law and Political Economy, Law and Political Economy (July 22, 2020).

Respondent, Swethaa Ballakrishnen, *Invisible Institutionalisms: Collective Reflections from the Shadows of Legal Globalization*, UCI Law Intellectual Life Workshop (July 15, 2020).

Migration as Extractivism: Race, Enforcement, and Labor, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (May 30, 2020).

Critical Theory and Clinical Stance, Clinical Theory Workshop, New York, NY (September 20, 2019).

Immigration Enforcement and Racial Capitalism, Critical Race Studies 1L Panel, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA (September 18, 2019).

On Relational Lawyering, Legal Ethics Schmooze, UC Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA (June 8, 2019).

Immigration Enforcement and Organizing, Law and Society Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (May 31, 2019).

Multiple Consciousness in Contextual Learning, Keynote, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands (May 28, 2019).

Fact Development, Faculty Workshop, University of Amsterdam Law School, Amsterdam, Netherlands (May 27, 2019).

Transformational Advocacy, AALS Clinical Legal Education Conference, San Francisco, CA (May 6, 2019).

Immigration Enforcement and Organizing, Faculty Workshop, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA (April 29, 2019)

The Influence of the Bellow-Charn Model on Clinical Legal Education, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA (April 5, 2019).

Democratic Norms and Governance Experimentalism in Worker Centers, Symposium, Duke Law School, Durham, NC (March 22, 2019).

DACA, Government Lawyers, and the Public Interest, Faculty Workshop, University of Washington School of Law (February 21, 2019).

DACA, Government Lawyers, and the Public Interest, Symposium, Fordham Law School, New York, NY (October 12, 2018).

Governance and Voice in Worker Centers, Socio-Legal Studies Workshop, UC Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA (April 13, 2018).

Guerilla Guides to Law Teaching, Faculty Workshop, Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, IN (March 5, 2018).

Movement Lawyers in the Fight for Immigrant Rights, Faculty Workshop, UNC School of Law, Chapel Hill, NC (March 8, 2018).

Community Immigrant Defense, Legal Ethics Schmooze, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA (July 21, 2017).

Movement Lawyers in the Fight for Immigrant Rights, Law and Society Annual Meeting, Mexico City, Mexico (June 22, 2017).

Pedagogy Panel, Emerging Immigration Law Scholars, Texas A&M School of Law, Fort Worth, TX (May 19, 2017).

Guerilla Guides to Law Teaching, Clinical Faculty Workshop, UC Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA (May 10, 2017).

Racial Naturalization in Immigrant Defense, Plenary, AALS Section on Clinical Education, Denver, CO (May 8, 2017).

Lawyers and Social Movements: Reimagining Theory and Practice, Symposium, UCLA Law Review, Los Angeles, CA (February 10, 2017).

The Hardest Issues in Public Interest Law, International Legal Ethics Conference VII, Fordham University School of Law, New York, NY (July 15, 2016).

Cause Lawyers, the Legal Profession and Social Movements: A Comparative Perspective, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA (November 20, 2015).

Organizer, *Future of Law Clinics/Legal Education*, CUNY School of Law, Long Island City, NY (September 25, 2015).

Deep Critique and Democratic Lawyering, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (May 30, 2015).

Organizer, *Teaching Justice Workshop*, AALS Section on Clinical Education, Rancho Mirage, CA (May 5-6, 2015).

Community Lawyering in Clinical Education, Past, Present & Future, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA (April 1, 2015).

Deep Critique and Democratic Lawyering, Faculty Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (March 4, 2015).

Deep Critique and Democratic Lawyering, Faculty Workshop, Ohio State Moritz School of Law (January 26, 2015).

Community Engagement, AALS Annual Meeting, New York, NY (January 7, 2015).

Deep Critique and Democratic Lawyering, Keynote Address, Association for Canadian Clinical Legal Education Annual Conference, Windsor, ON (October 23, 2014).

Deep Critique and Democratic Lawyering, Symposium, UC Berkeley Law School, Berkeley, CA (October 17, 2014).

Teaching Immigration Law, Emerging Immigration Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, UC Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA (June 13, 2013).

Organizer, *Teaching Justice in Clinics*, AALS Section on Clinical Education, Chicago, IL (April 27-30, 2014).

Representing Classes with Special Challenges, Impact Fund Annual Class Action Conference, Oakland, CA (March 1, 2013).

Structuring Clinics in a Changing Environment, Plenary, AALS Section on Clinical Education, Los Angeles, CA (April 30-May 3, 2012).

Clinical Jurisprudence, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (June 1-3, 2011).

Immigration Enforcement, Race, and Repression, Pre-LSA Workshop, UC Berkeley Law School, Berkeley, CA (May 31, 2011).

Deep Critique and Democratic Lawyering, Clinical Theory Workshop, New York, NY (March 18, 2011).

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON, New York Associate, 1998-99

LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, San Francisco Skadden Fellow, 1996-98

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, New York/Washington, DC Bayard Rustin Fellow, 1992-93

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER RONNIE ELDRIDGE, New York Urban Fellow, 1991-92

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS AND AWARDS

Labor Law Group
Member, 2023-present

University of Denver School of Law
Scholar-in-Residence, April 2022

National Legal Assistance Network
Board, 2022-present

Harbor Institute for Immigrant and Economic Justice, Orange County
Advisory Board, 2020-present

Association of American Law Schools, Section on Clinical Education
Inaugural *Stephen Ellmann Memorial Clinical Scholarship Award*, 2020

Orange County Justice Fund
Board of Directors, 2017-21; Chair, Bond Fund Committee, 2019-20

CLINICAL LAW REVIEW
Board of Editors, 2012-24; Chair, Rebellious Lawyering Symposium
Committee, 2015-17

Clinical Legal Education Association
Board of Directors, 2010-13; Chair, Election Committee, 2011-13

Law and Society Association
Board of Trustees, 2008-11

Section on Poverty Law, Association of American Law Schools
Chair, 2009

Committee on Public Interest Lawyering, Association of American Law
Schools Clinical Education Section, 2006-08

South Asian Bar Association, New York
Selection Committee for Public Interest Fellowship, 2005 & 2007

Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, New York
Board Member, 2002-05

Swarthmore College
Board of Managers, 1993-97

REVIEWS

CITIZENSHIP STUDIES
Cambridge University Press
JOURNAL OF LAW AND SOCIAL POLICY
LAW AND SOCIAL INQUIRY
SOCIAL PROBLEMS
University of California Press

American University, Washington College of Law, Promotion & Tenure
Georgetown University School of Law, Promotion & Tenure
Rutgers University School of Law, Promotion
Texas A&M School of Law, Promotion & Tenure
Tulane Law School, Promotion & Tenure
UCLA School of Law, Promotion & Tenure

University of California, Berkeley School of Law, Promotion
University of California College of Law, San Francisco, Promotion &
Tenure
University of Miami School of Law, Promotion & Tenure
University of South Carolina, Promotion & Tenure
Vermont Law School, Promotion

BAR
MEMBERSHIP

California and New York