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## About the Authors

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Among his other books are “Mea Culpa: Lessons on Law and Regret from U.S. History” (NYU Press 2015); “Run for the Border: Vice and Virtue in U.S.-Mexico Border Crossings” (NYU Press 2012); “Greasers and Gringos: Latinos, Law, and the American Imagination” (NYU Press 2003); “Tierra y Libertad: Land, Liberty, and Latino Housing” (NYU Press 2010); “One Night in America: Robert Kennedy, Cesar Chavez, and the Dream of Dignity” (Routledge 2008), winner of the 2008 Oregon Book Award for General Nonfiction; “How the West Was Juan: Reimagining the U.S.-Mexico Border” (San Diego State University Press 2017); and “Comprende?: The Significance of Spanish in English-Only Times,” (Floricanto Press 2008). He is co-author of “Everyday Law for Latino/as” (Routledge 2008)

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first two-way immersion, Spanish-English Catholic school there. In 2017, he received the Distinguished Career Award from the Latino Caucus of the Midwest Political Science Association; in 2018, he received the Lifetime Achievement for Excellence in Community Service Award from the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF); and in 2019, he received the Norton Long Career Achievement Award from the Urban and Local Politics Section of the American Political Science Association.

### **BARBARA Y. PHILLIPS**

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## **TAYYAB MAHMUD**

Professor Tayyab Mahmud joined Seattle University School of Law in 2006. He served as the Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development 2007–2009, and was formerly the director of the Center for Global Justice. He holds a Ph.D. in Political Science, and before going to law school taught International Relations and Political Science at various universities in Pakistan and the United States. A graduate of University of California Hastings College of the Law, he is licensed to practice in

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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 Int'l & 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.

## **WILLIAM R. TAMAYO**

William R. Tamayo (Bill Tamayo) was appointed District Director of the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, San Francisco District in June 2015. He oversees investigations and operations in Northern California, Northern Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho and

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From 1979 to 1995, he was a staff attorney and the Managing Attorney for the Asian Law Caucus, Inc. of San Francisco, California. As a staff attorney, William Tamayo emphasized the practice of immigration and nationality law (political asylum, deportation defense, exclusion, family petitioning, citizenship) and civil rights litigation and advocacy involving employment discrimination, immigrant rights, voting rights, and the Census. He was co-counsel for the plaintiff-intervenor in *EEOC & Castrejon v. Tortilleria La Major*, 785 F. Supp. 585 (E.D. Cal 1991) (undocumented workers are protected under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964) and co-led the legal team that developed the "self-petitioning provisions" for battered immigrant women under the Violence Against Women Act through which over 120,000 women in addition to their children have been able to leave abusive relationships and gain legal permanent immigration status.

During his tenure as Regional Attorney, the EEOC San Francisco District obtained significant recoveries including among others, *Arnett & EEOC v. Cal. Pub. Emp. Ret. Sys.* (\$250 million for older disabled public safety officers), *EEOC v. Walmart* (\$3.5 million for disabled workers denied accommodations or jobs), *EEOC v. 3M Co.* (\$3.0 million for older workers laid off), *EEOC v. Lockheed-Martin* (\$2.5 million for Black avionics electrician harassed and retaliated against), *EEOC v. Fry's Elec.* (\$2.3 million for Asian employee terminated for alerting company to sexual harassment and for teenage Latina employee who was harassed) *EEOC v. Les Schwab Tires* (\$2.0 million for women denied sales and service jobs), *EEOC v. Tanimura & Antle* (\$1.855 million for sexually harassed and retaliated farm workers), *EEOC v. Lowe's Home Improvement* (\$1.72 million for sexual harassment of store workers), *EEOC v. Kovacevich "5" Farms* (\$1.68

million for female farm workers denied hire) and *EEOC v. Herrick Corp.* (\$1.11 million for four Pakistani Muslims harassed at work), *EEOC v. United Airlines* (\$1.04 million settlement for disabled employees denied reassignments as accommodations) and obtained a nearly \$1 million verdict for a farm worker who was sexually harassed (raped) and retaliated against, *EEOC v. Harris Farms*. The work of the EEOC on behalf of farm workers was featured in the June 2013 *Frontline/PBS* documentary, *Rape in the Fields*, which also aired on *Univision*. In December 2019, as District Director, he helped negotiate a \$4.4 million dollar sexual harassment settlement against Uber.

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Robert Chang has received numerous recognitions for his scholarship and service. In 2009, he was a co-recipient of the Clyde Ferguson Award granted by the Minority Groups Section of the Association of American Law Schools that honors “an outstanding law teacher who in the course of his or her career has achieved excellence in the areas of public service, teaching, and scholarship.” In 2012, he was elected to the American Law Institute. In 2014, he was the co-recipient of the Charles A. Goldmark Distinguished Service Award from the Legal Foundation of Washington for his leadership role in a statewide task force on race and the criminal justice system. In addition to co-chairing the task force, he led the research team that produced its *Preliminary Report on Race and Washington’s Criminal Justice System* that was presented to the Washington Supreme Court and was published simultaneously in the *Gonzaga Law Review*, the *Seattle University Law Review*, and the *Washington Law Review*. In 2018, the Society of American Law Teachers recognized him with the M. Shanara Gilbert Human Rights Award for his work leading a successful appeal and being a member of the trial team in a successful constitutional challenge to the enactment and enforcement of a facially neutral law that was used to terminate the Mexican American Studies Program at the Tucson Unified School District.