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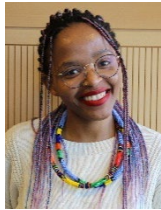
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The Rule of Law in the United States: An Unfinished Project of Black Liberation Book Talk Speaker Bios



Zenande Booi
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Zenande Booi completed her LLB (JD equivalent) at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, in 2011. After graduating from UCT she worked with Equal Education, a community, membership-based non-profit organization, advocating for quality and equality in the South African education system. Soon after, she joined Ndifuna Ukwazi which, at the time collaborated and provided support to a number of organizations in Cape Town. While there she worked with social justice organizations that focused on safety and security, access to sanitation, and access to quality and equitable education in townships in Cape Town.

She then went on to clerk at the Constitutional Court of South Africa for the Honorable Deputy Chief Justice Dikgang Moseneke. After leaving the Court, joined the Social Justice Coalition as a Senior Researcher where her research and advocacy work focused on the provision of safe and dignified sanitation to informal settlements across Cape Town.

She went on to study at Georgetown University Law Center where she completed an LLM in International Legal Studies with a certificate in International Human Rights Law in 2016. After her studies, she joined the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice as their Crowley Fellow in International Human Rights doing desktop and fieldwork research focusing on security of tenure in South Africa's former homelands in the context of laws governing traditional leadership and mining.

Upon returning to South Africa, she continued with the research focus on customary law tenure security and land rights in South Africa's former homeland areas. To that end, she joined the Land and Accountability Research Centre at the University of Cape Town, later becoming its Lead Land Researcher. Her work at the Land and Accountability Research Centre focused on

security of tenure of rural communities; customary and indigenous tenure systems; and principles related to free, prior, and informed consent as they relate traditional communities.



Neil Gotanda
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NEIL GOTANDA is Professor Emeritus at Western State College of Law in Irvine, California and a graduate of Stanford University, UC Berkeley School of Law and Harvard Law School. Before teaching, he was an attorney with the Asian Law Caucus, California Rural Legal Assistance and California Fair Employment and Housing Commission, where he drafted the employment discrimination and procedural regulations.

He has written extensively on racial theory, critical race theory and Asian American jurisprudence. In 1977, he was a participant in the first Conference on Critical Legal Studies. He was a co-founder of the Conference on Critical Race Theory and developed the earliest courses on Asian American Jurisprudence. He was awarded the 1997 Clyde Ferguson Award by the Section on Minority Groups of the American Association of Law Schools. Also in 1997, the Asian American Law Journal honored him with a Symposium Issue on his writings. In 2008, he delivered the inaugural Neil Gotanda Lecture in Asian American Jurisprudence of the Asian American Law Journal. He regularly participated in the Association for Asian American Studies and the Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative.

He is co-editor of *Critical Race Theory: The Key Writings that Formed the Movement* (1995). His other publications include *Other Non-Whites in American Legal History: A Review of "Justice at War,"* (1985); *A Critique of "Our Constitution is Color-Blind,"* (1991); *The Story of Korematsu: The Japanese American Cases in Constitutional Law Stories* (2004); *New Directions in Asian American Jurisprudence* (2010); *The Racialization of Islam* (2011);



Paul Gowder
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I'm a tenured professor of law at [Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law](#). From 2012-2020 I was at the [University of Iowa](#) College of Law (with courtesy appointments in [philosophy](#) and [political science](#)). My research is focused on the nexus of normative political theory, constitutional law, and social science, as well as law and technology. (You can see more in the research section of this website.)

As a law professor, I've taught beginning and advanced Constitutional Law courses, Torts, Introduction to Quantitative and Computational Legal Reasoning (a coding and statistics course for lawyers), Critical Race Theory, Policy Lab, and Professional Responsibility (legal ethics). Back in grad school, I taught or TAed a number of topical courses in contemporary political theory. Possible future teaching I've been scheming up include Classical Athenian Law and Jurisprudence.

My primary training was at [Harvard Law School](#) (J.D., 2000) and [Stanford Political Science](#) (Ph.D., 2012). You can buy my first book, [The Rule of Law in the Real World](#) (Cambridge University Press, 2016). My second book, [The Rule of Law in the United States: An Unfinished Project of Black Liberation](#) was released via Hart/Bloomsbury in December 2021.

Affiliations past, present, and future include the [Integrity Institute](#) (Fellow), the [Institute for Advanced Study](#) (Member, School of Social Science, 2014-5), the [Recurse Center](#) (summer 2 batch 2017, for more see the tech page on this site), the University College Cork [Attic Greek summer intensive](#) (where I learned Greek in 2013), and, long, long ago, the Cal State LA [Early Entrance Program](#). For several years, I served on the Iowa City [Telecommunications Commission](#), and I have consulted a bit with Facebook (2018-9) relative to the company's election integrity efforts and the design of the Oversight Board.

I'm a former civil rights and legal aid lawyer. In those contexts, I represented victims of police misconduct, predatory lending, employment discrimination, unlawful eviction, domestic violence, and numerous other injustices. I've been admitted to the bars of Louisiana, Massachusetts, Oregon, and Virginia, though I'm not on active status with any of them.

My legal advocacy, scholarship, and technology work is inseparable from advocacy for social justice and racial, economic, and gender equality.



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Tanya Katerí Hernández is the Archibald R. Murray Professor of Law at Fordham University

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Professor Hernández is an internationally recognized comparative race law expert and Fulbright Scholar who has visited at the Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense, in Paris and the University of the West Indies Law School, in Trinidad. She has previously served as a Law and Public Policy Affairs Fellow at Princeton University, a Faculty Fellow at the Institute for Research on Women at Rutgers University; a Faculty Fellow at the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality, and as a Scholar in Residence at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. Professor Hernández is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, the American Law Institute, and the Academia Puertorriqueña de Jurisprudencia y Legislación. Hispanic Business Magazine selected her as one of its annual 100 Most Influential Hispanics. Professor Hernández serves on the editorial boards of the Revista Brasileira de Direito e Justiça/Brazilian Journal of Law and Justice, and the Latino Studies Journal published by Palgrave-Macmillan Press.

Professor Hernández's scholarly interest is in the study of comparative race relations and anti-discrimination law, and her work in that area has been published in numerous university law reviews like Cornell, Harvard, N.Y.U., U.C. Berkeley, Yale and in news outlets like the New York Times, among other publications including her books *Racial Subordination in Latin America: The Role of the State, Customary Law and the New Civil Rights Response* (including Spanish and Portuguese translation editions), *Brill Research Perspectives in Comparative Law: Racial Discrimination, and Multiracials and Civil Rights: Mixed-Race Stories of Discrimination*. Beacon Press is publishing her forthcoming book *Racial Innocence: Unmasking Latino Anti-Black Bias and The Struggle for Equality* (<http://www.beacon.org/Racial-Innocence-P1822.aspx>).



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Professor Brian Z. Tamanaha is a renowned jurisprudence and law and society scholar, and the author of ten books and over seventy-five articles and book chapters. His latest book is *Legal Pluralism Explained: History, Theory, Consequences* (Oxford 2021). His previous book, *A Realistic Theory of Law* (Cambridge 2017), received the 2019 IVR Book Prize from the International Association of the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy for best legal philosophy book published in 2016-18, as well as an Honorable Mention for the 2018 Prose Awards in Law by the Association of University Presses. Four of his books have received international awards, including *A General Jurisprudence of Law and Society* (Oxford 2001), which won a law and society prize and a legal theory prize (award of \$50,000 AUS). *On the Rule of Law* (Cambridge 2004) has been translated into nine languages, and altogether his publications have been translated into twelve languages. He has delivered eight named lectures at home and abroad, including the Kobe Memorial Lecture in Tokyo, the Julius Stone Address in Sydney, the Cotterrell Lecture in London, and the Montesquieu Lecture in Tilburg. He spent a year in residence as Member of the Institute for Advanced Study in

Princeton, where he wrote *Beyond the Formalist-Realist Divide* (Princeton 2010). His work has been the subject of four published symposia, and his books have been reviewed in many venues, including the *Harvard Law Review*, *Michigan Law Review*, *Cambridge Law Journal*, *Law and Society Review*, *Law and History Review*, *American Ethnologist*, *Legal Theory*, and the *Washington Post*.