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EXPERIENCE

University of Washington | 2012-present

Virginia and Prentice Bloedel Professor, School of Law
Professor, Information School
Adjunct Professor, Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science and Engineering
Faculty Co-Founder, Tech Policy Lab

- Annual research budget: $500,000 - $800,000
- Works across computer science, information science, electrical engineering, urban design, communications, computational linguistics, and law

Faculty Co-Founder, Center for an Informed Public

- Annual research budget: $2,200,000
- Works across information science, human centered design, biology, geography, and law

Chair, 2022 President and Provost Taskforce on Technology and Society

World Bank | 2022-present

Chair, Privacy External Review Board

Stanford Law School, Center for Internet & Society | 2008-2012

Covington & Burling LLP (D.C. office) | 2006-2008

Honorable R. Guy Cole, Jr., Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit | 2005-2006

TEACHING

Torts | 2012-present

Administrative Law | 2019-2021

Technology Policy and Ethics | 2023-present

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Law and Technology: A Methodical Approach (OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS) (forthcoming 2026)

Academic freedom is in peril, SCIENCE 335 (Jul. 4, 2024) (with Kate Starbird)

Distinguishing Privacy Law: A Critique of Privacy as Social Taxonomy, 123 COLUMBIA L. REV. 507 (2023) (with Maria Angel)

Why Govern Broken Tools?, 50 J. L. MED. & ETHICS 805-806 (2022)

Modeling Through, 71 DUKE L.J. 1391 (2022) (invited)

The Automated Administrative State: A Crisis of Legitimacy, 70 EMORY L.J. 797 (2021) (with Danielle Keats Citron)

Artificial Intelligence and the Carousel of Soft Law, 2 IEEE Transactions on Tech. & Soc'y 171-74 (2021)

How Do You Solve a Problem Like Misinformation?, 7 (50) SCIENCE ADVANCES 1 (Dec. 8, 2021) (with Chris Coward et al.)

Is Tricking a Robot Hacking?, 34 BERKELEY TECH. L.J. 891 (2020) (with Ivan Etimov at al.) (invited)

Regulating Bot Speech, 66 UCLA L. Rev. 988 (2019) (with Madeline Lamo)

Privacy Law's Indeterminacy, 20 THEORETICAL INQUIRIES L. 33-52 (2019).

Artificial Intelligence Policy: A Primer and Roadmap, 51 U. CALIF. DAVIS L. REV. 399 (2017) (invited)

The Taking Economy: Uber, Information, and Power, 117 COLUM. L. REV. 1623 (2017) (with Alex Rosenblat)

There is a blind spot in AI research, NATURE 538 (2016) (with Kate Crawford)

Privacy and Markets: A Love Story, 91 NOTRE DAME L. REV. 649-90 (2016)

Robots as Legal Metaphors, 30 HARV. J. L. & TECH. 209-37 (2016)

Can Americans Resist Surveillance?, 83 U. CHI. L. REV. 23-43 (2016) (invited)

Push, Pull, and Spill: A Transdisciplinary Case Study in Municipal Open Government, 30 BERKELEY TECH. L.J. 1899-1966 (2016) (with Jan Whittington et al.)

Robotics and the Lessons of Cyberlaw, 103 CALIF. L. REV. 513 (2015)

App Stores for the Brain: Privacy and Security in Brain-Computer Interfaces, IEEE TECH. & SOC'Y MAG., June 2015, at 32-39 (with Tamara Bonaci & Howard Jay Chizeck) [best paper award]

Digital Market Manipulation, 82 GEO. WASH. L. REV. 995 (2014) [best paper award]

The Drone as Privacy Catalyst, 64 STAN. L. REV. ONLINE 29 (2011)

Open Robotics, 70 MD. L. REV. 571 (2011)

EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School, J.D. | 2005

- MICHIGAN LAW REVIEW
- Received book awards in American Legal Theory and Jurisprudence

Dartmouth College, A.B. in Philosophy | 1999

AFFILIATIONS

- Stanford Law School Center for Internet & Society, Affiliate Scholar
- Yale Law School Information Society Project, Affiliate Scholar
- New America, Fellow
- Electronic Frontier Foundation, Advisory Board
- Electronic Privacy Information Center, Board
- Center for Democracy and Technology, Advisory Board
- Hugo House, Board
- We Robot Conference, Co-Founder

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation, The Need to Protect Americans' Privacy and the AI Accelerant, Jul. 11, 2024 (Washington, DC)

U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation, Enlisting Big Data in the Fight Against Coronavirus, Apr. 9, 2020 (Paper Hearing)

U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation, Exploring Augmented Reality: Hearing, Nov. 16, 2016 (Washington, DC)

The Effects of Robotics on Economics, Labour and Society, The Bundestag (German Parliament), Committee on the Digital Agenda, Jun. 22, 2016 (Berlin, Germany)

U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Hearing on the Future of Drones in America: Law Enforcement and Privacy Considerations, Mar. 20, 2013 (Washington, DC)