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## OVERVIEW

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I teach and write about privacy, speech, and abuse in the digital age, with a focus on tort and criminal law.

## EDUCATION

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**Yale Law School**, Ph.D. in Law, 2020

Dissertation: *Free Speech and Privacy in the Digital Age* (co-chairs: Jack Balkin & Robert Post)

Andrew W. Mellon Fellow

Information Society Project Fellow

MacMillan International Dissertation Research Fellow

**University of Michigan Law School**, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2015

Henry M. Bates Award (highest honor at graduation), Order of the Coif & Bates Fellow

Executive Editor, *Michigan Law Review*

Best Oralist & Executive Board, Campbell Moot Court

President, Student Research Roundtable

Research and Teaching Assistant to Professors Daniel Halberstam, Len Niehoff & Mathias Reimann

Kirkland & Ellis Diversity Scholar

**Emory University**, Robert T. Jones Scholar in Political Science, History & Sociology, 2010–11

**University of St Andrews, Scotland**, M.A. (B.A. equivalent) in International Relations, Honors, 2010

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**University of Georgia School of Law**, Assistant Professor, 2020–present

Courtesy Appointment at the Grady College of Journalism & Mass Communication

Affiliate Faculty at the Institute for Women's Studies

Affiliate Faculty at the Institute for Cybersecurity and Privacy

**Inspere São Paulo**, Visiting Scholar, 2020

**New York Law School**, Adjunct Professor, 2018

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Hon. M. Margaret McKeown, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit**, Law Clerk, 2016–17

**Hon. Thomas Griesa, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York**, Law Clerk, 2015–16

**The Focus Forward Project**, Facilitator, 2015

**Federal Public Defender, Northern District of Ohio**, Student-Attorney, 2015

**Keker & Van Nest LLP**, Summer Associate, 2014

**Hon. William Alsup, United States District Court for the Northern District of California**, Extern, 2013

**The Carter Center**, Volunteer, 2011

**Alexi for Illinois: U.S. Senate Campaign**, Emerging Leaders Fellow, 2010

## GRANTS

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### **National Science Foundation – \$750,000 (2021–24)**

Co-Principle Investigator with Augusta University School of Computer & Cyber Sciences colleagues on Award #2131496: *A Socio-Technical Framework for Handling Digital Evidence with Security and Privacy Assurances*

### **Provost’s Affordable Course Materials Grant – \$5,000 (2022)**

Award to create affordable and open-access book, *Cybercrime Scenarios*

### **Provost’s Affordable Course Materials Grant – \$5,000 (2021)**

Award to create affordable and open-access book, *Tort Law: Cases & Critique*

## BOOKS & CHAPTERS

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### **TORT LAW: CASES & CRITIQUE**

Published online at <https://www.thomaskadri.com/casebook> under CC BY-NC license (2021)

### ***Cy Près Settlements in Privacy Class Actions***

CLASS ACTIONS IN PRIVACY LAW (Routledge, 2020) (with Ignacio Cofone)

Published as *Acuerdos Cy Près en Acciones de Clase sobre Privacidad*, 2 REV. JURÍDICA AUSTRAL 33 (2021)

## ARTICLES & ESSAYS

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### ***Platform Federalism*** (work-in-progress)

### ***Interoperable Obscurity***

J. FREE SPEECH L. (forthcoming 2022)

Publishing in MEDIA AS A GOVERNANCE INSTITUTION (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2022)

### ***Platforms as Blackacres***

68 UCLA L. REV. 1184 (2022)

### ***Digital Gatekeepers***

99 TEXAS L. REV. 951 (2021)

Reviewed in Anupam Chander, *Storming Zuckerberg’s Castle*, 100 TEXAS L. REV. ONLINE 67 (2021)

### ***Networks of Empathy***

2020 UTAH L. REV. 1075 (2020)

### ***Drawing Trump Naked: Curbing the Right of Publicity to Protect Public Discourse***

78 MD. L. REV. 899 (2019)

### ***Fumbling the First Amendment: The Right of Publicity Goes 2–0 Against Freedom of Expression***

112 MICH. L. REV. 1519 (2014)

### ***The Tools of Political Dissent: A First Amendment Guide to Gun Registries***

112 MICH. L. REV. FIRST IMPRESSIONS 124 (2014)

## POPULAR PUBLICATIONS

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***The Legal Implications of Synthetic and Manipulated Media***, CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT (Nov. 15, 2019)

***How Supreme a Court?***, SLATE (Nov. 19, 2018)

***How to Make Facebook’s ‘Supreme Court’ Work***, N.Y. TIMES (Nov. 17, 2018)

***Speech v. Speakers***, SLATE (Jan. 18, 2018)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **University of Georgia School of Law**

Cybercrime: Spring 2021, 2022  
Digital Abuse: Spring 2021, 2022  
Torts: Fall 2020, 2021

### **New York Law School**

Cybercrime: Summer 2018 (co-taught with Mary Anne Franks)

### **Yale Law School**

Current Issues in Internet Law: Spring 2018

### **University of Michigan Law School**

Transnational Law: Spring 2015 (co-created and administered with Mathias Reimann)

Additional guest lectures at Yale Law School, University of Michigan Law School, University of Oxford, Fundação Getulio Vargas Law School São Paulo, and Seton Hall Law School

## MEDIA

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Mentions in *ABA Journal*, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *Axios*, *BBC News*, *Bloomberg*, *New York Times*, *Reuters*, *Telegraph*, and *Washington Post*

Appearances on BBC World Service, Cato Institute Daily Podcast, Ipse Dixit, and NPR

## PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

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### ***Platform Federalism***

Media Law and Policy Scholars Conference, January 2022  
Yale Law School, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, April 2021  
Wake Forest University School of Law Faculty Workshop, April 2021  
University of Arkansas School of Law Faculty Workshop, April 2021  
Saint Louis University School of Law, Misinformation/Disinformation & the Law Symposium, January 2021  
Junior Law & Tech Scholars Workshop, December 2020

### ***Platforms as Blackacres***

Emory University School of Law, Regulating Emerging Technologies, February 2022  
Yale Law School, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, October 2020  
University of Georgia First Amendment Clinic, October 2020  
New York Law School, Internet Law Works-in-Progress, March 2020  
University of Georgia School of Law, October 2019

### **Speaker, Digital Abuse**

Project Safe Board Meeting, February 2022

### ***Networks of Empathy***

University of Georgia, Legal Disparities and Equity Speaker Series, November 2021  
Tri-County Technical College, Digital Abuse on Social Media, April 2021  
NCBE, Tweets, Posts, and Snaps: Social Media in Character and Fitness Investigations, December 2020  
University of Georgia School of Law, Privacy, Security, and Technology Law Society, November 2020  
UGA Grady College of Journalism & Mass Communication, Faculty Workshop, October 2020  
Talking Research Podcast, September 2020

### **Panelist, Civility in the Legal Profession**

UGA Middle Eastern Law Student Association, November 2021

**Panelist, A Conversation About OER Authoring and Grant Opportunities**

University of Georgia School of Law, Alexander Campbell King Law Library, October 2021

**Moderator, Law Dawgs at War**

UGA Middle Eastern Law Student Association, September 2021

**Discussant, *Pharmaceutical (Re)capture* by Liza Vertinsky**

Emory-UGA Faculty Workshop, July 2021

**Discussant, *Privacy and/as Civil Rights* by Tiffany Li**

Georgetown University Law Center, Privacy Law Scholars Conference, June 2021

**Discussant, *Content Moderation as Surveillance* by Hannah Bloch-Wehba**

Yale Law School, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, April 2021

**Panelist, Middle Easterners in Law**

Emory & UGA Middle Eastern Law Student Associations, March 2021

***Digital Abuse and the Power of Tech-Inclusivity***

Northeastern University School of Law, J.R.R. Northeast Privacy Scholars Workshop, November 2020

Junior Law & Tech Scholars Workshop, August 2020

Emory-UGA Faculty Workshop, July 2020

**Moderator, *The Case for Racism Response Funds: A Collective Response to Racist Acts* by Monica Bell**

University of Georgia School of Law, Sibley Lecture, November 2020

***Digital Gatekeepers***

Yale Law School, Big Tech & Antitrust Conference, October 2020

University of Melbourne, Competition Law in the Digital Economy, August 2020

University of Georgia School of Law, April 2020

Yale Law School, The Information Society Seminar, April 2020

Inspira São Paulo, February 2020

University of Minnesota Law School, December 2019

Stanford University, Hoover Institution, May 2019

**Discussant, *Content Moderation Remedies* by Eric Goldman**

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

**Discussant, *The Indirect Purchaser Rule and Private Enforcement of Antitrust Law* by Spencer Smith**

Yale Law School, Big Tech & Antitrust Conference, October 2020

**Moderator, COVID-19 and the Increase in Online Child Exploitation**

University of Georgia School of Law, CEASE Clinic Fall Webinar Series, October 2020

**Panelist, The Internet's Own Boy**

University of Georgia School of Law, Alexander Campbell King Law Library, October 2020

**Panelist, All of Us: Candid Conversations about Mental Health**

University of Georgia School of Law, Georgia Law Mental Health Alliance, October 2020

**Participant, SEC Torts Professors Workshop on Torts and Race**

University of Arkansas School of Law, September 2020

**Discussant, *Pandemic Disability Discrimination* by Ani B. Satz**

Emory-UGA Faculty Workshop, July 2020

**Panelist, Ask an Expert – Facebook and Freedom**

University of Georgia School of Law, April 2020

**Panelist, Disinformation and Elections – What to Fear and What to Do**

Inspere São Paulo, February 2020

**Participant, Meeting on Synthetic and Manipulated Media**

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, November 2019

**Panelist, Symposium on News, Disinformation, and the Responsibility of Social Media Companies**

University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, October 2019

**Lecture, Competition Law and Digital Platforms**

Fundação Getulio Vargas Law School São Paulo, September 2019

**Participant, Facebook Oversight Board: Berlin Workshop**

Facebook, June 2019

***The Legal Implications of Synthetic and Manipulated Media***

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, June 2019

***Structural Constitutionalism for Speech Platforms***

University of Oxford, Department of Politics and International Relations, May 2019

University of Oxford, Blavatnik School of Government, May 2019

Stanford Law School, Constitutional Law Center, May 2019

**Participant, Social Media Governance Initiative Conference**

Yale Law School, Justice Collaboratory, May 2019

**Panelist, Plenary Panel**

Yale Law School, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, April 2019

**Discussant, *A Skeptical View of Information Fiduciaries* by Lina Khan & David Pozen**

Yale Law School, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, April 2019

**Discussant, *Bad Actors* by Sarah Haan**

Yale Law School, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, April 2019

***Cy Près Settlements in Privacy Class Actions***

McGill University, Privacy Revolution Conference, March 2019

**Panelist, Constitutionalizing Speech Platforms**

Harvard Law School, Berkman Klein Center, April 2019

**Panelist, Who's Afraid of Big Tech?**

Cato Institute, March 2019

**Participant, Data Care Act: Drafting Workshop**

Stanford University, Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Sciences, March 2019

***Drawing Trump Naked: Curbing the Right of Publicity to Protect Public Discourse***

University of Houston Law Center, Works-in-Progress Intellectual Property Colloquium, February 2019

University of Maryland Carey School of Law, Maryland Law Review Symposium, February 2019

NYU Law School, NYU Tri-State Region IP Workshop, January 2019

Yale Law School, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, April 2018

**Opening Remarks, Measuring the Chilling Effect**

Columbia University, Knight First Amendment Institute, November 2018

**Discussant, *Supracompetitive Privacy* by Greg Day & Abbey Stemler**

Fordham Law School, Northeast Privacy Scholars Workshop, November 2018

**Opening Remarks, Freedom of Expression in an Age of Surveillance**

Yale Law School, Information Society Project, September 2018

**Participant, Digital Fiduciaries Act: Drafting Workshop**

Harvard Law School, Berkman Klein Center, June 2018

**Discussant, *The Right of Publicity: Privacy Reimagined for a Public World* by Jennifer Rothman**

Yale Law School, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, April 2018

**Discussant, *Graffiti, Speech, and Crime* by Jenny Carroll**

Yale Law School, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, April 2018

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Bar Member, California and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

Board of Directors, Project Safe, 2022–present

Faculty Reviewer, *Harvard Law Review*, 2022

Faculty Reviewer, *Yale Law Journal*, 2021

Executive Committee & Treasurer, AALS Section on Torts and Compensation Systems, 2020–present

Faculty Consultant, Cornell University Clinic to End Tech Abuse, 2020–present

Speakers Committee, University of Georgia School of Law, 2020–present

Member, The Expert Circle (group of external researchers advising Facebook on online abuse), 2020–present

Faculty Advisor, UGA Middle Eastern Law Student Association, 2020–present

Faculty Advisor, UGA Privacy, Security, and Technology Law Society, 2020–present

Faculty Liaison, International Association of Privacy Professionals Westin Scholar Award, 2021

Affiliated Faculty, UGA CyberArch Program, 2020

Peer Reviewer, Cambridge University Press, 2020

Presented research and offered comments on proposed legislation to lawmakers in the United States Senate, New York State Senate, and New Jersey General Assembly