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Since 1989, she has been a member of the full-time faculty of The John Marshall Law School, where she teaches Property Law, Commercial Law, Federal Securities Regulation, Race and Gender in the Law, Elder Law and Agency, and Partnerships and Unincorporated Entities. In 1994, she was granted tenure at John Marshall, and in 2000, she was promoted to the rank of Full Professor. From 2004 to 2007, she served as Associate Dean for Faculty Development—a role in which she was responsible for mentoring

faculty and managing institutional resources that were designated for faculty use both inside and outside of the classroom. In this role, Associate Dean Crane took a special interest in understanding the needs of John Marshall's hundreds of adjunct faculty and in including them in more aspects of campus life, especially promoting teaching effectiveness training programs.

Professor Crane has served on many important not-for-profit trustee boards as a means of exerting her influence over issues about which she cares most deeply: education, fair elections, and hunger. She is currently a Trustee for The Chicago State University Foundation, the Midwestern People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Inc. (of which she was an incorporator in 1990), and the Greater Chicago Food Depository. She is former member of the Board of Trustees of The Law School Admissions Council (LSAC), and past board president of both The Cabrini-Green Tutoring Program and The Legal Elections in All Precincts Research and Educational Fund, Inc. (Project LEAP), which was a private fair elections watchdog agency that worked tirelessly for more than 30 years to fight fraud and to increase fairness and transparency in governmental elections in the city of Chicago. Today, she regularly serves as an attorney troubleshooter and Hearing Officer for the Chicago Board of Elections Commissioners.

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During his legal education, Ho authored numerous academic papers analyzing complex issues, and made presentations at national conferences around the country. Along with his article in this journal, he published two other papers. Ho received a Second Place Award for one of his papers in the Southeast-Southwest People of Color Conference Law Student Writing Competition in 2013. He also earned recognition in the National Order of Scribes from the American Society of Legal Writers. In his classes, Ho received several Best Paper Awards and the Dean's List award. Jo-Chi Ho graduated with his Juris Doctorate in May of 2014. Currently, he is preparing to become a future licensed attorney.

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From 2006 to 2008, Professor Mahmud was Co-President of the Society of American Law Teachers (SALT), an organization of progressive law teachers working for justice, diversity, and academic excellence. Currently, he serves on the Advisory Committee of the Board of Governors of SALT, and the Steering Committee of the Board of Directors of Latina/o Critical Legal Studies, Inc. (LatCrit). He has served on the editorial boards of *The American Journal of Comparative Law*, *Hastings International and Comparative Law Review*, *Journal of Third World Legal Studies*, and the *Journal of Humanities Research*.

Professor Mahmud has published extensively in the areas of comparative constitutional law, human rights, international law, legal history, and legal theory. His primary research areas are critical legal theory, colonial legal regimes, international law, and post-colonial legal systems. His current research is focused on neoliberal political economy and extra-constitutional usurpation and exercise of power in post-colonial states.

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Kelli focused her study in the area of sport law with the desire to advocate for increased representation for collegiate student-athletes. In addition to exploring the legal questions surrounding student-athlete eligibility, her thesis research examined student-athletes' satisfaction with the communications they received regarding eligibility requirements and how important they believed those communications to be. Kelli's multi-

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FRANCISCO VALDES

Francisco Valdes, Professor of Law, earned a BA in 1978 from the University of California at Berkeley, a JD with honors in 1984 from the University of Florida College of Law, and a JSM in 1991 and a JSD in 1994 from Stanford Law School. Between law school and graduate work, he practiced as a civil commercial litigator with Miami and San Francisco law firms, and taught as an adjunct professor at Golden Gate Law School. In 1991, while working on his JSD dissertation for Stanford, he joined the faculty at California Western School of Law in San Diego, receiving tenure in 1994, before joining the University of Miami (UM) faculty in 1996. At UM, he co-founded the law school's Center for Hispanic & Caribbean Legal Studies and its Spain Study-Abroad Summer Program, serving as co-director of each. Since 2008, he also has served as founding Faculty Advisor to the UM Race and Social Justice Law Review. In 2010, Dr. Valdes was designated a Dean's Distinguished Scholar, and appointed founding Director of the UM Junior Faculty Development program to ensure the well-rounded progress of newer faculty.

Dr. Valdes's work focuses on constitutional law and theory, Latina/o legal studies, critical outsider jurisprudence and Queer scholarship. Since 1995, Dr. Valdes has contributed regularly to LatCrit symposia and publications to help elucidate LatCrit approaches to knowledge-production, critical theory, and academic activism. During this time, Dr. Valdes's work on constitutional theory, critical race studies, and queer scholarship also has been published in numerous law reviews, other academic journals, and various book anthologies, including both specialty and mainstream venues. In 2002, Dr. Valdes edited (with Angela Harris and Jerome Culp) the collection of essays, *Crossroads, Histories and Directions: A New Critical Race Theory*. Currently, Dr. Valdes is working with other RaceCrit/LatCrit

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