Fighting Historical Inequities and Exclusions

Class of 2024 Admissions Statistics

- **GPA:** 3.80/3.69/3.50
  - 75th / 50th / 25th Percentiles
- **LSAT:** 168/167/163
  - 75th / 50th / 25th Percentiles

- **55%** Students of Color (Self-Identified)
- **25%** First Gen Students (Self-Identified)
- **28%** LGBTQIA Students (Self-Identified)

A Strong and Diverse Faculty

- **40%** full-time, doctrinal faculty of color
- **32%** full-time faculty of color
- **51%** women, full-time faculty

*Data as of 10/5/2021

UCI Black Thriving Initiative

At UCI Law, we believe in creating a campus culture in which Black people thrive – that same mission is carried through campuswide with the UCI Black Thriving Initiative. The UCI Black Thriving Initiative strives to promote Black well-being and success. It recognizes and responds to systemic anti-Blackness as an existential threat to the mission of the university and calls on all members of the campus community to confront anti-Blackness.

The Law School is proud to be the home of one of five inaugural UCI Inclusive Excellence Term Chair Professors. Kaaryn Gustafson, Professor of Law, Director of the Center on Law, Equality and Race (CLEAR), and Associate Dean of Academic Community Engagement, will receive funds for the next three years to support the course Centering California in the History of Race and Resistance. Professor Gustafson, working with students and colleagues from other UCI departments, will construct an ambitious program of public events and collection of oral histories, written analyses and web-based materials that are focused on public education. She will undertake these activities through CLEAR.
As of April 2021, UCI Law adopted a graduation requirement for all students to complete a graded course which includes substantial content relating to “race and indigeneity, structural inequity and the historical bases for such inequity.”

We are the first University of California law school, and one of just a few law schools nationally, to adopt this requirement.

UCI Law added three new faculty members in 2021 who deepen our commitment to equity, diversity & inclusion and enrich our scholarship and teaching. Aziza Ahmed brings expertise on race, health, feminism and the law; Jamelia Morgan on race, disability and policing; and Ji Seon Song on race, criminal procedure and juvenile justice. With these new hires, we continue to prioritize issues of equity, law and history.

**Curricular Innovation**

Received an A- grade in a 2021 ranking of Most Diverse Law Schools (preLaw Magazine).

Listed as one of the best law schools for diversity (No. 2 for Asian students, No. 24 for Hispanic students) (preLaw Magazine).

No. 17 and given an A grade among top racial justice schools (preLaw Magazine).

**New Faculty Hires**

Aziza Ahmed (2021)
Professor of Law
(from Northeastern University School of Law)

Jamelia Morgan (2021)
Assistant Professor of Law
(from the University of Connecticut School of Law)

Ji Seon Song (2021)
Assistant Professor of Law
(from Stanford Law School)
UCI Law Accolades

Faculty Scholarship

- **No. 5 in the nation in faculty interdisciplinary scholarly impact**, with two faculty members (Elizabeth Loftus and Alejandro Camacho) named among the top 50 most-cited interdisciplinary scholars (Total Scholarly Impact Report: Law Professor Citations in Non-Law Journals).

- **Top public and No. 9 nationally for faculty academic impact** using SSRN download counts and the Hein citation metrics (Heald & Sichelman: The Top 100 Law School Faculties in Citations and Impact).

- **No. 14 in the nation in faculty scholarly impact** (Brian Leiter's Law School Reports). UCI Law's most-cited faculty include Dan Burk, Victor Fleischer, Michele Goodwin, Richard Hasen, Christopher Leslie, Carrie Menkel-Meadow, Rachel Moran, R. Anthony Reese, Gregory Shaffer and Kenneth Simons.

- Several UCI Law faculty are among the most-cited scholars in their areas of expertise, including Dan Burk (No. 4 in Intellectual Property), Victor Fleischer (No. 5 in Tax), Michele Goodwin (No. 5 in Health Law), Christopher Leslie (No. 5 in Antitrust), Carrie Menkel-Meadow (Law and Social Sciences) and Gregory Shaffer (No. 5 in International Law & Security).

- UCI Law has a peer reputation ranking of **No. 19** (TaxProf Blog).

Practical Training

- **No. 9 top law school in the country for practical training with an A+ grade**, one of only 17 law schools in the nation to receive top honors (preLaw Magazine).

- **No. 6 nationally for Clinical Training and No. 9 nationally for Legal Writing** (U.S. News).

Specialty Areas & Programs

- UCI Law's Graduate Tax Program is ranked No. 1 on the West Coast, No. 5 nationally among law schools with a graduate tax program (TaxProf Blog).

- UCI Law is No. 14 in U.S. News Omnibus Specialty Rankings (TaxProf Blog).

- Several of UCI Law programs rank in the top 30 nationally, including: Tax Law (No. 6), Intellectual Property (No. 19), Constitutional Law (No. 20), International Law (No. 22), Dispute Resolution (No. 24), and Criminal Law (No. 27) (U.S. News).

- UCI Law is a top law school for legal technology with an A- grade (preLaw Magazine).
UCI Law Faculty ALI Reporters

Four UCI Law professors are reporters for the ALI: Richard Hasen: Reporter, Restatement of the Law Third, Torts: Remedies; R. Anthony Reese: Associate Reporter, Restatement of the Law, Copyright; Kenneth Simons: Chief Reporter, Restatement Third of Torts: Intentional Torts to Persons; and Christopher Whytock: Associate Reporter, Restatement of the Law Third, Conflict of Laws.

Recent Faculty Awards, Grants & Recognitions

Sameer Ashar received the inaugural Ellmann Memorial Clinical Scholarship Award from the AALS Clinical Section.

Swethaa Ballakrishnen
- named a 2021-22 UCI Hellman Fellow.
- awarded 2021 ASA Sociology of Law Section Distinguished Book Award for their book “Accidental Feminism.”
- named 2020 AALS Teacher of the Year.

Josh Blank named 2020 AALS Teacher of the Year.

Rachel Croskery-Roberts re-elected to board of directors for ALWD.

Bryant Garth recognized with Legacy Award from the Law and Society Association.

Howard Gillman recognized among OC’s 100 top influencers of 2020.

Michele Goodwin
- named recipient of a 2020-21 UCI Academic Senate Distinguished Faculty Award.
- elected to the board of trustees of the Hastings Center and chair-elect of the Fellow’s Council.
- was named to the 2021 PSI board of directors.
- recognized with an honorable mention of the John Hope Franklin Prize.

Kaaryn Gustafson named an inaugural UCI Inclusive Excellence Term Chair.

Richard Hasen
- recognized among OC’s 100 top influencers of 2020.
- received grant from Craig Newmark Philanthropies for work on forthcoming book, “Cheap Speech: How Disinformation Poisons Our Politics, and How to Cure It” (Yale University Press).

Elizabeth Loftus received the 2020 International Union of Psychological Science Lifetime Career Award.

Rachel Moran named to Law & Society Association board of trustees.

Mark Rosenbaum named among Top Lawyers of the Decade by the Daily Journal.

Gregory Shaffer named President-Elect of American Society of International Law.
New Research Centers at UCI Law

We’re not just part of the conversation, we’re leading it.

Fair Elections and Free Speech Center

Directors: Richard L. Hasen, Chancellor’s Professor of Law and Political Science, and David Kaye, Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the International Justice Clinic

Established in 2021 after the contentious 2020 U.S. Presidential elections, which culminated in the dangerous January 6, 2021 insurrection in the United States Capitol, the Fair Elections and Free Speech Center at UCI Law is unique in its focus among U.S. and global institutions. It is dedicated solely to advancing an understanding of, and offering means to counter, threats to the stability and legitimacy of democratic governments exacerbated by the unregulated growth of digital media and other technological changes in mass communication. The center facilitates deep scholarship on American law, politics and democracy, as well as on global norms and institutions.

The Future of Latinos in the United States: Law, Opportunity, and Mobility

Director: Rachel F. Moran, Distinguished Professor of Law

The Future of Latinos in the United States: Law, Opportunity, and Mobility is a project that has been underway through the American Bar Foundation and now has a campus home at UCI Law. The project focuses on how law and policy can shape the incorporation of Latinos across the nation through four key drivers of opportunity and mobility: immigration; education; economic participation; political participation and civic engagement.
A Selection of **Recent Scholarship** by UCI Law Faculty Since 2019

**Aziza Ahmed**  
Professor of Law


**Sameer Ashar**  
Associate Dean for Equity Initiatives  
Clinical Professor of Law


**Sameer M. Ashar & Catherine L. Fisk, Democratic Norms and Governance Experimentalism in Worker Centers, 82 Law & Contemp. Probs. 141** (2019).

Swethaa Ballakrishnen
Assistant Professor of Law
Co-Director, Center for Empirical Research on the Legal Profession

Swethaa S. Ballakrishnen, Accidental Feminism: Gender Parity and Selective Mobility among India’s Professional Elite (Princeton University Press, 2021).


Mehrsa Baradaran
Professor of Law


Joshua D. Blank  
Professor of Law  
Faculty Director of Strategic Initiatives  

Dan L. Burk  
Distinguished and Chancellor’s Professor of Law  

Alejandro Camacho  
Chancellor’s Professor of Law  
Director, UCI Law Center for Land, Environment, and Natural Resources  

Joseph F.C. DiMento  
Distinguished Professor of Law  
Bryant G. Garth
Interim Dean
Distinguished Professor of Law Emeritus
Co-Director, Center for Empirical Research on the Legal Profession


Bryant G. Garth, Having it Both Ways. The Challenge of Legal Education Innovation and Reform at UCI and Elsewhere: Against the Grain and/or Aspiring to Be Elite, 10 U.C. Irvine L. Rev. 373 (2020).

Howard Gillman
UCI Chancellor
Professor of Law, Political Science, History and Criminology, Law & Society


Michele Goodwin
Chancellor’s Professor of Law
Director, Center for Biotechnology and Global Health Policy


Richard L. Hasen
Chancellor’s Professor of Law and Political Science
Co-Director, Fair Elections and Free Speech Center

Richard L. Hasen, CHEAP SPEECH: HOW DISINFORMATION POisons OUR POLITICS--AND HOW TO CURE IT (Yale University Press, forthcoming 2022).


Richard L. Hasen, The Supreme Court’s Pro-Partisanship Turn, 109 GEO. L.J. ONLINE 50 (2020).

Dalié Jiménez
Professor of Law
Director, Student Loan Law Initiative

Pamela Foohey, Dalié Jiménez, and Christopher K. Odinet, Steering Loan Modifications Post-Pandemic, 85 LAW & CONTEMP. PROBS. (forthcoming 2022).


Sung Eun (Summer) Kim
Professor of Law
Director, Korea Law Center


David Kaye
Clinical Professor of Law
Director, International Justice Clinic
Co-Director, Fair Elections and Free Speech Center


David Kaye, Legitimacy, Collective Authority and Internet Governance: A Reflection on David Caron’s Study of the UN Security Council, 46 ECOLOGY L.Q. 135 (2019).

Annie Lai
Co-Associate Dean for Experiential Education
Clinical Professor of Law
Co-Director, Immigrant Rights Clinic

Annie Lai, An Evolving Vision for Experiential Education: The Immigrant Rights Clinic at the University of California, Irvine School of Law, 10 U.C. Irvine L. Rev. 427 (2020).


Stephen Lee
Professor of Law
Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Development


Christopher Leslie
Chancellor’s Professor of Law
Director, Competition, Antitrust Law, and Innovation Forum


Christopher R. Leslie, High Prices and Low-Level Conspirators, 97 Tex. L. Rev. (forthcoming 2022).


Ji Li
John & Marilyn Long Professor of US-China Business and Law


Elizabeth Loftus
Distinguished Professor of Psychological Science and Law


Omri Marian
Professor of Law
Academic Director, Graduate Tax Program


Carrie Menkel-Meadow
Distinguished and Chancellor’s Professor of Law


Amartya Sen and Law (Carrie Menkel-Meadow et al. eds., Routledge, 2020).


Carrie Menkel-Meadow, Hybrid and Mixed Dispute Resolution Processes: Integrities of Process Pluralism, in Comparative Dispute Resolution 405 (Maria F. Moscati, Michael Palmer & Marian Roberts eds., 2020).
Rachel F. Moran
Distinguished Professor of Law

Jamelia Morgan
Assistant Professor of Law
Jamelia Morgan, Disability’s Fourth Amendment, 122 Colum. L. Rev. (forthcoming 2022).
Jamelia Morgan, Policing Marginality in Public Space, 81 Ohio St. L.J. 1045 (2020).

Ezra Ross
Professor of Lawyering Skills
Ezra Ross, Reframing Faculty Pro Bono, J. Legal Educ. (forthcoming).

Gregory Shaffer
Chancellor’s Professor of Law and Political Science Director, Center on Globalization, Law and Society
Transnational Legal Ordering of Criminal Justice (Gregory Shaffer & Ely Aaronson, eds., Cambridge University Press, 2020).
Kenneth W. Simons
Chancellor’s Professor of Law
Co-Director, Center for Legal Philosophy

Ji Seon Song
Assistant Professor of Law

Ann Southworth
Professor of Law
Co-Director, Center for Empirical Research on the Legal Profession

Jane Stoever
Clinical Professor of Law
Director, Domestic Violence Clinic
Director, Initiative to End Family Violence
Emily Taylor Poppe  
Assistant Professor of Law  
Faculty Director, UCI Law Civil Justice Research Initiative  

Katharine Tinto  
Clinical Professor of Law  
Director, Criminal Justice Clinic  
Katie Tinto, The Dangers of Police-Created Crime, 2020 JUSTICE COLLABORATIVE INST. 2.  

Christopher Whytock  
Vice Dean  
Professor of Law  
Co-Director, Center in Law, Society and Culture  