



Outstanding Scholar Award-- Professor Akhil Reed Amar, Yale Law School

After graduating from Yale College, *summa cum laude*, in 1980 and from Yale Law School in 1984, and clerking for then Judge (now Justice) Stephen Breyer, Akhil Reed Amar joined the Yale faculty in 1985 at the age of 26. He is currently Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale, and teaches constitutional law in both Yale College and Yale Law School. His work has won awards from both the American Bar Association and the Federalist Society, and he has been favorably cited by Supreme Court justices across the spectrum in over 30 cases—tops in his generation. He has regularly testified before Congress at the invitation of both parties; and in various comprehensive surveys of judicial citations and/or scholarly citations, he invariably ranks among America's five most-cited legal scholars under age sixty. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and in 2008 he received the DeVane Medal—Yale's highest award for teaching excellence. He has written widely for popular publications such as *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *the Wall Street Journal*, *the Los Angeles Times*, *The Atlantic*, and *Slate*. He was an informal consultant to the popular TV show, *The West Wing*, and his work has been showcased on more recent TV shows such as *The Colbert Report*, *Charlie Rose*, and *The O'Reilly Factor*. Professor Amar is the author of dozens of law review articles and several books, including *The Constitution and Criminal Procedure: First Principles* (Yale Univ. Press, 1997), *The Bill of Rights: Creation and Reconstruction* (Yale Univ. Press, 1998), *America's Constitution: A Biography* (Random House, 2005), *America's Unwritten Constitution: The Precedents and Principles We Live By* (Basic Books, 2012), and *The Law of the Land: A Grand Tour of our Constitutional Republic* (Basic Books, 2015). His newest book, *The Constitution Today: Timeless Lessons for the Issues of Our Era*, was published in September 2016.