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On Monday, January 30, Golden Gate University School of Law presents “The Chicano Fight for Justice: From White to Brown,” a public lecture by legal historian Ian Haney López, professor of law and executive committee member of the Center for Social Justice at Boalt Hall School of Law. The talk is part of the Jesse Carter Speaker Series on California Legal History, which honors the late Justice Jesse Carter, a 1913 graduate of the School of Law and former California Supreme Court judge.

The lecture will be held in room 2202 from noon to 1 pm at Golden Gate University School of Law, 536 Mission Street, San Francisco.

Professor Haney López is a noted authority on race relations and the law. He is the author of *Racism on Trial: The Chicano Fight for Justice* (Belknap/Harvard, 2003), which uses the legal history of the Mexican-American civil rights struggle in Los Angeles to explore the relationship between legal violence and self-conceptions of racial identity. His previous book, *White by Law: The Legal Construction of Race* (NYU, 1996), examined a series of cases brought under US naturalization law between 1790 and 1952 that maintained a racial bar on citizenship.

Haney López, at Boalt since 1995, has been a visiting professor at Yale Law School, Rockefeller Fellow in Law and Humanities at Stanford University, assistant professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School, and a clerk for Judge Harry Pregerson, US Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit in Los Angeles. He received his JD from Harvard University.

“Professor Haney López is an authority on the role of racial discrimination throughout US legal history, particularly as it has affected Mexican-Americans and given rise to the Chicano movement in California,” says GGU School of Law Professor of Law and Associate Dean David Oppenheimer, a specialist in discrimination law and civil rights history. “His book *Racism on Trial: The Chicano Fight for Justice* and its analysis of the

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‘East L.A. Thirteen’ and ‘Biltmore Six’ trials broke ground in the study of how racist legal and judicial practices shape racial self-identity. Students and members of the San Francisco legal community will not want to miss this opportunity to hear from a leading scholar on the social and legal history of Mexican-Americans, one of California’s largest and fastest-growing demographic groups.”

“The contributions of the Mexican-American Civil Rights Movement to broader social struggles are one of the least understood aspects of US history,” says Monica Jenkins (JD 06), cochair of the Latina/o Law Student Association at Golden Gate University. “We strongly encourage members of the School of Law community and the public to attend this important lecture.”

Golden Gate University School of Law was founded in 1901 in San Francisco. It offers JD and LLM degrees, as well as certificates of specialization, to more than 1,000 students in its day and evening programs. The rigorous curriculum combines theory and analysis with practical legal training through on-site and field placement clinics. Golden Gate University School of Law is accredited by the American Bar Association and Committee of Bar Examiners of the State of California and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools. For more information about the School of Law contact Jill Goetz at (415) 442-6636 or jgoetz@ggu.edu.

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