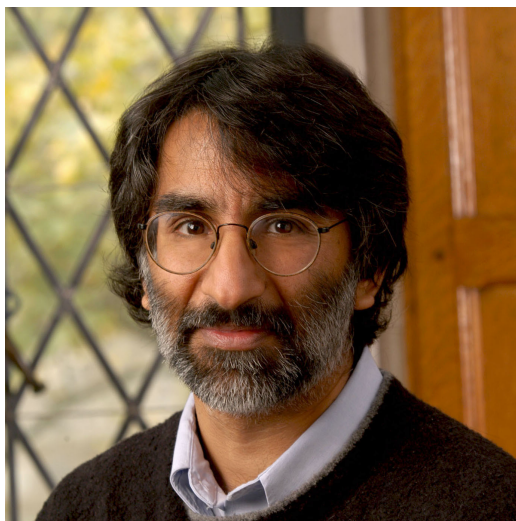


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Akhil Reed Amar is Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science at Yale University, where he teaches constitutional law at both Yale College and Yale Law School. His work has won awards from both the American Bar Association and the Federalist Society. He has been favorably cited by Supreme Court Justices in over two dozen cases, and he regularly testifies before Congress at the invitation of both Republicans and Democrats. He has written widely for popular publications such as *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The New Republic*, and *Slate*.

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