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“WE ARE SHINING A LIGHT ON THE MILLIONS OF WORKING WOMEN WHO FACE SEXUAL HARASSMENT ACROSS ALL INDUSTRIES, AND WE ARE CALLING FOR SOLUTIONS THAT LEAVE NO WOMAN BEHIND.”

– SARU JAYARAMAN

RESTAURANT WORKER ADVOCATE, ATTORNEY & AUTHOR

Saru Jayaraman is the co-founder and President of One Fair Wage and Director of the Food Labor Research Center at University of California, Berkeley. After 9/11, together with displaced World Trade Center workers, she co-founded the Restaurant Opportunities Center (ROC), which grew into a national movement of restaurant workers, employers and consumers. She then launched One Fair Wage as a national campaign to end all subminimum wages in the United States. **The story of Saru and her co-founder's work founding ROC has been chronicled in the book *The Accidental American*, and the story of the One Fair Wage campaign has been profiled in the award winning documentary, *Waging Change*.** Saru is a graduate of Yale Law School and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

She was profiled in the New York Times “Public Lives” section in 2005, named one of Crain’s “40 Under 40” in 2008, was 1010 Wins’ “Newsmaker of the Year” and New York Magazine’s

“Influentials” of New York City. **Saru was listed in CNN’s “Top10 Visionary Women” and recognized as a Champion of Change by the White House in 2014, a James Beard Foundation Leadership Award in 2015, and the SF Chronicle ‘Visionary of the Year’ in 2019.** She has appeared on CNN with Soledad O’Brien, Bill Moyers Journal on PBS, Melissa Harris Perry and UP with Chris Hayes on MSNBC, Real Time with Bill Maher on HBO, the Today Show, and NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams. **Saru is also the author of four books including her latest, *One Fair Wage: Ending All Subminimum Pay in America* (The New Press, November 2021).** Additional publications include *Behind the Kitchen Door* (Cornell University Press, 2013), *Forked: A New Standard for American Dining* (Oxford University Press, 2016), and *Bite Back: People Taking on Corporate Food and Winning*, (UC Press, 2020). **She attended the Golden Globes in January 2018 with Amy Poehler as part of the Times Up action to address sexual harassment.**

Speaking Topics

- #TimesUp on Workplace Sexual Harassment
- One Fair Wage is the Only Fair Way Forward
- Labor Rights are Human Rights
- Women in the Workplace: What We Deserve
- Dining with Responsibility: Be a Consumer Who Cares

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