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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 the **Restaurant Opportunities Centers United** (ROC United) 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 ROC, which now has more than **30,000 worker members, 500 employer partners, and 23,000 consumer members** in a dozen states nationwide. Saru is a graduate of Yale Law School and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. She was listed in CNN’s “**Top 10 Visionary Women**” and recognized as a Champion of Change by the White House in 2014, and a **James Beard Foundation Leadership Award** in 2015.

In January 2018, she attended the Golden Globes as the guest of actor Amy Poehler, where she brought widespread attention to the issue of sexual harassment in the restaurant industry. Saru was one of eight women activists who attended the Globes as part of the **#TimesUp** initiative. Saru authored **Behind the Kitchen Door** (Cornell University Press, 2013), a national bestseller, and **Forked: A New Standard for American Dining** (Oxford University Press, 2016). 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.

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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