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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**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

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

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

## 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 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

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**Presidential Interdisciplinary Seed Grant – \$147,688 (2024–25)**

Co-PI with colleagues from UGA Schools of Computing, Government, Journalism, and International Affairs:  
*Socio-Technical Solutions for Countering AI-Generated Deep Fakes*

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

Co-PI with colleagues from UGA School of Computing and Augusta University School of Computer & Cyber Sciences: *A Socio-Technical Framework for Handling Digital Evidence with Security and Privacy Assurances*

**Provost's Affordable Course Materials Grant – \$5,000 (2023)**

Award to create affordable and open-access book, *Dilemmas in Digital Abuse*

**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

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*Dilemmas in Digital Abuse* (1st ed. 2024)

*Cybercrime Scenarios* (1st ed. 2024) (with Samuel Won)

*Tort Law: Cases & Critique* (3d ed. 2023)

## ARTICLES & ESSAYS

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*Big Tech Feminism* (work in progress) (with Brenda Dvoskin)  
Selected through blind review for Privacy Law Scholars Conference 2024

*Interoperable Obscurity* (work in progress)  
Selected through blind review for Privacy Law Scholars Conference 2022

*Brokered Abuse*, 3 J. FREE SPEECH L. 137 (2023)  
Publishing in MEDIA AS A GOVERNANCE INSTITUTION (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2024)

*Juridical Discourse for Platforms*, 136 HARV. L. REV. F. 163 (2022)  
Reviewed in Newton Minow & Martha Minow, *Social Media Companies Should Pursue Serious Self-Supervision — Soon: Response to Professors Douek and Kadri*, 136 HARV. L. REV. F. 428 (2023), and selected through blind review for Media Law and Policy Scholars Conference 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*, 112 MICH. L. REV. 1519 (2014)

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

## SHORTER WORKS

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*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

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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, Ipse Dixit, and NPR

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University of Georgia School of Law

Torts (F20, F21, F22, F23); 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

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### *Big Tech Feminism*

Harvard Law School, Berkman Klein Center, Sex Tech Working Group, April 2024  
Washington University School of Law, Advanced Privacy Law & Theory Seminar, March 2024  
Yale Law School, Information Society Project Ideas Lunch, February 2024  
Cardozo School of Law IP & Information Law (IPIL) Colloquium, February 2024  
University of Alabama School of Law Faculty Workshop, January 2024  
AALS Annual Conference, Internet & Computer Law Section Works-in-Progress Session, January 2024  
Goethe University, Critical Computational Studies and Law, September 2023

### *Brokered Abuse*

Journal of Free Speech Law Symposium on Media and Society After Technological Disruption, May 2023  
University of Georgia Institute for Women's Studies, September 2022  
Junior Law & Tech Scholars Workshop, August 2022  
UCLA School of Law, Institute for Technology Law & Policy, April 2022

### *Interoperable Obscurity*

Southeastern Junior/Senior Legal Scholars Conference, December 2022  
University of North Carolina School of Law Faculty Workshop, November 2022  
Northeastern University, Privacy Law Scholars Conference, June 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** \_\_\_\_\_

**Opening Remarks, Edenfield Jurist in Residence Lecture by Judge M. Margaret McKeown**

Georgia Museum of Art, October 2023

**Panelist, Extended Realities: Intersections of Art, Augmented Reality, Law, and Ethics**

Georgia Museum of Art, October 2023

**Discussant, *Content Moderation on End-to-End Encrypted Systems* by Charles Duan & James Grimmelmann**

Colorado Law School, Privacy Law Scholars Conference, June 2023

**Discussant, *Gaining or Losing Control? Real Use of Privacy Rights and Policy Implications* by Ella Corren**

Berkeley School of Law, Consumer Law Scholars Conference, March 2023

**Participant, UGA Teaching Academy Academic Affairs Faculty Symposium**

University of Georgia, March 2023

**Moderator, Cyber Regulation**

University of Georgia School of Law, *Georgia Law Review* Annual Symposium, March 2023

**Participant, Interdisciplinary Working Group on Interoperability**

Stanford Law School, January 2023

**Moderator, Prosser Award Ceremony**

AALS Annual Conference, Section on Torts and Compensation Systems, January 2023

**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**

Inspers São Paulo, May 2022

**Speaker, Abuse in the Metaverse**

Inspers 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**

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**Clinic to End Tech Abuse at Cornell University, Legislative & Policy Director, 2022–present**

**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

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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

Chair, Diversity of Faculty Strategic Planning Committee, University of Georgia School of Law, 2022–present

Faculty/Peer Reviewer: *Stanford Law Review* (2023), *Chicago Law Review* (2023), Platform Governance Research Network Conference (2023), *Harvard Law Review* (2022), *Yale Law Journal* (2021–22)

Hiring Committee, University of Georgia School of Law, 2021–present

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

Affiliated Researcher & Volunteer, Clinic to End Tech Abuse at Cornell University, 2020–present

Executive Committee & Chair-Elect, 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

Student Career Success Influencer Award by the UGA Career Center, 2024

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) and state legislatures in Massachusetts, New York, and New Jersey 2018–present