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He joined the Columbia Law School faculty in 1984 and teaches constitutional, civil, and human rights law, as well as civil procedure. In 1996, he received the American Bar Association's Thurgood Marshall Award for his long-term contributions to the advancement of civil rights, civil liberties, and human rights in the United States. In 2001 he was awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal by President Bill Clinton for his enduring work in defense of civil rights.
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Work on Roma issues since 2000 has included evaluation of EU-supported programmes promoting Roma social inclusion in Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Macedonia and Slovakia on behalf of the European Commission and international NGOs. This was followed by two European Commission peer reviews on Roma policies in Spain and Greece and an 18-country comparative report on good practice in Roma projects in the EU.


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During her six years with Romani CRISS, she has been involved in strategic litigation actions in the field of human rights violations, such as: access to adequate houses, abuse by law enforcement officials, access to health care services, human dignity violations, and access to education.

Her work has focused not only on project management and strategic litigation, but also consistently on lobbying and advocacy work for the purpose of human rights protection. A significant part of her work experience was gained in the field work she carried out in Roma communities, which consisted primarily in identifying, documenting and monitoring cases of human rights violations, discrimination and abuse.
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Currently she is a Ph.D. candidate in Anthropology at the University of London. Her research concentrates on childhood, poverty and ethnicity. More specifically, her work examines the situation of Romani children in institutional care in Central and Eastern Europe.

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Among the awards he has received are the “Bharat Ratna” (the highest honour awarded by the President of India); the Agnelli International Prize in Ethics; the Edinburgh Medal; the Brazilian Ordem do Merito Científico; the Eisenhower Medal; the Legion of Honour (France); Honorary Companion of Honour (UK); the George C. Marshall Award (US); the National Humanities Medal (US); and the Nobel Prize in Economics.
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Mr. Uyehara has a master’s degree in international relations from Webster University and a bachelor’s from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. His wife, Margaret, is also a Foreign Service Officer. They have five children, the youngest of whom is starting her studies at the University of Virginia. Mr. Uyehara speaks Japanese, Italian, and some Russian; he has studied a number of other languages.

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His research focuses on ethnic mobilization, minority politics, nationalism and democracy in Central Europe and in the Balkans. He is the author of *The Romani Movement: Minority Politics and Ethnic Mobilization in Contemporary Central Europe* (Berghahn Books, 2006).