5th Annual BTLJ-BCLT Fall Race & Tech Symposium – Race, Rights, and Innovation: Cultivating Equity in the Digital World

Panel 4
AI, Race, and Tomorrow: Charting the Future of Inclusion and Innovation

Speaker Bios & Contact Info

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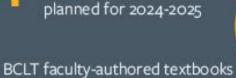# BCLT BY THE NUMBERS | *Unrivaled Impact in Tech Law*

#1 Ranked IP law program
21 years by US News

17,000+ Law & tech courses planned for 2024-2025

50+ Law & tech courses planned for 2024-2025

9 BCLT faculty-authored textbooks

16 Major conferences planned for 2024-2025

20+ Other expert-level events planned for 2024-2025

21 Faculty directors teaching full time and writing on law and tech issues

3 Faculty Directors ranked among top 5 most cited IP scholars

40+ Practitioner instructors teaching advanced law and technology courses

9 Tech-focused Student Groups

27 Years BCLT has been collaborating with Federal Judicial Center

900+ Federal judges trained at the BCLT/FJC IP seminar

Khiara Bridges

Khiara M. Bridges is a professor of law at UC Berkeley School of Law. She has written many articles concerning race, class, reproductive rights, and the intersection of the three. Her scholarship has appeared in the Harvard Law Review, Stanford Law Review, the Columbia Law Review, the California Law Review, the NYU Law Review, and the Virginia Law Review, among others. She is also the author of three books: *Reproducing Race: An Ethnography of Pregnancy as a Site of Racialization* (2011), *The Poverty of Privacy Rights* (2017), and *Critical Race Theory: A Primer* (2019). She is a coeditor of a reproductive justice book series that is published under the imprint of the University of California Press.

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Palashi Vaghela

Palashi Vaghela is an engineer turned scholar, educator, and writer. Vaghela has a Ph.D. in Information Science from Cornell University. Vaghela uses ethnographic, qualitative, and mixed methods to study relations of power and inequality that are invisible or unaccounted for in wider understandings of computing practice and culture. Their work brings together theoretical, analytical, and methodological approaches from Computing and Information Science, Science and Technology Studies (STS), and Feminist Studies. Their current project looks at relations of caste and gender in the Information Technology industry in India and Indian diaspora.

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Leo Yu

Professor Yu's primary research interests are civil rights litigation and Asian American jurisprudence. As an educator who received legal educations from the U.S. and China, he is fully bilingual, and passionate about comparative law issues between China and the U.S., and the legal education for foreign attorneys in America. Professor Yu holds multiple leadership positions at the Bar. He currently serves as a director of the Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA), representing young attorneys in the Dallas area. He is a frequent speaker and moderator on civil rights, equality, and diversity issues. He is the creator of Plead the Fifth (Cir.) podcast, a platform for attorneys to discuss the Fifth Circuit's jurisprudence on constitutional issues and criminal justice reform.

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Broadly, Professor Lilly Irani's research investigates the cultural politics of high-tech work practices with a focus on how actors produce "innovation" cultures. Irani is an ethnographer of work trained to analyze interactional, organizational, and cultural dynamics as mediated by technology. She also draws on her training as a Computer Scientist and designer to develop novel technical, organizational systems for contexts her study. Irani specializes in the cultural politics of high-tech work in the context of South Asian development, as well global AI economies. She also collaboratively designs, builds, and maintains software (Turkopticon, Dynamo) that intervenes, resists, or demonstrates alternatives to existing platforms. Irani sits on the AI Now Academic Council.

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