

GOODWIN LIU

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EMPLOYMENT

CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT

Associate Justice, 2011–present

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

The Honorable William S. Green Visiting Professor of Public Law, 2016–present

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

Lecturer in Law, 2022–present

STANFORD LAW SCHOOL

Lecturer in Law, 2016–present

UC BERKELEY SCHOOL OF LAW

Associate Dean, 2008–2010

Professor of Law, 2008–2011

Assistant Professor of Law, 2003–2008

O'MELVENY & MYERS LLP, Washington, D.C., 2001–2003

Litigation associate

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT, Washington, D.C., 2000–2001

Law Clerk to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, Washington, D.C., 1999–2000

Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE D.C. CIRCUIT, Washington, D.C., 1998–1999

Law Clerk to Judge David S. Tatel

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE, Washington, D.C., 1993–1995

Senior Program Officer for Higher Education

EDUCATION

YALE LAW SCHOOL, J.D., 1998

OXFORD UNIVERSITY (Rhodes Scholarship), M.A., Philosophy and Physiology, 2002*

* degree requirements completed in 1993

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, B.S. with distinction, Biological Sciences, 1991

PUBLICATIONS

- *Advancement and Attrition of the “Model Minority” in Law Firms*, 78 U.C. L.J. (forthcoming 2026) (with Daniel Eem, Andrea Ma, Vincent Lin, and Nobuhisa Ishizuka)
- *From Classrooms to Chambers: The Role of Law Schools in Diversifying the Judicial Clerkship Applicant Pool*, 75 J. LEGAL EDUC. (forthcoming 2026) (with Shih-Chun Chien and Ajay K. Mehrotra)
- *The “Bamboo Ceiling” in Law: Asian American Perceptions of Inequality in the American Legal Profession* (with Ajay K. Mehrotra and Shih-Chun Chien), in *ASIANS IN AMERICA BEYOND EDUCATION: CAREER CHOICES, TRAJECTORIES, AND MOBILITY STRATEGIES* (Jennifer Lee et al. eds., Russell Sage Foundation, forthcoming 2026)
- *Toward Inclusive Pedagogy*, in SUSAN STURM, *WHAT MIGHT BE: CONFRONTING RACISM TO TRANSFORM OUR INSTITUTIONS* (Princeton University Press, 2025)
- *A Brief Introduction to the American Law Institute and the Restatement of Torts*, 52 SW. L. REV. 358 (2024) (symposium on the Third Restatement of Torts)
- *Understanding Implicit Bias: Insights & Innovations*, DÆDALUS (Goodwin Liu and Camara Phyllis Jones eds., Winter 2024); *Introduction: Implicit Bias in the Context of Structural Racism* in this volume (with Camara Phyllis Jones)
- *Some Thoughts on a Developmental Approach to a Sound Basic Education*, 91 U. CHI. L. REV. 437 (2024)
- *Law Clerk Selection and Diversity: Insights from Fifty Sitting Judges of the Federal Courts of Appeals*, 137 HARV. L. REV. 588 (2023) (with Jeremy Fogel and Mary Hoopes)
- *Implicit Bias, Structural Bias, and Implications for Law and Policy*, 25 U. PA. J. CONST. L. 1280 (2023) (Provost’s Lecture on Diversity and Owen J. Roberts Lecture on Constitutional Law)
- *Forensic science: A judicial perspective*, 120 PROC. NAT’L ACAD. SCI. (2023), <https://www.pnas.org/doi/epdf/10.1073/pnas.2301838120> (with Jed S. Rakoff)
- *A PORTRAIT OF ASIAN AMERICANS IN THE LAW 2.0: IDENTITY AND ACTION IN CHALLENGING TIMES* (2022) (with Tyler Dang, Katherine Fang, Benji Lu, and Michael Tayag)
- *Reflections on RBG: Mentor, Friend, Hero*, 121 COLUM. L. REV. 609 (2021)
- *Who’s Going to Law School? Trends in Law School Enrollment Since the Great Recession*, 54 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 613 (2020) (with Miranda Li and Phillip Yao)
- *State Courts and Constitutional Structure*, 128 YALE L.J. 1304 (2019) (review of JEFFREY S. SUTTON, *51 IMPERFECT SOLUTIONS: STATES AND THE MAKING OF AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW* (2018))

- *Racial Justice in the Age of Diversity*, 106 CAL. L. REV. 1977 (2018) (Thomas M. Jorde Symposium at UC Berkeley)
- *State Constitutions and the Protection of Individual Rights: A Reappraisal*, 92 N.Y.U. L. REV. 1307 (2017) (William J. Brennan Lecture on State Courts and Social Justice)
- A PORTRAIT OF ASIAN AMERICANS IN THE LAW (2017) (with Eric Chung, Samuel Dong, Christine Kwon, and Xiaonan Hu)
- *Three Challenges for American Higher Education*, 7 UC IRVINE L. REV. 9 (2017)
- *How the California Supreme Court Actually Works: A Reply to Professor Bussel*, 61 UCLA L. REV. 1246 (2014)
- *The Bush Administration and Civil Rights: Lessons Learned*, 4 DUKE J. CONST. L. & PUB. POL'Y 77 (2009)
- KEEPING FAITH WITH THE CONSTITUTION (2009) (with Pamela S. Karlan and Christopher H. Schroeder)
- *National Citizenship and the Promise of Equal Educational Opportunity*, in THE CONSTITUTION IN 2020 (Jack M. Balkin & Reva B. Siegel eds., 2009)
- *Rethinking Constitutional Welfare Rights*, 61 STAN. L. REV. 203 (2008)
- GETTING BEYOND THE FACTS: REFORMING CALIFORNIA SCHOOL FINANCE (Chief Justice Earl Warren Institute on Race, Ethnicity, & Diversity, 2008) (with Alan Berin & Michael W. Kirst) (blueprint for California's Local Control Funding Formula)
- *The First Justice Harlan*, 96 CAL. L. REV. 1383 (2008)
- *Improving Title I Funding Equity Across States, Districts, and Schools*, 93 IOWA L. REV. 973 (2008)
- "History Will Be Heard": An Appraisal of the Seattle/Louisville Decision, 2 HARV. L. & POL'Y REV. 53 (2008)
- *Seattle and Louisville*, 95 CAL. L. REV. 277 (2007)
- *Education, Equality, and National Citizenship*, 116 YALE L.J. 330 (2006)
- *Interstate Inequality in Educational Opportunity*, 81 N.Y.U. L. REV. 2044 (2006)
- *Developments in U.S. Education Law and Policy*, 2 DAUTO L. REV. 17 (2006)
- *The Parted Paths of School Desegregation and School Finance Litigation*, 24 LAW & INEQUALITY 81 (2006)
- *School Choice to Achieve Desegregation*, 74 FORDHAM L. REV. 791 (2005) (with William L. Taylor)
- *Race, Class, Diversity, Complexity*, 80 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 289 (2004)

- Brown, Bollinger, *and Beyond*, 47 HOW. L.J. 705 (2004)
- *Separation Anxiety: Congress, the Courts, and the Constitution*, 91 GEO. L.J. 439 (2003) (with Hillary Rodham Clinton)
- *The Causation Fallacy: Bakke and the Basic Arithmetic of Selective Admissions*, 100 MICH. L. REV. 1045 (2002)
- *Social Security and the Treatment of Marriage: Spousal Benefits, Earnings Sharing, and the Challenge of Reform*, 1999 WIS. L. REV. 1
- *Affirmative Action in Higher Education: The Diversity Rationale and the Compelling Interest Test*, 33 HARV. C.R.-C.L. L. REV. 381 (1998)

ELECTED MEMBERSHIPS

- American Academy of Political and Social Science, 2025
- American Philosophical Society, 2020
- American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 2019
- American Law Institute, 2008

PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Board of Directors, 2022–present; Board Chair, 2023–present; Chair, Law Selection Panel, 2021–2024; Commission on Reimagining Our Economy, 2021–2024; Committee on Anti-Racism, 2020–present
- Spencer Foundation, Board of Directors, 2026–present
- American Bar Foundation, Affiliated Scholar, 2020–present
- Yale Law School, Global Constitutional Seminar, 2020–present
- Harvard Law School Center on the Legal Profession, Senior Research Fellow, 2018–present
- James Irvine Foundation, Board of Directors, 2017–present
- Robert T. Matsui Center for Politics and Public Service, UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies, Advisory Committee, 2014–present
- American Law Institute, Council, 2013–present; Chair, Projects Committee, 2015–2022; Executive Committee, 2015–2021; Chair, Young Scholars Medal Selection Committee, 2014–2016
- Yale University Council, 2019–2025; President, 2023–2025
- ABA Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility, 2019–2020

- National Academy of Sciences, Committee on Science, Technology, and Law, 2014–2019
- California Commission on Access to Justice, 2014–2018
- Stanford University, Board of Trustees, 2008–2013; Chair, Special Committee on Investment Responsibility, 2009–2011
- Public Welfare Foundation, Board of Directors, 2009–2011
- National Women’s Law Center, Board of Directors, 2008–2011
- Alliance for Excellent Education, Board of Directors, 2008–2010
- American Constitution Society, Board of Directors, 2004–2010; Board Chair, 2009–2010
- ACLU of Northern California, Board of Directors, 2005–2008
- Chinese for Affirmative Action, Board of Trustees, 2004–2008
- Haas Center for Public Service, Stanford University, National Advisory Board, 1999–2007; Chair, 2005–2007
- Stanford Alumni Association, Board of Directors, 1997–2000

ENDOWED / NAMED LECTURES

- “The Future of DEI: Reform or Retreat,” Thomas E. Fairchild Lecture, University of Wisconsin School of Law, 2025
- “Implicit Bias, Structural Bias, and Implications for Law and Policy,” Howard and Iris Kaplan Memorial Lecture, Hofstra Law School, 2024
- “Implicit Bias, Structural Bias, and Implications for Law and Policy,” Provost’s Lecture on Diversity and Oren J. Roberts Lecture in Constitutional Law, University of Pennsylvania, 2022
- “Implicit Bias, Structural Bias, and Implications for Law and Policy,” Henry Lecture, University of Oklahoma School of Law, 2022
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg Lecture, National Judicial College, 2022
- “Who’s Going to Law School? Trends in Law School Enrollment Since the Great Recession,” John A. Sibley Lecture, University of Georgia School of Law, 2021
- “Judicial Federalism,” Howard J. Trienens Lecture, Northwestern University School of Law, 2019
- “Judicial Federalism,” Dean Alfange, Jr. Lecture in American Constitutionalism, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2019
- “State Courts and School Desegregation: New Perspectives on Judicial Federalism and the Myth of Parity,” Jefferson Memorial Lecture, UC Berkeley, 2019

- Judge Lloyd D. George Lecture on the Judicial Process, UNLV Boyd School of Law, 2018
- “A Portrait of Asian Americans in the Law,” Fred T. Korematsu Lecture, NYU School of Law, 2018
- “State Courts, State Constitutions, and Individual Rights,” Nieman-Sieroty Lecture, USC School of Law, 2017
- “State Constitutions and the Protection of Individual Rights: A Reappraisal,” Justice William J. Brennan Lecture on State Courts and Social Justice, NYU School of Law, 2017
- “When to Dissent,” Alexander F. Morrison Lecture, California State Bar, 2016
- “The First Justice Harlan,” William J. Holloway Lecture, Federal Bar Association, Oklahoma City, 2016
- “Justice and the Distribution of Educational Opportunity,” Isaac Marks Memorial Lecture, Arizona State University Rogers School of Law, 2014
- Bernard Witkin Lecture, Los Angeles County Bar Association, 2013
- “Federal Law in State Court,” Matthew Tobriner Lecture, UC (formerly Hastings) School of Law, 2013

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSES

- UCLA Law School, 2026
- Pomona College, 2026
- University of San Diego, 2025
- UC Law San Francisco, 2025
- University of Southern California Law School, 2024
- Stanford University Phi Beta Kappa Induction, 2019
- Yale Law School, 2018
- UC Berkeley Legal Studies Program, 2017
- UCLA Law School, 2016
- Chapman Law School, 2016
- UC Berkeley Department of Political Science, 2015
- California Western School of Law, 2015
- UC Irvine Law School, 2014
- Southwestern Law School, 2014

- Lewis & Clark Law School, 2014
- University of Southern California Law School, 2012
- University of San Francisco Law School, 2012
- UC Davis Law School, 2012
- UC Riverside College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, 2012
- UC Berkeley School of Law, 2009

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

- Trailblazer Award, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, 2024
- Spirit of Excellence Award, American Bar Association, 2023
- Impact Award, Asian American Bar Association of New York, 2018
- President's Award, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, 2017
- Stanford Multicultural Hall of Fame, 2016
- Stanford Medal for volunteer service, 2014
- UC Berkeley Distinguished Teaching Award, 2009
- Steven S. Goldberg Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Education Law, 2007

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

California, U.S. Supreme Court