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BIOGRAPHIES (in alphabetical order)

Aditi Bagchi

Fordham University, United States



Aditi Bagchi teaches Contracts and Labor Law. She writes primarily about contract law, especially contract interpretation and questions in political and moral philosophy as they arise in contract. She has a broader interest in comparative political economy and legal philosophy across private law.

Professor Bagchi previously taught at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. In Fall 2019, she was a Visiting Professor at Yale Law School and, in Fall 2021, she was a Visiting Professor at Columbia Law School. Before teaching, she was an associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP and a clerk for Judge Julio Fuentes on the United State Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Catharine MacMillan

King's College London, United Kingdom



Catharine MacMillan joined The Dickson Poon School of Law in 2016 as a Professor of Private Law. In September 2023 Catharine was appointed as Vice-Dean for staffing at The Dickson Poon School of Law.

She previously held positions at Queen Mary University of London, as a Reader in Legal History, and the University of Reading, as a Professor of Law and Legal History. Her initial interest in private law has expanded over time to include modern legal history. Prior to entering into academia she practised law in Vancouver, specialising in private law litigation. She is the Vice President of the Society of Legal Scholars and the Treasurer for the Selden Society. Professor MacMillan is a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in London and an Honorary Professor at the University of Edinburgh.

Christina Mulligan

Brooklyn Law School, United States



Christina Mulligan teaches Internet law, intellectual property law, and trusts & estates. Her research addresses efforts to adapt intellectual property law for the digital age, the relationship between law and technology, and theories of constitutional interpretation. Recently, she has written about the Internet of Things, robot punishment, and early translations of the Constitution.

While at Brooklyn, Professor Mulligan researched as a visiting scholar at the Georgetown Center for the Constitution and taught as a visiting associate professor at Yale Law School. Previously, she taught at the University of Georgia and was a postdoctoral associate and lecturer in law at the Information Society Project at Yale Law School. Her scholarship has been published in a variety of journals and law reviews, including Georgia Law Review, SMU Law Review, and Constitutional Commentary.

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Henry Smith Harvard Law School, United States	
	<p>Henry Smith is the Fessenden Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, where he directs the Project on the Foundations of Private Law. Previously, he taught at the Northwestern University School of Law and was the Fred A. Johnston Professor of Property and Environmental Law at Yale Law School. He holds an A.B. from Harvard, a Ph.D. in Linguistics from Stanford, and a J.D. from Yale. After law school he clerked for the Hon. Ralph K. Winter, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Professor Henry has written primarily on the law and economics of property, intellectual property, and remedies, with a focus on how property-related institutions lower information costs and constrain strategic behavior. He teaches primarily in the areas of property, intellectual property, equity, restitution, and remedies.</p>
Irina Sakharova Durham Law School, Durham University, England	
	<p>Irina Sakharova is a Lecturer in Contract Law at Durham Law School, where she is also a member of the Institute for Commercial and Corporate Law and of the Durham Centre for Law and Philosophy. Since 2022, she has been module leader for the contract law course, responsible for the design and delivery of lectures and tutorials. She also teaches on the legal philosophy module.</p> <p>Dr Sakharova earned her MJur degree from the University of Oxford, where she was a Hill Foundation Scholar and an Associate Editor of the Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal. Irina completed a PhD under the supervision of Professor James Penner at the National University of Singapore, where she was a Graduate Research Scholar and then an NUS President's Graduate Fellow, as well as a member of the Centre for Legal Theory and the Private Law Research Group. Dr Sakharova's PhD thesis was entitled 'Understanding the Legal Power to Contract', and she has been awarded the Wang Gungwu Medal and Prize for the Best PhD Thesis in the Social Sciences and Humanities. At NUS, Irina contributed to teaching Advanced Contract Law and the Philosophical Foundations of Contract Law, convened by Professor Mindy Chen-Wishart. Irina also holds degrees in civil law and studied different branches of philosophy as part of her formal education. In addition to foundational and advanced contract law courses, she has also taught legal theory, Roman law, the (civil) law of obligations, and other private law subjects at several institutions and has been a Visiting Scholar at Columbia Law School.</p>
James Penner National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law	
	<p>James Penner took an honours BSc in Genetics at the University of Western Ontario in 1985, an LLB at the University of Toronto in 1988 and completed his DPhil at University College, Oxford in 1992. His thesis formed the basis of <i>The Idea of Property in Law</i> (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1997) which won the 1997 Society of Public Teachers of Law First Prize for Outstanding Scholarship by a Younger Scholar (now renamed the 'SLS Peter Birks Prize').</p> <p>Since 1992 he has taught law at Brunel University, the London School of Economics, King's College London, and most recently from 2008 until 2013 as Professor of Property Law at the Faculty of Laws, University College London, serving from 2011 to 2013 as Head of Department. He has established himself as one of the world's leading experts in the philosophy of property and the law of trusts, and writes more widely in the areas of private law and the philosophy of law. He has been a visiting professor in China, Canada, Belgium, and Australia.</p>

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Jed Lewinsohn

University of Pittsburgh, United States



Jed Lewinsohn (PhD, NYU 2015; JD, Yale Law School 2012) is an assistant professor of philosophy. Prior to joining the department, he was a Junior Fellow at the Harvard Society of Fellows. He was a visiting professor at Harvard Law School and the University of Chicago Law School, where he taught courses on contract and commercial law. He works primarily on issues at the intersection of moral and political philosophy, philosophy of law, and philosophy of action.

Joshua Getzler

University of Oxford, England



Joshua Getzler was appointed in 1993. In his modern legal research he works on the duties of investment agents in financial markets, on the legal and economic structure of debt and equity securities, on the liability and ontology of juridical entities, and on theories of trust, fiduciary duty and co-ownership. In his historical research he is working on the nature of fiduciary accountability in private and public relationships, including Crown liabilities, public finance, and private banking and investment; and more generally the evolution of property, trust, corporate and charitable (especially religious) forms, principally in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. His [doctoral monograph](#) concerned the juristic and economic factors governing control of water resources in the historical common law. He is presently engaged in advisory work for governmental and native parties dealing with the inter-relationship of native title, trust and fiduciary accountability, prerogative powers and treaty law in relation to First Nations, with special reference to British North America, Upper Canada and New Zealand. A new project concerns the status of native custom in Australian common law and the origins of native title discourses prior to the case of *Mabo v Queensland No 2* (1992). A long-term interest is the role of the lord chancellors and royal justices in law and politics before the Great Reform Act, from Holt, Somers, Macclesfield, and King, through to Hardwicke, Thurlow, and Eldon.

Katy Barnett

University of Melbourne, Australia



Katy Barnett first joined the Melbourne Law School in 2006 as a sessional lecturer and was appointed permanently in 2010. She completed an LLB with Honours and a BA with majors in English, History and Medieval Studies at the University of Melbourne in 1999. In 2010, she completed her PhD at the University of Melbourne on accounts of profit for breach of contract. Prior to commencing postgraduate study, Katy was a Research Assistant to the Court of Appeal at the Supreme Court of Victoria, completed her articles at Freehills, was an Associate to Justice Mandie at the Supreme Court of Victoria, and was a banking litigator at Russell Kennedy. She keeps up her connections to practice as a legal consultant at Sharpe & Abel.

Katy has published widely on Remedies Law and other related aspects of private law, including on disgorgement of profit, the calculation of damages at common law and in statute, the law on penalties, and proprietary remedies for breach of fiduciary duty. She also has interests in comparative law, animal law, behavioural economics and legal history. Her PhD was published in 2012 by Hart Publishing as a monograph entitled 'Accounting for Profit for Breach of Contract: Theory and Practice' and it has been cited by the Supreme Court of Canada. She has also written Remedies in Australian Private Law (CUP, 2018) with Dr Sirko Harder, now in its second edition. In 2013, she was a visiting scholar at Brasenose College, Oxford as part of the Melbourne-Oxford Faculty Exchange.

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Larissa Katz

University of Toronto, Canada



Larissa Katz is Professor of Law and Canada Research Chair in Private Law Theory. She is also the Associate Dean (Graduate Programs). She is cross-appointed to the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy. Prior to joining the Faculty of Law in 2013, Professor Katz clerked for the late Justice Charles D. Gonthier at the Supreme Court of Canada, worked in litigation at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP (NYC) and taught at Queen's University, Faculty of Law.

Professor Katz writes about moral, political and social issues relating to private law generally and property law in particular. Her work appears in journals such as *Theoretical Inquiries in Law*, *Yale Law Journal*, *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, *Legal Theory*, *Jurisprudence*, *University of Toronto Law Journal*, *McGill Law Journal* and the *Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence*, *Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy* (forthcoming), *Notre Dame Law Review* (forthcoming). Her work is included in anthologies such as *The Philosophical Foundations of Property Law* (Oxford University Press), *The Philosophical Foundations of Equity*, *The Cambridge Companion to Law and Philosophy* (Cambridge U. Press). Professor Katz is currently writing *People and Things: Property in the Legal Order* (under contract with Oxford University Press).

Lusina Ho

The University of Hong Kong



Lusina Ho is Harold Hsiao-Wo Lee Professor in Trust and Equity at the Faculty of Law, the University of Hong Kong. While pursuing her teaching and research in Trust, Restitution, and Comparative Trust Law (in particular Chinese Trust Law), she has been consulted by the Government of the People's Republic of China on the enactment of the Chinese Trust Law and the Government of the Hong Kong SAR on the reform of the Trustee Ordinance. In 2019, she has successfully convinced the Hong Kong SAR Government to launch a trust service for special needs individuals in the territory.

She has published widely and her work has been cited in highest appellate courts in common law jurisdictions, and has been translated and published in Japanese. She received from HKU the Outstanding Young Researcher Award in 2006, the Faculty Outstanding Teaching Award in 2017, the Faculty Knowledge Exchange Award in 2018, and the University Knowledge Award in 2018.

Nick Sage

London School of Economics, United Kingdom



Nick Sage teaches and writes about private law, especially contract, property, and tort. He is particularly interested in theoretical questions about how to understand and justify these areas of law, as well as related issues in moral and political philosophy. Before joining LSE in 2015, he spent several years in North America. He studied for a masters in law at NYU as a Hauser Scholar. He worked in litigation at Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York City. He returned to academia to pursue my doctoral studies, on the theory of contract law, at the University of Toronto. I was a postdoctoral fellow at Columbia Law School.

He grew up in New Zealand, and began his academic career at the University of Auckland, where he studied for a conjoint bachelor of laws and bachelor of arts in political philosophy and English literature. Subsequently he worked as a judge's clerk at the Supreme Court of New Zealand.

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Pey-Woan Lee Singapore Management University (SMU)	
	<p>Pey-Woan Lee joined the faculty at the Singapore Management University School of Law in 2000, which was at that point of time still a law department under the Lee Kong Chian School of Business. She was subsequently appointed an associate professor of law in 2008, and a professor of law in 2019. She was also associate dean (undergraduate teaching & curriculum) from 2017 to 2020.</p> <p>She was previously the vice-provost of faculty matters, and is presently Dean and professor at the Singapore Management University School of Law, serving a 5-year term as the dean of the school with effect from July 2022. She was selected as dean following "an extensive and rigorous global search that started in August 2021". Professor Lee has stated that her aim is to have the school be amongst the top 50 law schools in the world and top 5 in Asia within the next five to ten years.</p>
Rebecca Stone UCLA School of Law, United States	
	<p>Rebecca Stone is Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law. Her research and teaching interests include law and economics, legal philosophy, contracts, torts, unjust enrichment, and the ways in which law, philosophy, and economics intersect. The primary focus of her research is on questions about how our institutions of private law can be justified as a matter of ideal theory and under conditions of background injustice. She is also interested in the intersections between law, philosophy, and economics. She holds a J.D. from NYU School of Law, a B.A. in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from Oxford University and an M.Phil. and a D.Phil. in Economics also from Oxford University. Following law school, she clerked for Judge Richard Posner on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and Justice Stephen Breyer on the U.S. Supreme Court. She has been a visiting professor at NYU School of Law and Harvard Law School.</p>
Richard Brooks New York University, United States	
	<p>Richard Brooks is a Florence Rogatz Visiting Professor of Law and Senior Research Scholar in Law at Yale Law School. He previously taught law at both Cornell University and Northwestern University. His expertise is in contracts, organizations, culture, and law and economics. Professor Brooks has a B.A. from Cornell, an M.A. and a Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley, and a J.D. from the University of Chicago.</p>
Robert Chambers Thompson Rivers University, Canada	
	<p>Robert Chambers practised as a barrister and solicitor in Alberta before obtaining his DPhil from the University of Oxford under the supervision of Professor Peter Birks. He has been a senior lecturer at the University of Melbourne and a professor at the University of Alberta, King's College London, and University College London.</p> <p>Rob's main research and teaching interests are property, restitution, trusts, and unjust enrichment. He is the author of <i>Resulting Trusts</i> (Oxford 1997), <i>The Law of Property</i> (Toronto 2021), and <i>An Introduction to Property Law in Australia</i> (5th edn, Sydney 2024), a co-author of <i>Oosterhoff on Trusts</i> (10th edn, Toronto 2024), and a member of the editorial boards for the <i>Journal of Equity</i> (Sydney) and <i>Trust Law International</i> (London).</p>

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Thomas Merrill Columbia University, United States



Thomas Merrill teaches and writes about administrative, constitutional, and property law, among other topics. Merrill's experience in the public and private sectors informs his pedagogy and research. After clerking for Chief Judge David L. Bazelon on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and for Justice Harry A. Blackmun on the U.S. Supreme Court, Merrill was a deputy solicitor general of the U.S. Department of Justice and an associate at the firm of Sidley & Austin, where he also served as counsel for more than 20 years.

William Swadling University of Oxford, England



William Swadling, MA (Oxon), LL.M (Lond) is Professor of Law and the Senior Law Fellow at Brasenose College. He chairs the faculty's teaching groups in Restitution, Trusts, and Personal Property. Before coming to Oxford, he held posts at a number of other universities, including University College London and Trinity College, Cambridge. He is the editor of a number of books, including *The Quistclose Trust: Critical Essays*. He is particularly interested in the intersection between trusts/property and restitution, and a number of his articles on this topic have been cited in the English courts, most notably in *Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale v Islington LBC* [1996] AC 669. He is a contributor to *Halsbury's Laws of England* (4th ed, reissue), and wrote the section entitled 'Property' in Burrows (ed), *English Private Law* (3rd ed, 2013). He is, along with Professors Peter Birks and Francis Rose, a founding editor of the *Restitution Law Review* and has held visiting professorships at the University of Hamburg, Seoul National University, the National University of Singapore, University of Paris II (Panthéon-Assas), Renmin University, and the University of Leuven. He is an academic associate at One Essex Court (chambers of Lord Grabiner QC), a Senior Fellow at the University of Melbourne, an elected member of the American Law Institute, and an academic member of the Chancery Bar Association.

Zhong Xing Tan National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law



Zhong Xing Tan first joined the faculty as a member of the inaugural batch of Sheridan Fellows, and was appointed Assistant Professor thereafter. Dr Zhong Xing is currently Director of the Sheridan Fellowship Programme and a member of the Leadership Team at NUS Law.

Zhong Xing's research and teaching interests are in contract law, private law and legal theory, and commercial and corporate law more generally, as well as the various intersection points between these fields. He has written on the role of distributive justice in contract law, the rise of the 'relational contract' concept, as well as evolving doctrinal areas including the concept of good faith and the law of contractual interpretation. His recent work extends more broadly into re-thinking the foundations of interpersonal justice in private law theory, drawing from political and moral philosophy, and connecting these to key areas in the law of obligations (both traditional areas such as torts and restitution, as well as newer fields straddling public and private law).