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SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

I try to bring technical, legal, and conceptual clarity to the foundations of information and Internet law. I want to help lawyers and technologists understand each other. My research areas include generative AI, content moderation, platform regulation, online copyright, and digital property.

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, J.D., 2005
Yale Law Journal

Harvard College, A.B., *summa cum laude* in Computer Science, 1999
Phi Beta Kappa
Senior thesis: *Quantum Computation: An Introduction*

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Cornell Tech and Cornell Law School
Tessler Family Professor of Digital and Information Law (2020–)
Professor of Law (2016–20)
CTRL-ALT (Cornell Tech Research Lab for Applied Law and Technology)
Founder and Director (2021–)
Affiliations:
Information Science Graduate Field (2018–)
Digital Life Initiative (2017–)
Initiatve for Cryptocurrencies and Contracts (2016–)

University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law
Professor of Law (2013–16)
Visiting Professor of Law (fall 2012)
University of Maryland Institute for Advanced Computer Studies
Visiting Professor (2013–16)

Georgetown University Law Center
Visiting Professor of Law (spring 2013)

New York Law School
Professor of Law (2012–13)
Associate Professor of Law (2007–12)
Adjunct Professor of Law (2006–07)

Information Society Project, Yale Law School
Affiliated Fellow (2007–)
Resident Fellow (2006–07)

STUDENTS

Postdoctoral Fellows:
Katrina Geddes (2023–25)
Benjamin Sobel (2023–25)
David Gray Widder (2023–25)
Charles Duan (2021–23)
Elettra Bietti (2022–23)
Sunoo Park (2021–22)
M.C. Forelle (2019–22)

Ph.D./J.S.D. Committees:
Dan Bateyko (Information Science)
Madiha Zahrah Choksi (Information Science) (co-advisor)
Andrés Fábrega (Computer Science)
Kowe Kadoma (Information Science)
Brandon Liu (Information Science) (advisor)
Anshuman Mohan (Computer Science)
Michelle du Plessis (Law) (advisor)
Dani Vilardell (Computer Science)
Sanketh Menda (Computer Science 2025)
Aaron Gokaslan (Computer Science 2025)
A. Feder Cooper (Computer Science 2024)
Yan Ji (Computer Science 2024)
Ana Ruival (Law 2022)
Lauren van Haaften-Schick (Art History 2022)
Xiang Long (Computer Science 2021)

COURSES

Current:
Intellectual Property
Digital Property
Content Moderation and Platform Regulation (seminar)
The Law of Software (seminar)

Previous:
Conflict of Laws
Content Moderation (directed reading)
Copyright
Digital Copyright (seminar)
Fundamentals of Modern Software
Google Books (seminar)
Intellectual Property Drafting
Intellectual Property Homeroom

Internet Law
Property
Technology Legislation (directed reading)

Online:
Web App Development certificate (eCornell)

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Publishers Weekly
Contributing Editor for Legal Affairs (2012–14)

Hon. Maryanne Trump Barry
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
Law Clerk (2005–06)

Creative Commons
Legal Intern (2004)

Electronic Frontier Foundation
Legal Intern (2003)

Harvard College
Special Assistant to the Dean (2001–02)

Microsoft Corporation
Software Design Engineer (1999–2001)

BOOKS

CPU, Esq.: How Lawyers and Coders Do Things with Words (Oxford University Press, under contract)

Information Property (2025)

The Barons and the Mob: Essays on Centralized Platforms and Decentralized Crowds (Charles Duan and James Grimmelmann eds. 2024)

Internet Law: Cases and Problems (Semaphore Press) (15th ed. 2025) (annual editions 2011–)

Steve Clowney, James Grimmelmann, Michael Grynberg, Jeremy Sheff, and Rebecca Tushnet, Open Source Property (free and freely licensed casebook) (2016)

Patterns of Information Law: Intellectual Property Done Right (free and freely licensed casebook) (2016)

Cybercrime: Digital Cops in a Networked Environment (Jack M. Balkin, James Grimmelmann, Eddan Katz, Nimrod Kozlovski, Shlomit Wagman, & Tal Zarsky eds., N.Y.U. Press 2007)

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Madiha Zahrah Choksi and James Grimmelmann, *How Licenses Learn*, 28 Lewis & Clark L. Rev. 249 (2024)

Armin Namavari, Barry Wang, Sanketh Menda, Ben Nassi, Nirvan Tyagi, James Grimmelmann, Amy Zhang, and Thomas Ristenpart, *Private Hierarchical Governance for Encrypted Messaging*, 45th IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (Oakland) (2024)

Marianne Aubin Le Quéré, Madiha Zarah Choksi, Travis Lloyd, Ruojia Tao, James Grimmelmann, and Mor Naaman, *Under the (Neighbor)hood: Hyperlocal Surveillance on Nextdoor,* Proc. 2024 ACM Conf. on Human Factors in Comp. Sys. (CHI) (2024)

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When Law is Code, Jotwell: Technology Law (July 2024)
Review of Sarah B. Lawsky, *Coding the Code: Catala and Computationally Accessible Tax Law* (draft 2022)

Words of Wisdom, Jotwell: Technology Law (June 2023)
Review of Samuel R. Bowman, *Eight Things to Know About Large Language Models* (draft 2023)

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Review of Gregory Klass, *How to Interpret a Vending Machine: Smart Contracts and Contract Law* (draft 2022)

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Review of Evelyn Douek, *The Rise of Content Cartels* (Knight First Amendment Institute 2020)

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Review of Eric Goldman, *Emojis and the Law*, 3 Wash. L. Rev. 1227 (2018)

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Review of An Xiao Mina, Memes to Movements (2019)

Extraordinary Popular Delusions and the Madness of ICO Crowdfunding, Jotwell: Technology Law (Nov. 2018)
Review of Shaanan Cohney, David Hoffman, Jeremy Sklaroff, & David Wishnick, *Coin-Operated Capitalism* (draft 2018)

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Review of Whitney Phillips, This is Why We Can't Have Nice Things: Mapping the Relationship Between Online Trolling and Mainstream Culture (2016)

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An Offer You Can't Understand, Jotwell: Cyberlaw (May 2015)
Review of Lauren E. Willis, *Performance-Based Consumer Law* 82 U. Chi. L. Rev. (draft 2015)

Discrimination by Database, Jotwell: Cyberlaw (Nov. 2014)
Review of Solon Barocas and Andrew Selbst, *Big Data's Disparate Impact* (draft 2014)

The Cancer of the Internet, Jotwell: Cyberlaw (Nov. 2013)
Review of Finn Brunton, Spam: A Shadow History of the Internet (2013)

If Code Is Law, Then Coders Are Lawyers, Jotwell: Cyberlaw (Dec. 2012)
Review of E. Gabriella Coleman, Coding Freedom: The Ethics and Aesthetics of Hacking (2012)

Undiplomatic Immunity, Jotwell: Cyberlaw (Nov. 2011)
Review of Felix T. Wu., *Collateral Censorship and the Limits of Intermediary Immunity*, 87 Notre Dame. L. Rev. 101 (2011)

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Review of Joseph Michael Reagle Jr., Good Faith Collaboration: The Culture of Wikipedia (2010)

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Review of Michael Risch, *Virtual Third Parties,* 25 Santa Clara Computer & High Tech. LJ. 416 (2009)

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A. Feder Cooper, Katherine Lee, James Grimmelmann, Daphne Ippolito, et al., *Report of the 1st Workshop on Generative AI and Law* (2023)

The Token-Bound NFT License (2023)

James Grimmelmann, Yan Ji, and Tyler Kell, *Ethereum Improvement Proposal 5218*: NFT Rights Management (draft 2022)

Sarah Allen, Srdjan Capkun, Ittay Eyal, Giulia Fanti, Bryan Ford, James Grimmelmann, Ari Juels, Kari Kostiainen, Sarah Meiklejohn, Andrew Miller, Eswar Prasad, Karl Wüst, and Fan Zhang, *Design Choices for Central Bank Digital Currency: Policy and Technical Considerations* (Brookings Institution 2020)

Objections to the Google Books Settlement and Responses in the Amended Settlement: A Report (New York Law School) (with seven NYLS students) (ver. 2.0 2010) (ver. 1.0 2009)

The Google Book Search Settlement: Ends, Means, and the Future of Books (American Constitution Society 2009)

Copyright, Technology, and Access to the Law: An Opinionated Primer (New York Law School 2008)

AMICUS BRIEFS

Moody v. NetChoice and *NetChoice v. Paxton* (U.S. 2023) (with Gautam Hans)

Berry v. LexisNexis Risk & Information Analytics Group, Inc. (4th Cir. 2014)

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With supplemental letter (2010)

TESTIMONY

"New Technologies and Innovations in the Mobile and Online Space, and the Implications for Public Policy," House Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet (June 19, 2012) (written testimony)

LETTERS

On Facebook and OkCupid experiments (2014) (with Leslie Meltzer Henry)
To Douglas F. Gansler, Attorney General of Maryland
To OkCupid
To Facebook
To the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences
To the Office for Human Research Protections
To the Federal Trade Commission

NON-ACADEMIC ESSAYS

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Public Business and Private Accounts, Comm. ACM, Sept. 2024, at 37

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Bunnies, Ducks, and One Great Dane, Killing the Buddha (Jan. 2002)

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BLOGGING

The Laboratorium (individual blog) (2000–)

PrawfsBlawg (guest blogger)

Concurring Opinions (guest blogger)

The Volokh Conspiracy (guest blogger)

LawMeme (Yale ISP blog) (editor-in-chief 2003–05)

SELECTED TALKS

38th Annual Silha Lecture, University of Minnesota Hubbard School of Journalism (Oct. 23, 2023)

Research Keynote, ACM SIGPLAN Workshop on Programming Languages and Law (ProLaLa) (Jan. 16, 2022)

Keynote, Corporate Law Symposium, University of Cincinnati (Mar. 12, 2021)

Distinguished Lecture, Ohio State Technology Law Journal (Sept. 20, 2019)

Greg Lastowka Memorial Lecture, Rutgers Camden (Nov. 15, 2018)

Evil Twin Debate, University of Richmond School of Law (Nov. 5, 2010) (with Jonathan Band)

Keynote, Internet, Law, & Politics Congress, Open University of Catalonia (July 6–7, 2009)

CONFERENCES

Internet Law Works in Progress (Mar. 7, 2026)
Funding support: Google ($15,000)

GenLaw: Generative AI and Law
Evaluating Generative AI Systems: the Good, the Bad, and the Hype (Apr. 15, 2024) (with six co-organizers)
Workshop on Generative AI and Law (at ICML July 29, 2023) (with six co-organizers)

Speed, Cornell Tech (Sept. 28–29, 2018) (with Helen Nissenbaum)

In re Books, New York Law School (Oct. 26–27, 2012)

D is for Digitize, New York Law School (October 8–10, 2009)

Regulating Search?, Yale Law School (Dec. 3, 2005) (with Jack M. Balkin & Eddan Katz)

Program Committees:
ProLaLa: ACM SIGPLAN Workshop on Programming Languages and Law (2022, 2023, co-chair 2024)
CS&Law: ACM Symposium on Computer Science and Law (2019, 2024, co-chair 2025, co-chair 2026)
JURIX: International Conference on Legal Knowledge and Information Systems (2024)
TPRC: Telecommunications Policy Research Conference (2024)
ICAIL: International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Law (2023)
FAccT: ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (2018, 2019)
JOTWELL: Legal Scholarship We Like and Why It Matters (2014)

MEDIA

Quoted by the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Financial Times*, Associated Press, Reuters, *All Things Considered* (NPR), *On the Media* (NPR), *Wired*, *The Verge*, *Ars Technica*, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Inside Higher Ed*, *Publishers Weekly*, etc.

FUNDED PROJECTS

Internet Law Works in Progress Conference
Google ($15,000) (2026)

Digital Property
Institute for Cryptocurrencies and Contracts (IC3) ($6,000) (2026)

Privacy-Preserving Abuse Prevention for Encrypted Communications
Co-Principal Investigator (2021–26)
NSF Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace (SaTC) CORE #2120651 ($2,628,174)

The Barons and the Mob

Principal Investigator (2022–24)
Microsoft ($175,000)

Formal Reasoning for Legal Conveyances
Co-Principal Investigator (2020–22)
NSF Formal Methods in the Field (FMitF) #2019313 ($99,998)
Created Littleton: A Future Interests Interpreter

Values in Design in the Future Internet Architecture – Next Phase
Council Member (2014–16)
NSF EArly-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER)
CNS-1355398

Values from Law and Policy in the Named Data Networking Architecture (NSF)
Contractor (2012–13)

Values in Design in the Future Internet Architecture
Council Member (2010–13)
NSF EArly-concept Grants for Exploratory Research (EAGER)
CNS-1058333

The Google Books Settlement and the Public Interest
Principal Investigator (2009–13)
Microsoft ($100,000)
Created The Public Index clearinghouse for study and discussion

SELECTED SERVICE

Uniform Law Commission Study Committee on Protection of Name, Image, and Likeness
Observer (2025–)

Creative Commons
Member, Board of Directors (2023–)

CS+Law Research Workshop
Member, Steering Committee (2021–)

Communications of the ACM
Editor, Viewpoints: Law and Technology (2019–)

Law Archive
Member, Advisory Board (2023–24)

Jotwell (The Journal of Things We Like Lots)
Co-editor, Technology Law Section (formerly Cyberlaw) (2009–22)

American Law Institute / European Law Institute Principles for a Data Economy
Advisor (2018–21)

LawArXiv
Member, Legal Scholarship Advisory Board (2017–20)

Cornell University
- University Appeals Panel (2023–)
- Research Integrity Council (2021–)
- Cornell Tech Committee (Law) (2016–)
- Committee on Campus Expressive Activity (2024–25)
- Search Coordination Committee (Tech) (2021–22)
- Faculty Appointments Committee (Law) (2019–20, 2021–22)
- Dean Search Committee (Law) (2021)
- Presidential Postdoctoral Fellows Committee (2019–20)
- Academic Integrity Committee (Tech) (2019–20)
- Campus Committee (Tech) (2017–20)
- Dean Search Committee (Tech) (2019)
- Non-Degree Program Committee (Tech) (2017–18)

University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law
- *Director*, Intellectual Property Program (2013–16)
- Curriculum Committee (2013–14, chair 2015–16)
- Appointments Committee (chair 2014–15)

New York Law School
- Self-Assessment Committee (co-chair 2010–11, chair 2011–12)
- Curriculum Committee (2010–11)
- Grade Curve Committee (2008–10)

SELECTED HONORS

Otto L. Walter Distinguished Writing Award (2011), for *The Internet Is a Semicommons*

Michael Egger Prize (2005), for *Regulation by Software*

Barry M. Goldwater Scholar (1998)

Presidential Scholar (1995)

International Chemistry Olympiad, bronze medal (1994)