



**The Daynard Public Interest Visiting Fellows Program** brings distinguished public interest practitioners to campus each academic year for a three-day visit. The fellows serve as role models for students, demonstrating how legal skills can be used effectively and creatively to make the world a better place. This vibrant program was established in 2004 through the generosity of Professor Richard A. Daynard, president of the law school's Public Health Advocacy Institute, and his wife, Carol Iskols Daynard.

## Fall 2018 Daynard Visiting Fellow

# PRERNA LAL

Founder and Managing Attorney, Lal Legal

**COMMUNITY LECTURE** Monday, September 24, 2018, noon 240 Dockser Hall

**Immigrants Making America Great Again:  
Lessons from an Undocumented Immigrant Turned Lawyer**

**ROUNDTABLE** Wednesday, September 26, 2018, noon 240 Dockser Hall

**Defying Borders and Binaries:  
Legal Resistance and Civil Disobedience During the Rise of White Nationalism**

Prerna Lal was born in the Fiji Islands, came to the United States with their parents when they were 14, and then lived in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Formerly an undocumented immigrant, Lal was integral to establishing United We DREAM and the DreamActivist network, both led by undocumented youth. The organizations mobilized thousands of undocumented immigrants to push for the federal DREAM Act in 2010, ending the deportations of undocumented youth, and securing the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program under the Obama administration. A mobilizer and social media strategist, Lal has also helped with the creation of many local immigrant youth groups, providing direct support, mentorship and advocacy to individuals caught up in the immigration dragnet.

As an undocumented law school graduate, Lal was among the first in the country to obtain a license to practice law. As a result of Lal's high-spirited activism,

the US government sought to deport them. Lal won lawful permanent residency after a long court battle, and in April 2018, Lal became a United States citizen.

As a nonprofit policy attorney in Washington, DC, Lal worked at Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAJC), spearheading initiatives related to extending DACA, Deferred Action for Parents of Americans, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Nepal and parole-in-place for family members of Filipino war veterans. Through a partnership between the East Bay Community Law Center and UC Berkeley's Undocumented Student Program, Lal provided immigration legal services for more than 500 students and their family members. As an immigration attorney, clinical supervisor and lecturer at UC Berkeley School of Law, Lal mentored a new generation of public interest law students.

Lal now owns and manages their own law firm, Lal Legal.

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