

Sarath Sanga

Curriculum Vitae, October 2026

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Yale University

Professor of Law, Law School	2023–
Co-Director, Yale Law School Center for the Study of Corporate Law	2023–
Faculty Liaison, Data-Intensive Social Science Center	2023–
Fellow, Grace Hopper College	2024–
University Committee on Trust in Higher Education	2025–2026

Harvard University

William Nelson Cromwell Visiting Professor of Law, Law School	2022–2023
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Stanford University

Edwin A. Heafey Jr. Visiting Professor of Law, Law School	2021–2022
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Northwestern University

Professor, Pritzker School of Law	2021–2023
Associate Professor, Kellogg School of Management (courtesy)	2020–2023
Associate Professor, Pritzker School of Law	2019–2021
Assistant Professor, Pritzker School of Law	2016–2019

University of Chicago

Visiting Associate Professor, Law School	Jan-Jun 2020
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University of California, Berkeley

Visiting Assistant Professor, School of Law	2015–2016
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Columbia University

Visiting Professor, Law School	Dec 2021
Academic Fellow, Law School	2014–2015

EDUCATION

Yale Law School

J.D.	2011–2014
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University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D. Economics	2006–2011
Chair: Edward Miguel	
Dissertation title: <i>Essays in Law and Economics</i>	

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

B.A. Economics, with Highest Distinction	2002–2006
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WORKING PAPERS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

[No Limited Liability for AI](#) (with Gabriel V. Rauterberg)

[A Theory of Trust in Institutions](#) (with Yehonatan Givati)

[Law Professors Prefer AI Over Peer Answers](#) (with Alejandro Salinas, Julian Nyarko, and 18 others)

[Occupational Licensing and Labor Market Mobility: Evidence from the Legal Profession](#) (with Adam Chilton, Jacob Goldin, and Kyle Rozema)

[The Terms of Freedom: Black Labor Contracts in the Reconstruction South](#) (with Zehua Li and Julian Nyarko)

PUBLICATIONS

[The LPE Critique of Law and Economics](#), 93 **University of Chicago Law Review** 543 (2026)

[Racial Diversity and Affirmative Action in American Law Schools](#), **Journal of Law and Economics**, vol. 68, pp. 711-754 (2025) (with Richard R.W. Brooks and Kyle Rozema)

[Altering Rules: The New Frontier for Corporate Governance](#), 42 **Yale Journal on Regulation** 291 (2025) (with Gabriel V. Rauterberg)

[The SCALES Project: Making Federal Court Records Free](#), 119 **Northwestern University Law Review** 23 (2024) (with David Schwartz, Kat Albrecht, Adam Pah, Christopher Cotropia, Amy Kristin Sanders, Charlotte Alexander, Luís Amaral, Zachary Clopton, Anne Tucker, Tom Gaylord, Scott Daniel, Nathan Dahlberg)

[Don't Go Chasing Waterfalls: Fiduciary Duties in Venture Capital Backed Startups](#), **Journal of Legal Studies**, vol. 53, pp. 21-65 (2024) (with Eric Talley)

[Women in U.S. Law Schools, 1948-2021](#), **Journal of Legal Analysis**, vol. 15(1), pp. 48-78 (2023) (with Elizabeth Katz and Kyle Rozema)

[Aggregating Values: Mutual Funds and the Problem of ESG](#), **University of Chicago Law Review Online** (2023) (with Adriana Z. Robertson)

[A Statistical Test for Legal Interpretation: Theory and Applications](#), **Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization**, vol. 38, pp. 539-569 (2022) (with Julian Nyarko)

[The Origins of the Market for Corporate Law](#), **American Law and Economics Review**, vol. 24, pp. 369-406 (2022)

[The Promise of AI in an Open Justice System](#), **AI Magazine**, vol. 43, pp. 69-74 (2022) (Adam R. Pah, David L. Schwartz, Sarath Sanga, Charlotte S. Alexander, Kristian J. Hammond, Luís A. Nunes Amaral)

[The Impact of the Coronavirus Lockdown on Domestic Violence](#), **American Law and Economics Review**, vol. 23, pp. 137-163 (2021) (with Justin McCrary)

[How to Build a More Open Justice System](#), **Science**, vol. 369 (6500), pp. 134–136 (2020) (Adam R. Pah, David L. Schwartz, Sarath Sanga, Zachary D. Clopton, Peter DiCola, Rachel Davis Mersey, Charlotte S. Alexander, Kristian J. Hammond, Luís A. Nunes Amaral)

[Network Effects in Corporate Governance](#), **Journal of Law and Economics**, vol. 63, pp. 1–41 (2020)

[A New Strategy for Regulating Arbitration](#), **Northwestern University Law Review**, vol. 113, pp. 1121–1162 (2019)

[Incomplete Contracts: An Empirical Approach](#), **Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization**, vol. 34, pp. 650–679 (2018)

[A Theory of Corporate Joint Ventures](#), **California Law Review**, vol. 106, pp. 1437–1475 (2018)

[The Private Ordering Solution to Multiforum Shareholder Litigation](#), **Journal of Empirical Legal Studies**, vol. 14, pp. 31–78 (2017) (with Roberta Romano)

[Choice of Law: An Empirical Analysis](#), **Journal of Empirical Legal Studies**, vol. 11, pp. 894–928 (2014)

[Does Officer Race Matter?](#) **American Law and Economics Review**, vol. 16, pp. 403–432 (2014)

[General Equilibrium Effects of Prison on Crime: Evidence from International Comparisons](#), **Cato Papers on Public Policy**, vol. 2, pp. 165–206 (2012) (with Justin McCrary)

[Is Credit Access Effective against Damages Caused by a Natural Disaster? The Case of Tsunami Victims in Southern India](#) **Keizai Kenkyu**, vol. 62, no. 2, pp. 129–140 (2011) (with Yasuyuki Sawada and Masahiro Shoji) (in Japanese)

[Reconsidering Racial Bias in Motor Vehicle Searches: Theory and Evidence](#), **Journal of Political Economy**, vol. 117, pp. 1155–1159 (2009) (comment)

OP-EDS AND COMMENTARY

[The Real Story of the OpenAI Case](#), **Wall Street Journal**, May 13, 2026 (with Judith Chevalier)

[Tear Down This Judicial Paywall](#), **Wall Street Journal**, December 14, 2020 (with David L. Schwartz)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

National Science Foundation

Convergence Accelerator Program for Northwestern Open Access to Court Records Initiative, Co-I, Award abstract no. 1937123 (2019–2021)

Convergence Accelerator Program Phase II for Systematic Content Analysis of Litigation Events (SCALES) Open Knowledge Network to Enable Transparency and Access to Court Records, Co-I, Award abstract no. 2033604 (2020–2022)

University of California, Berkeley

Institute of Business & Economic Research, Dissertation grant (2008, 2009)

Center for Evaluation and Global Action, Research grant (2009)

Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship (2009)

Berkeley Program on Housing and Urban Policy, Research grant (2009)

Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Graduate Fellowship (2010)

Shearman & Sterling

Arbitration Scholarship (tuition and stipend for a summer course in Paris, 2013)

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

William J. Branstrom Freshman Prize (2003)

James B. Angell Scholar (2004, 2006)

Office of International Programs Scholarship for Study Abroad (2004)

Government of Japan

JASSO International Scholarship (covering room and board, 2004–2005)

EXPERIENCE

Shearman and Sterling, LLP (Paris) <i>Summer Associate</i>	Summer 2013
United States Attorney's Office, Northern District of California <i>Clerk</i>	Summer 2012
United Nations, Tokyo <i>Intern</i>	Spring 2005
University of Tokyo <i>Undergraduate Exchange Student</i>	2004–2005

COURSES TAUGHT

University of California, Berkeley

International Monetary Economics 1x: Fall 2007 (Graduate Student Instructor)
Contracts 1x: Spring 2016

Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas

International Arbitration 9x: Summer 2013–2019, 2022–2023

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law

Business Associations 9x: Fall 2016 · Spring 2018 · Summer 2018 (ELLM) · Fall 2018
(Madrid LLM) · Spring 2019 · Summer 2019 (ELLM) · Fall 2019 ·
Spring 2021 · Spring 2021 (Madrid LLM) · Summer 2021 (ELLM)
Contracts 1x: Fall 2019 (Madrid LLM)
Law and Economics 5x: Spring 2017 · Spring 2018 · Spring 2019 · Fall 2019 · Spring
2021

University of Chicago School of Law

Business Associations 1x: Winter 2020
Arbitration 1x: Spring 2020

Columbia Law School

Business Associations 1x: Summer 2021

Stanford Law School

Contracts 1x: Fall 2021
Law and Economics 1x: Winter 2022
Corporations 1x: Spring 2022

Harvard Law School

Contracts 1x: Fall 2022
Corporations 1x: Spring 2023

Yale Law School

Contracts 4x: Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025, Fall 2026
Business Organizations 1x: Spring 2025
Law, Economics 3x: Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025
‡ Organization Workshop

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Yale University

Committee on Trust in Higher Education 2025–2026

Yale Law School

Committee on AI and the Law School (Co-Chair) 2026–

Appointments Committee (Entry Level Chair) 2024–2025

American Law and Economics Association

Board of Directors 2025–2028

Area Organizer (Commercial Law and Contracts) 2023

Area Organizer (Corporate Law, Finance, Securities) 2021

Nominating Committee (to select the president of ALEA) 2020

European Association of Law and Economics

Area Organizer (Contracts, Commercial Law, Secured Transactions, Bankruptcy) 2021, 2023

Society for Empirical Legal Studies

Board of Directors 2024–2026

Corporate Law Programming Committee, CELS 2019, 2021

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law

Public Interest Committee 2018–2021

Curriculum Committee 2017–2018

REFeree SERVICE

American Economic Review	Journal of Law Economics & Organization
American Law and Economics Review	Journal of Legal Studies
Economic Inquiry	Management Science
Industrial Relations	National Science Foundation
International Review of Law and Economics	Quarterly Journal of Economics
Journal of Accounting Research	Review of Economic Studies
Journal of Empirical Legal Studies	Review of Economics and Statistics
Journal of Human Resources	Science
Journal of Law & Economics	Supreme Court Economic Review

ENDOWED LECTURE

Queen's University, Law'80 Endowed Lecture in Business Law (2019)

LANGUAGES

Japanese (conversational)