

BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA

Position Sought: Professor of Law
2446 Belmont Road NW, Washington, DC 20008

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL

Appointments:

Senior Lecturer, 1996-2004

Lecturer, 1992-1996

Fellow, 1991-1992

Tenure-Track Professor (offered, declined)

Teaching:

Constitutional Law III: Equal Protection and Substantive Due Process, 1996-2003
([sample exam](#))

Current Issues in Racism and the Law, 1993-2003 ([sample syllabus](#))

Voting Rights and the Democratic Process, 1997-1999, 2001-2003

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

J.D., 1991, *magna cum laude*

Harvard Law Review

Editorial Board, 1989

President, 1990

Columbia University, New York, NY

A.B., 1983, Political Science

Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA

Attended, 1979-1981

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

“The Irreversible Momentum of Clean Energy,” [Science](#), 2017

“Repealing the ACA Without a Replacement: The Risks to American Health Care,” [The New England Journal of Medicine](#), 2017

“The President’s Role in Advancing Criminal Justice Reform,” [Harvard Law Review](#), 2017

“United States Health Care Reform: Progress to Date and Next Steps,” [Journal of the American Medical Association](#), 2016

“Presidential Policy Directive: National Preparedness,” [Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons](#), 2015

“Securing the Future of American Health Care,” [The New England Journal of Medicine](#), 2012

“Affordable Health Care for All Americans: The Obama-Biden Plan,” [Journal of the American Medical Association](#), 2008

“Modern Health Care for All Americans,” [The New England Journal of Medicine](#), 2008

“My Cure for an Ailing System: How I, as President, Would Achieve Affordable, Universal Health Coverage,” [Modern Healthcare](#), 2007

“The Genomics and Personalized Medicine Act of 2006,” [Clinical Advances in Hematology & Oncology](#), 2007

“Making Patient Safety the Centerpiece of Medical Liability Reform,” [The New England Journal of Medicine](#), 2006

Unsigned Commentary on Fetal Rights, [Harvard Law Review](#), 1990

Books

The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream, Crown/Three Rivers Press, 2006

Dreams From My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance, Times Books, 1995

Op-eds (selected)

“The Future of Transatlantic Relations” (with Angela Merkel), [Wirtschaftswoche](#), Nov. 17, 2016

“America Will Take the Giant Leap to Mars,” [CNN](#), Oct. 11, 2016

“The Way Ahead,” [The Economist](#), Oct. 8, 2016

“Republican Obstruction Is Undermining the Supreme Court, Enough Is Enough,” [The Huffington Post](#), Oct. 5, 2016

“Self-Driving, Yes, but Also Safe,” [The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#), Sept. 19, 2016

“Guns Are Our Shared Responsibility,” [The New York Times](#), Jan. 7, 2016

“Go ‘Big’ on Debt Deal,” [USA Today](#), July 21, 2011

“Exporting Our Way to Stability,” [The New York Times](#), Nov. 5, 2010

“Why We Need Health Care Reform,” [The New York Times](#), Aug. 15, 2009

“Choosing a Better Future in the Americas,” [Various Latin-American and American newspapers](#), April 16, 2009

“A Time for Global Action,” [International Herald-Tribune \(among others\)](#), March 24, 2009

Notable addresses

“A New Beginning,” Cairo University, 2009

“The Race Speech,” Philadelphia, 2008

Keynote Address, Democratic National Convention, 2004

OTHER EXPERIENCE

U.S. Government

President, 2009-2017

Senator from Illinois, 2005-2008

Illinois Senate

Senator, 1997-2004

Davis, Miner, Barnhill & Galland

Of counsel, 1996-2004

Associate counsel, 1993-1996

Illinois Project Vote

Director, 1992

Hopkins & Sutter

Summer associate, 1990

Sidley & Austin

Summer associate, 1989

Developing Communities Project

Organizer, 1985-1988

HONORS AND AWARDS (selected)

Nobel Peace Prize (2009)

Grammy, Best Spoken-Word Album (2006, 2008)

NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work, Nonfiction (2007)

NAACP Image Award — Chairman's Award (2005)

REFERENCES

“What particularly impressed me [in his syllabus for Current Issues in Racism and the Law] was how even-handed were his presentations of the competing sides the students might take. These summaries were remarkably free of the sort of cant and polemics that all too often afflicts academic discussions of race. Were this not a seminar on ‘racism and the law’ I doubt one could tell which side of each issue the teacher was on.”

—**Randy Barnett**, law professor at Georgetown University and a senior fellow at the Cato Institute, 2008 ([The New York Times](#))

“Barack Obama never achieved such a scholarly stature — indeed, it does not appear that he engaged in legal scholarship at all. ... The course materials and examination questions prepared by then-Professor Obama demonstrate a deep and nuanced command of the law, but for that to have resulted in an offer to the tenured or even tenure-track faculty, the normal course (indeed, nearly the only course) is for that command of legal subjects to have first manifested itself into published articles.”

—**John C. Eastman**, dean and Donald P. Kennedy chair in law at Chapman University, and former clerk to Justice Clarence Thomas, 2008 ([The New York Times](#))

“A *Sun-Times* review of student evaluations from Obama's 10 years of teaching part time at the University of Chicago Law School shows that students almost always rated Obama as one of their top instructors — except for one quarter in 1997.”

—**Abdon M. Pallasch**, political reporter at *Chicago Sun-Times*, 2007 ([Chicago Sun-Times](#))

“Those are tremendous ratings, especially for someone who had a day job. We wanted him to join the faculty full time at various different junctures. That's not a trivial fact If we want to hire someone, the faculty has to think they're tremendous.”

—**Cass Sunstein**, former colleague at University of Chicago Law School, and former clerk to Justice Thurgood Marshall, 2007 ([Chicago Sun-Times](#))

“As a constitutional-law professor, I came away impressed — dazzled, really — by the analytic intelligence and sophistication of these questions and answers [on his Constitutional Law III exam]. A really good exam — an exam that tests and stretches the student, while simultaneously providing the professor with a handy and fair index to rank the class — is its own special art form. Composing such an exam is like crafting a sonnet or a crossword puzzle. We don't have Obama's answer key every year; but the questions themselves are in many instances beautifully constructed to enable students to explore the seams and plumb the depths of the Supreme Court's case law. I am tempted to use variations of several of these questions myself in some future exam.”

—**Akhil Reed Amar**, professor of constitutional law at Yale University, and former clerk to Justice Stephen G. Breyer, 2008 ([The New York Times](#))

“Obama has a first-rate mind for legal doctrine and could have been a first-rate academic had his interests gone in that direction. He would have been most unlikely — even beyond the fact that his values differ — to have bought into the legal work underlying many of the current administration’s policies, such as the incomplete ‘torture memos.’ ... He seems to have taught ‘down the middle’ in a way that gave the students the tools to be fine constitutional lawyers but didn’t require them to agree with his position.”

—**Pamela S. Karlan**, law professor at Stanford University, and former clerk to Justice Harry A. Blackmun, 2008 ([*The New York Times*](#))