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Today we recognize those who have
excelled in academic achievement by awarding them
special professorships. The university community
is pleased to congratulate these individuals
because they represent the core of our mission and
the scholarly values we all share.

UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS

University Professors are those who have demonstrated outstanding scholarly achievements in teaching and research supporting the mission and goals of the university.

STEBER PROFESSORS

Steber Professors are recognized for substantial contributions in the areas of teaching, research and service to the university and are limited, by the intent of the donor, Clarence L. Steber, to faculty members in the School of Business Administration and the Department of Theology and Religious Studies.

HERZOG ENDOWED SCHOLAR

The Herzog Endowed Scholar award recognizes meritorious teaching or scholarly productivity and provides funds for professional development or for increased time for research or teaching for a one-year period to School of Law faculty.

CLASS OF 1975 ENDOWED
PROFESSORSHIP

The Class of 1975 Endowed Professorship, established by the School of Law's Class of 1975 as its 25-year reunion gift to the law school, recognizes meritorious teaching, leadership and academic accomplishments of a professor in the School of Law.



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UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

MARY CATHERINE DOAK, PhD

Mary Catherine Doak is a professor of theology in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, where she teaches courses in Catholic theology, faith and politics, and Christian antisemitism, and is currently directing the undergraduate certificate in Catholic Theology and Ministry.



Her recent publications include *A Prophetic Public Church: Witness to Hope Amid the Global Crises of the 21st Century* (Liturgical Press, 2020), and *Divine Harmony: Seeking Community in a Broken World* (Paulist Press, 2017), along with other books and articles on public theology, ecclesiology and eschatology.

Professor Doak has the honor of serving as an office and trustee for the Parliament of the World's Religions and has previously served as president of the College Theology Society as well as president of the American Theological Society (Midwest).

Professor Doak is currently working on research projects involving the development of a more adequate Catholic theology of democracy and a deeper theological response to the ongoing challenge of overcoming antisemitism in Christian faith and practice.

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

ADAM J. HIRSCH, PhD, JD

Adam Hirsch is the Napoleon A. Jones, Jr., Professor of Law at the University of San Diego. He joined the law faculty in 2013. Prior to his appointment at USD, he was the William and Catherine VanDercreek Professor of Law at Florida State University.



He has also been a visiting professor at the University of Texas, George Washington University and Boston College, among other law schools.

Professor Hirsch received his JD from the Yale Law School in 1982 and his PhD in history from Yale University in 1987. His doctoral dissertation received the George Washington Egleston Prize for the best dissertation in American History at Yale in 1987. He was appointed the Roger Traynor Research

Professor at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, for the summer of 1997, and he served on the Florida Historical Commission and the Florida National Register Review Board by gubernatorial appointment from 2012

until 2014.

Professor Hirsch is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and a Member of the American Law Institute. He is the current editor of the *California Probate Code Annotated* and has written more than 40 articles, mostly in the field of wills and trusts. His scholarship has been cited in four opinions by the United States Supreme Court.

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

MICHAEL ROBERT KELLY, PhD

Michael Robert Kelly is a professor of philosophy at the University of San Diego where he has taught and advised students since 2013, earning recognition for mentoring and teaching excellence from the College of Arts and Sciences, Mortar Board and USD's athletic department.



than 40 scholarly articles and lectured at more than 20 cities across the globe, including Tokyo, Melbourne, St. Petersburg, Krakow and Paris.

In addition to his scholarly works, Professor Kelly enjoys teaching introductory level philosophy courses (such

as human nature and ethics) and specialized classes in both the history of continental thought and certain themes (e.g., time-consciousness and subjective life, emotion studies and moral phenomenology, and existentialism).

Professor Kelly is author of two books, *A Phenomenological Analysis of Envy* (Routledge, 2024) and *Phenomenology and the Problem of Time* (Palgrave, 2016), and editor or co-editor of five collections. He also has published more

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

AFSANEH NAHAVANDI, PhD

Afsaneh Nahavandi is an internationally recognized scholar of leadership, organizational behavior, cross-cultural management, and organizational culture whose work has advanced research, teaching and practice. She is the author of *The Art and Science of Leadership*, now in its eighth edition, translated into Chinese and Japanese, and widely recognized as one of the leading textbooks on leadership. Her book *The Cultural Mindset: Managing People Across Cultures* advances understanding of global leadership and the challenges of leading across cultures. Her most current research focuses on the obstacles faced and the success strategies employed by women at the apex of their careers.

Professor Nahavandi has authored numerous books, peer-reviewed articles and book chapters on leadership, culture and management.



Her work has influenced scholars, students, executives and organizations around the world. Throughout her career, she has combined rigorous scholarship with a deep commitment to developing students and organizational leaders while advancing evidence-based

approaches to leadership in increasingly complex and culturally diverse environments.

Professor Nahavandi is Professor Emerita at Arizona State University, where she received the Arizona State University Parents Association Professor of the Year Award, the university's highest teaching honor, along with additional awards recognizing her commitment to student success, community engagement and diversity. She has also received teaching and research awards from the Knauss School of Business at the University of San Diego.

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

LEE WILLIAMS, PhD

Lee Williams is a professor in the Marital and Family Therapy Program at the University of San Diego, where he has taught for 33 years. He is a licensed MFT in California, as well as a Clinical Fellow and Approved Supervisor in the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.



Clinician's Guide to Research Methods in Family Therapy: Foundations of Evidence-based Practice, and Essential Assessment Skills for Couple and Family Therapists.

Professor Williams has published numerous journal articles and book

Professor Williams' area of clinical expertise is working with couples. He is author of *Assessment in Couple Therapy: Navigating the 7 C's of Relationships*, and he has also coauthored three other books with his colleagues at the University of San Diego, including *Essential Skills in Family Therapy: From the First Interview to Termination* (third edition),

chapters, primarily on the topics of couples with different religious backgrounds, premarital counseling, couple therapy and family therapy training. He has also been active in the community supporting couples over the years, including volunteering for 19 years at the VA offering pro bono therapy to veterans and their partners, as well as giving marriage preparation talks to engaged couples through the San Diego Diocese for the past 24 years.

STEBER PROFESSORS

JACQUELINE M. HIDALGO, PhD

Professor of Theology and Religious Studies

Jacqueline M. Hidalgo holds a PhD in religion from Claremont Graduate University. She is a past president of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States and of the New England/Eastern Canada Region of the Society of Biblical Literature. She is the author of *Latina/o/x Studies and Biblical Studies* and *Revelation in Aztlán: Scriptures, Utopias, and the Chicano Movement*. With Efraín Agosto, she co-edited the essay collection *Latinxs, the Bible, and Migration*, and most recently she co-edited a collection of essays titled “The Bible after José Esteban Muñoz” with her USD colleague, Associate Professor Peter Anthony Mena, PhD.

A recipient of a 2026-27 Louisville Institute Grant for Researchers,



Professor Hidalgo’s current book project traces the development of postapocalyptic literature concerning environmental crisis in U.S. Latine contexts from the 1960s to the present, reading selected texts alongside (post) apocalyptic literature of ecological crisis from the

first- and second-century Mediterranean.

As a student of scriptures as human social phenomena, Professor Hidalgo has particular interests in how and why certain Latine communities make, contest and refashion their own scriptures. Consequently, she examines the intersections of scriptures, apocalypticism, utopianism, migration, ethnicity, race, gender, sexuality, class and religion relationally in the United States, as well as their deep histories across the wider Americas and the ancient Mediterranean.

STEBER PROFESSORS

WILLIAM CHARLES BEGGS, PhD

Associate Professor of Finance William C. Beggs is coordinator of the MS in finance program at the University of San Diego Knauss School of Business. His research focuses on investments, asset management, institutional investors and investor behavior, with publications in leading finance journals including the *Journal of Banking & Finance* and the *Journal of Financial Intermediation*.

Professor Beggs' work has been featured in prominent media outlets such as the *Financial Times* and *Institutional Investor*. He teaches across the undergraduate, MBA, MS in



finance and MS in business analytics programs, where his courses emphasize portfolio management, financial modeling and data-driven decision making.

Prior to academia, Professor Beggs worked as a Securities

Compliance Examiner at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and as a Senior Analyst and Compliance Officer at an SEC-registered investment advisory firm. He holds a PhD in finance from the University of Arizona and is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charterholder.

HERZOG ENDOWED SCHOLAR

ORLY LOBEL, SJD

Orly Lobel is the Warren Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of San Diego and founding director of the Center for Employment and Labor Policy. She is an award-winning author of seven books and numerous articles. Her books are translated to many languages, including:

Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Hebrew and Romanian. Her most recent book, *The Equality Machine: Harnessing Tomorrow's Technologies for a Brighter, More Inclusive Future* is an *Economist* Best Book of the Year.

A graduate of Harvard University, Professor Lobel is a member of the American Law Institute. She is a prolific speaker, commentator and scholar whose work has shaped policy and influenced industry around the world. She served on President Obama's policy team on innovation and labor competition and advises public agencies on technology policy, including the Federal Trade Commission, which cited her research



in a recent regulatory reform. She recently testified before the California legislature and led the drafting of a legislative bill that was passed unanimously and signed into law by Governor Newsom. She has also served as a G7 representative of the World Economic Forum

and has worked with the United Nations on digital equality.

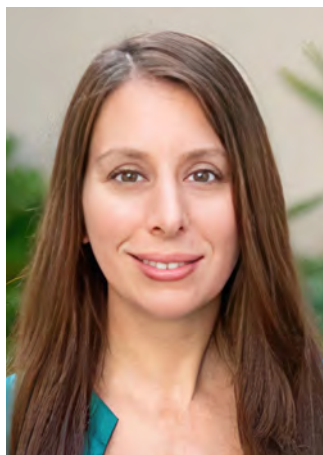
Professor Lobel is regularly cited by top media including the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *NPR*, and the *Financial Times*. Her scholarship has been supported by grants, including from the Johnson and Johnson Foundation, Searle-Kauffman, Fulbright, Safra, and the AI and Humanities Project.

A dedicated educator and mentor, Professor Lobel is widely recognized for excellence in writing, teaching, service and leadership. She also loves to run races, practice yoga and spend time with her husband, three daughters and golden lab.

CLASS OF 1975 ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP

ERIN SHELEY, PhD, JD

Erin Sheley is an expert in criminal law and criminal procedure, with a particular interest in the relationship between the law and cultural narratives about crime and punishment. Professor Sheley's book *Criminality and the Common Law Imagination in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries* has been published by Edinburgh University Press.



Law Review. Her work has also been cited by a number of federal and state courts.

Before coming to USD, Professor Sheley was a professor and assistant dean of research at California Western School of Law. She has also taught at the

University of Oklahoma College of Law, the University of Calgary Faculty of Law, and the George Washington University Law School. Prior to academia she worked as a litigator in the Washington, DC offices of Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher LLP. She holds an AB and a JD from Harvard University and a PhD in English from George Washington University. Her scholarship on Romantic and Victorian era literature has appeared in a number of peer-reviewed literary journals and anthologies.

Her legal scholarship has appeared, among other places, in the *Duke Law Journal*, the *Southern California Law Review*, the *North Carolina Law Review*, the *Wake Forest Law Review*, the *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*, the *Indiana Law Journal*, the *Texas A&M Law Review*, the *Yale Journal of Law and Humanities*, the *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy* and the *Washington*