

April 29, 2026

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Pamir Alpay, Ph.D.
Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Reappointment of Professor Ángel Oquendo, J.D., Ph.D. as the George J. and Helen M. England Professor of Law in the School of Law



RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approve the reappointment of Professor Ángel Oquendo, J.D., Ph.D. as the George J. and Helen M. England Professor of Law in the School of Law for the period August 23, 2026, through August 22, 2031.

RESOLUTION:

“Be it resolved that the University of Connecticut Board of Trustees reappoint Professor Ángel Oquendo, J.D., Ph.D. as the George J. and Helen M. England Professor of Law in the School of Law for the period August 23, 2026, through August 22, 2031.”

BACKGROUND:

The George J. and Helen M. England Professor of Law was established in 2008 by George and Helen England endowed the professorship in their names in 2008, calling for the Dean of the Law School to use it to support the work of a tenured full-time member of the Law School faculty. The School of Law enthusiastically supports the reappointment of Professor Ángel Oquendo as the George J. and Helen M. England Professor of Law.

The recommendation to reappoint Professor Oquendo was made following a recommendation from Dean Eboni S. Nelson. Dean Nelson appointed a five-person committee that was comprised of one endowed professor and four named professors, all of whom are full professors in the School of Law. Following consideration of Professor Oquendo’s materials, the committee unanimously recommended to Dean Nelson that Professor Oquendo be reappointed to the George J. and Helen M. England Professorship. Dean Nelson strongly supports the committee’s recommendation.

Professor Oquendo has held this endowed professorship since 2010. An internationally recognized scholar with expertise in transnational and comparative law, international litigation, human rights, business law, and European and Latin American Law, his scholarly contributions since his reappointment in 2020 include fourteen articles and book chapters and three casebooks. Professor Oquendo's well-received 2022 legal and philosophical book *Through Thick and Thin: From Human-Rights Principles to Politics in the Americas and Beyond* was featured in the Cambridge University Press series on globalization and human rights. He is currently working on a legal novel about linguistic discrimination among other projects.

In 2022, Professor Oquendo served as the Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Legal Theory Studies at Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro. During the summer of that year, he served as a fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg. He is an active member of the Yale Latin American Seminar on Constitutional and Political Theory and is often invited to participate in scholarly conferences and present keynote addresses throughout the world. Such achievements and invitations evidence his scholarly contributions and global impact. These honors and experiences also enrich Professor Oquendo's classroom teaching as he prepares students to effectively practice law in a global society.