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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Texas A&M University School of Law, Fort Worth, Texas

Associate Professor of Law 2020–present

Courses: Internet Law (F20); First Amendment (S21); Criminal Procedure (S21)

Drexel University, Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, PA

Assistant Professor of Law 2018–2020

Courses: Internet Law (S19, S20); First Amendment (F18, F19); Criminal Procedure (S20)

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT

Clinical Lecturer in Law & Stanton Foundation First Amendment Fellow 2016–2018

Course: Media Freedom & Information Access Clinic (F16, S17, F17, S18)

EDUCATION

New York University School of Law, New York, NY

J.D. 2013

Institute of Int'l Law & Justice/Law & Security Scholar, *full tuition merit scholarship*

Journal of International Law and Politics, Senior Articles Editor

Member, Privacy Research Group

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

B.A., History and Plan II Honors, *High Honors* 2009

Dean's Distinguished Graduate, College of Liberal Arts (top 12 students in class)

Phi Beta Kappa, early election

Plan II Model Thesis Award, "The President at War: Three Case Studies"

(supervisors: Sanford Levinson, Bartholomew Sparrow)

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Ideology of Press Freedom (in progress)

Democratizing Technology (in progress)

Content Moderation As Surveillance

35 BERKELEY J. L. & TECH. __ (forthcoming 2022)

Visible Policing: Technology, Transparency, and Democratic Control

109 CALIF. L. REV. __ (forthcoming 2021)

- Selected for 2020 Stanford/Harvard/Yale Junior Faculty Forum

Automation in Moderation

53 CORNELL INT'L L.J. 41 (2020)

- Reviewed in Annemarie Bridy, [Moderation's Excess](#), JOTWELL (2020)

Access to Algorithms

88 FORDHAM L. REV. 1265 (2020)

- Winner, SEALS Annual Meeting Call-For-Papers Award (2020)
- Featured on Larry Solum's [Legal Theory Blog](#)

Global Platform Governance: Private Power in the Shadow of the State

72 SMU L. REV. 27 (2019)

- Featured on [Ipse Dixit podcast](#)

Exposing Secret Searches: A First Amendment Right of Access to Electronic Surveillance Orders

93 WASH. L. REV. 145 (2018)

Process Without Procedure: National Security Letters and First Amendment Rights

39 SUFFOLK U. L. REV. 367 (2016)

Confronting Totalitarianism at Home: The Roots of European Privacy Protections

40 BROOK. INT'L L.J. 749 (2015)

Global Governance in the Information Age: The Terrorist Finance Tracking Program

Note, 45 N.Y.U. J. INT'L L. & POL. 595 (2012)

SHORTER WORKS

Transparency's AI Problem

Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University and Law and Political Economy Project's Essay Series on Data and Democracy (2021)

Transparency After Carpenter

59 WASHBURN L.J. 23 (2020)

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Fellow, Weizenbaum Institute for the Networked Society, Berlin

2022

Fellow, Alexander von Humboldt Institut für Internet und Gesellschaft	2020
Affiliated Scholar, NYU School of Law Policing Project	2020– <i>present</i>
Non-Resident Fellow, Center for Democracy and Technology	2019– <i>present</i>
Affiliate Fellow, Yale Law School Information Society Project	2018– <i>present</i>
Seminar Participant, Tech, Law, & Society Summer Institute, UC Irvine	2018
Seminar Participant, German Council on Foreign Relations, 17 th Annual International Summer School, Berlin	2013
German Academic Exchange Service Graduate Study Scholarship, Free University of Berlin & Ludwig-Maximilian University, Munich	2009–2010

SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Free Expression Legal Network, *Member*

American Law Institute/European Law Institute, Principles of the Law, Data Economy, *Advisor*

American Bar Association, National Security & Civil Liberties Committee, *Vice-Chair*

Association of American Law Schools, Section on Defamation and Privacy, Executive Committee, *Member*

Association of American Law Schools, Section on Internet & Computer Law, *Chair-Elect*

Association of American Law Schools, Section on Communication, Media, & Information Law, *Treasurer*

Reviewer: NYU Press; Cambridge University Press; Big Data & Society; Law & Policy; WASH. L. REV.; YALE L.J.

SELECTED ADVOCACY

Brief of Amici Curiae Law Professors in Opposition to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss, *ACLU v. Clearview AI, Inc.*, Case No. 2020-CH-04353 (Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois filed Nov. 2, 2020)

Testimony before a Hearing of the New Jersey Assembly Science, Innovation and Technology Committee regarding Bill A1210 (requires public hearing prior to use of facial recognition technology by law enforcement agency) (Feb. 3, 2020)

Brief of Amici Curiae First and Fourth Amendment Scholars in Support of Petitioners-Appellants, *Leopold v. United States*, No. 18-5276 (D.C. Cir. filed Jan. 25, 2019))

Brief of Amici Curiae Floyd Abrams Institute for Freedom of Expression and First Amendment Scholars, in Support of the Parties Under Seal, *In re National Security Letter*, Nos. 16-16067, 16-16081, 16-16082, 16-16090 (9th Cir. filed Sept. 26, 2016) (with John Langford and Jonathan Manes)

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Content Moderation As Surveillance

Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, Yale Law School, Apr. 2021

Berkeley Tech. L.J. Symposium, Apr. 2021

PlatGov, Mar. 2021

18th Annual Works-in-Progress Intellectual Property Colloquium, Feb. 2021

Democratizing Technology

Privacy Law Scholars Conference, June 2021

Michigan Law Junior Scholars Conference, Apr. 2021

Yale Law School Information Society Project, Jan. 2021

Transparency's AI Problem

Scholarship Retreat, Texas A&M School of Law, November 2020

Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, Yale Law School, October 2020

Knight Institute Data & Democracy Symposium, Columbia University, October 2020

AI Regulation Seminar, McGill University, June 2020

Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Seventh Annual Conference on Governance of Emerging Technologies & Science, May 2019

Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, May 2019

Internet Law Scholars Work-In-Progress Conference, Mar. 2019

Visible Policing

Dispute Resolution Works-in-Progress Consortium, Quinnipiac School of Law, Jan. 2021

Texas A&M Faculty Workshop, Sept. 2020

Cardozo Faculty Workshop, Sept. 2020

Stanford/Harvard/Yale Junior Faculty Forum, July 2020

Drexel University Kline School of Law Faculty Workshop, Feb. 2020

Governance & Privacy Workshop, Univ. of Denver Sturm College of Law, Sept. 2019

Southeastern Association of Law Schools, July 2019

CrimFest, July 2019

Privacy Law Scholars Conference, May 2018

Automation in Moderation

Yale Law School Information Society Project, Oct. 2019

Penn State Law School, Faculty Workshop, Sept. 2019

Cornell Int'l L.J. Symposium, Mar. 2019

Access to Algorithms

Southeastern Association of Law Schools, July 2020

Yale Law School, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, Apr. 2019

Pace Law School Faculty Workshop, Apr. 2019

Hofstra University Maurice Deane School of Law IP Colloquium, Nov. 2018

Yale Law School Information Society Project, Nov. 2018

Mid-Atlantic Junior Faculty Forum, May 2018

Artificial Intelligence and the Law Conference, Seton Hall Law School, Apr. 2018

Global Platform Governance: Private Power in the Shadow of the State

AALS New Voices in National Security Law, Jan. 2019

Amsterdam Privacy Conference, Oct. 2018

Yale Law School, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, Apr. 2018

Internet Law Scholars Work-In-Progress Conference, Mar. 2018

All Things in Moderation: The People, Practices and Politics of Online Content Review – Human and Machine, UCLA, Dec. 2017

Exposing Secret Searches: The First Amendment Right of Access to Electronic Surveillance Orders

Yale Law School, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, Apr. 2017

Internet Law Scholars Work-In-Progress Conference, Mar. 2016

Beyond Standing: Surveillance and Press Freedom

TPRC | 43rd Research Conference on Communications, Information and Internet Policy, Sept. 2015

Yale Law School, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, May 2015

Internet Law Scholars Work-In-Progress Conference, Mar. 2015

OTHER PANELS AND CONFERENCES

Moderator, Algorithm Panel

Texas A&M Law Review Symposium, Mar. 2021

Panelist, *Transparency of Policing Technology*

Technology, Media, & Privacy Law Conference, University of Florida Levin College of Law, Mar. 2021

Panelist, *A.I. & Criminal Justice*

Denver Law Review Symposium, Feb. 2021

Panelist, *Surveillance and Security*

Access & Accountability Conference, Yale Law School, Oct. 2020

Panelist, *Internet Platforms and the Governance of Algorithms*

Yale Law School Paul Tsai China Center, Sept. 2020

Panelist, *Social Media Content Moderation and the Future of Free Speech*

Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Jan. 2020

Moderator, *The First Amendment and the Press in the Digital Age*

Drexel Law Review Symposium, Nov. 2019

Panelist, *Regulating Social Media*

Harvard Journal on Legislation Symposium, Nov. 2019

Panelist, *Social Media and the Threats of Disinformation*

Lee E. Teitelbaum Utah Law Review Symposium, Oct. 2019

Organizer, *Automation & Accountability: Governance in the Age of Algorithms*

Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Sept. 2019

Panelist, *Law & Political Economy of Technology*

Association for the Promotion of Political Economy & Law Workshop, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, June 2019

Panelist, *Predictive Crime Analytics: Law Enforcement & National Security in the Age of Big Data*

Technology, Media, & Privacy Law Conference, University of Florida Levin College of Law, Apr. 2019

Panelist, *Regulating Internet Content in the United States and Europe: A Comparative Approach*

International Law Review Symposium, Loyola University Chicago, Feb. 2019

Panelist, *Secrecy and Accountability in the Age of Algorithms*

Trade Secrets Institute Symposium, Brooklyn Law School, Feb. 2018

Panelist, *Law Enforcement Accountability*

Access & Accountability Conference, Yale Law School, Oct. 2018

Panelist, *Nuts and Bolts of FOIA Litigation*

Progressive Litigation Roundtable FOIA Training, July 2017

Moderator, *Promoting Law Enforcement Accountability Through Access to Information*

RebLaw, Feb. 2017

Panelist, *De-Identifying Video From Body Worn Cameras: Balancing Privacy and Public Accountability*

Computers, Freedom, and Privacy Conference, Oct. 2015

Panelist, *Legal, Technical, and Policy Challenges Facing Journalists: A Primer and Path Forward*

Investigative Reporters and Editors Conference, June 2015

Moderator, *Real-World Encryption Problems*

News Organizations and Digital Security Conference, Nov. 2014

States of Emergency, Human Rights and the Arab Uprisings

17th Annual International Summer School, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Aug. 2013

When Domestic Norms Meet International Law: The Failure of Constructivism at Guantanamo Bay

Southern Political Science Association Annual Convention, Jan. 2011

Historical Practice and the Constitution: Presidents and Precedent in the War on Terrorism

Fifth Annual Graduate Conference in Political Science, International Relations and Public Policy, Dec. 2009

POPULAR MEDIA

Why Police Love the Idea of Automated Content Moderation, Slate (2020)

A lawsuit against ICE reveals the danger of government-by-algorithm, The Washington Post (2020)

The NYPD's Misguided War on Waze, Slate (2019)

Terrorist Speech and Global Platform Governance, Balkinization (2018)

The Police Can Search Your Email Without Telling You. That's Nuts, Vox (2017)

Will Trump Kill Executive War Powers? The Outline (2017)

New Disclosures Reflect NSLs' Substantive First Amendment Flaws, Just Security (2016)

Why does a FISA court decide if Twitter can talk about its dealings with FISA? The Guardian (2015) (with Bruce Brown).

How New York City Buses Are Becoming Vehicles for Hateful Speech, Gawker (2015)

Texas Will Tread on Your Confederate License Plate, Gawker (2015)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press , Washington, D.C.	
Stanton Foundation National Security Fellow	2014–2016
Baker Botts, LLP , Houston, TX	
Litigation Associate	2013–2014
Summer Associate	2012
Electronic Frontier Foundation , San Francisco, CA	
Legal Intern	2012
Legal Aid Society - Criminal Defense Practice , New York, NY	
Legal Intern	2011
The Brookings Institution , Washington, D.C.	
Research Assistant to Benjamin Wittes	2011

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Texas (2013) (*inactive*)

District of Columbia (2016)

United States District Court for the District of Columbia (2016)

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2014)

United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (2014) (*inactive*)