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OVERVIEW

I write and teach about how law, technology, and social norms can interact to regulate privacy, speech, and abuse.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

Lilly Teaching Fellow

Courtesy Appointment at Grady College of Journalism & Mass Communication

Affiliate Faculty at Institute for Women’s Studies and Institute for Cybersecurity & Privacy

Inspira São Paulo, Visiting Scholar, 2020

New York Law School, Adjunct Professor, 2018

EDUCATION

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 Dissertation Research Fellow

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

Henry M. Bates Award (highest graduation honor); Order of the Coif; Bates Fellow; K&E Diversity Scholar

Michigan Law Review – Executive Editor

Campbell Moot Court – Executive Board

Student Research Roundtable – President

Emory University, Bobby Jones Scholar in Political Science, History & Sociology, 2010–11

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

GRANTS

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

Co-Principal 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

Tort Law: Cases & Critique (2d ed. 2022)

ARTICLES & ESSAYS

Interoperable Obscurity (work in progress)

Selected through blind review for Privacy Law Scholars Conference

Brokered Abuse, 2 J. FREE SPEECH L. _ (forthcoming 2023)

Publishing in MEDIA AS A GOVERNANCE INSTITUTION (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2023)

Juridical Discourse for Platforms, 136 HARV. L. REV. F. 163 (2022)

Selected through blind review for Media Law and Policy Scholars Conference

Platforms as Blackacres, 68 UCLA L. REV. 1184 (2022)

Featured on *Legal Theory Blog* by Larry Solum

Digital Gatekeepers, 99 TEXAS L. REV. 951 (2021)

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

Featured on *Legal Theory Blog* by Larry Solum

Networks of Empathy, 2020 UTAH L. REV. 1075 (2020)

Featured on *Legal Theory Blog* by Larry Solum and Talking Research podcast

Drawing Trump Naked: Curbing the Right of Publicity to Protect Public Discourse, 78 MD. L. REV. 899 (2019)

Featured on Ipse Dixit podcast

Fumbling the First Amendment, 112 MICH. L. REV. 1519 (2014)

The Tools of Political Dissent, 112 MICH. L. REV. F.I. 124 (2014)

SHORTER WORKS

Cy Près Settlements in Privacy Class Actions, in CLASS ACTIONS IN PRIVACY LAW (2020) (with Ignacio Cofone)

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

The Legal Implications of Synthetic and Manipulated Media, CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT (2019)

How Supreme a Court?, SLATE (2018)

How to Make Facebook's 'Supreme Court' Work, N.Y. TIMES (2018)

Speech v. Speakers, SLATE (2018)

MEDIA FEATURES

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

Appearances on BBC World Service, Ipse Dixit, and NPR

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Georgia School of Law

Torts (F20, F21, F22); Cybercrime (S21, S22); Digital Abuse (S21, S22)

New York Law School

Cybercrime (S18) (co-taught with Mary Anne Franks)

Yale Law School

Current Issues in Internet Law (S18)

University of Michigan Law School

Transnational Law (S15) (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

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Interoperable Obscurity

Southeastern Junior/Senior Legal Scholars Conference, December 2022
University of North Carolina School of Law Faculty Workshop, November 2022

Brokered Abuse

University of Georgia Institute for Women's Studies, September 2022
Junior Law & Tech Scholars Workshop, August 2022
Northeastern University, Privacy Law Scholars Conference, June 2022
UCLA School of Law, Institute for Technology Law & Policy, April 2022

Juridical Discourse for Platforms

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
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

Platforms as Blackacres

Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University, May 2022
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

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
Insper São Paulo, February 2020
University of Minnesota Law School, December 2019
Stanford University, Hoover Institution, May 2019

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

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

Cy Près Settlements in Privacy Class Actions

McGill University, Privacy Revolution Conference, 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

OTHERS PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

Panelist, Digitalization and the Courts

Bar-Ilan University, Smart Regulatory Systems in the AI Era, December 2022

Panelist, Algorithmic Justice: Between Process and Impacts

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, July 2022

Expert Witness, Strengthening Our Communications Networks: Legislation to Connect and Protect

U.S. House of Representatives, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, May 2022

Keynote, The Law and Technology of Digital Evidence

Insper São Paulo, May 2022

Speaker, Abuse in the Metaverse

Insper São Paulo, May 2022

Discussant, *The Law of Social Roles for the Platform Internet* by Sari Mazzurco

Yale Law School, Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, May 2022

Discussant, *Speaking Back to Sexual-Privacy Invasions* by Brenda Dvoskin

Law & Technology Workshop, April 2022

Moderator, The Feminist War on Crime: A Conversation with Professor Aya Gruber

University of Georgia School of Law, Regulating Digital Abuse, April 2022

Moderator, Regulating Digital Abuse: A Conversation with Brittan Heller

University of Georgia Institute for Women's Studies, March 2022

Speaker, Digital Abuse

Project Safe Board Meeting, February 2022

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

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

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

Inspira 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

Participant, Meeting on Synthetic and Manipulated Media

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, June 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

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

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 EXPERIENCE

Clinic to End Tech Abuse at Cornell University, Affiliated Researcher & Head of Advocacy, 2020–
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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Bar Member, California and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
Lilly Teaching Fellows Program, University of Georgia, 2022–present
Board of Directors, Project Safe, 2022–present
Faculty Reviewer, *Harvard Law Review*, 2022
Faculty Reviewer, *Yale Law Journal*, 2021
Hiring Committee, University of Georgia School of Law, 2021–present
Faculty Liaison, International Association of Privacy Professionals Westin Scholar Award, 2021–present
Executive Committee & Treasurer, AALS Section on Torts and Compensation Systems, 2020–present
Participant, The Expert Circle (group of external researchers advising Meta on online abuse), 2020–present
Participants receive annual honoraria of \$6,000 from Meta to attend roundtable discussions that are subject to nondisclosure agreements covering nonpublic and confidential information. I donated the first honorarium to charity and accepted the second after concluding that it was appropriate, even advisable, for a for-profit company to compensate us for our labor, time, and expertise. My decision was influenced by the fact that honoraria aren't associated with any academic research, but rather with discussions involving other scholars. My initial experiences also reassured me that I could use this forum to help abuse victims by scrutinizing Meta's policies without jeopardizing my integrity. Finally, Meta's decision not to publicize the discussions suggested that the company wasn't exploiting us to gain positive publicity or legitimacy.
Faculty Advisor, UGA Middle Eastern Law Student Association, 2020–present
Faculty Advisor, UGA Privacy, Security, and Technology Law Society, 2020–present
Speakers Committee, University of Georgia School of Law, 2020–21
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 Congress (Senate and House), New York State Senate, and New Jersey General Assembly, 2018–present