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Emily Houh, the Gustavus Henry Wald Professor of the Law and Contracts at the University of Cincinnati College of Law, has been teaching contracts, commercial law, and critical race theory since 2003 at UC Law, where she has won the Goldman Prize for Teaching Excellence in 2006, 2012, and 2016, and also serves as Co-Director of the College's Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice.

Prior to joining the faculty at UC Law, Professor Houh was an assistant professor of law (2000-2003) at the Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University. A graduate of Brown University, Professor Houh earned her JD from the University of Michigan Law School, where she was a founding member and article editor of the Michigan Journal of Race & Law. After law school, Professor Houh served as law clerk to the Honorable Anna Diggs Taylor, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, and then as a staff attorney with the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago and later as a commercial litigation associate at Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, PLC, in Detroit.

Much of Professor Houh's past and current scholarship focuses on the interplay between contract law, critical race theory, and socioeconomic (in)equality. Additionally, her recent research with UC Law colleague Prof. Kristin Kalsem looks at how participatory action research methods can be used to engage in critical race/feminist praxis, by exploring the raced and gendered nature of the "fringe economy."

