

PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY OF FRANK H. WU

Frank H. Wu serves as the eleventh President of Queens College. In 2021, he announced the creation of both a new Business School and a new Arts School on the campus enrolling approximately 20,000 students, with almost 600 full-time faculty members.

Prior to joining the City University of New York (CUNY) system, Frank served as Chancellor & Dean, and then William L. Prosser Distinguished Professor at University of California Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco, a unique standalone institution, the original law school of the UC system. Before joining UC Hastings, he was a member of the faculty at Howard University, the nation's leading historically black college/university (HBCU), for a decade. He served as Dean of Wayne State University Law School in his hometown of Detroit, and he has been a visiting professor at University of Michigan; an adjunct professor at Columbia University; and a Thomas C. Grey Teaching Fellow at Stanford University. He taught at the Peking University School of Transnational Law in its inaugural year and again a decade later, and at Johns Hopkins University twice. In his leadership roles at Queens College, UC Hastings and Wayne, as well as on the faculty at Howard, he was the first Asian American to serve in such a capacity. In recognition of his leadership, he was selected for the Chang-Lin Tien Award in 2008.

Frank is dedicated to civic engagement and civil rights. He was appointed by the federal Department of Education during the Obama administration to its National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI), which advises the administration on higher education accreditation, serving for nine years, including as Vice-Chair; and by the Defense Department to the Military Leadership Diversity Commission as one of two civilians, which submitted to Congress the report *From Representation to Inclusion*, recommending elimination of the combat exclusion based on gender. He was a Trustee of Gallaudet University, the only university in the world dedicated to deaf and hard of hearing persons, from 2000 to 2010, and Vice-Chair for the final four years of his tenure. He was a Trustee of Deep Springs College, a highly-selective full-scholarship school enrolling twenty-six on a student-run cattle ranch near Death Valley, where he previously taught for several short periods; he served nine years, during the transition to co-education. In April 2016, he was elected by the members of Committee of 100 as their Chair, and he held that office for two years; then in February 2017, the Board named him as the group's first-ever President, a role he held for two and a half years. He served on the Board of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund from 2004 to 2010. When he was Chair of the Washington, D.C. Human Rights Commission, the body ruled under local law that

organizations could not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation. For his advocacy work, he received the John Hope Franklin Award in 2020.

Frank is the author of *Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black and White*, which was immediately reprinted in its hardcover edition, and co-author of *Race, Rights and Reparation: Law and the Japanese American Internment*, which received the single greatest grant from the Civil Liberties Public Education Fund. He blogged regularly for six years at *Huffington Post*, and had a regular column in *The Daily Journal*, the legal newspaper of California. His work has appeared in *The New York Times* and *Washington Post*. He has appeared as a guest on the Oprah Winfrey show, *O'Reilly Factor*, and C-SPAN *Booknotes* with Brian Lamb.

Prior to his academic career, he held a clerkship with the late U.S. District Judge Frank J. Battisti in Cleveland and practiced law with the firm of Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco – while there, he devoted a quarter of his time to *pro bono* work on behalf of indigent clients. He received a B.A. from the Johns Hopkins University and a J.D. with honors from the University of Michigan. He completed the Management Development Program of the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Frank was born in the United States in 1967. He is married to Carol L. Izumi. He is an avid runner, completing 36 half marathons in 2016; photographer, shooting on film with a vintage Contax G2; motorcyclist, riding across country on a Honda Hawk GT 650; and theatregoer, having completed the Shakespearean canon, including disputed titles.