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Academic Appointments

University of Southern California Gould School of Law

Visiting Assistant Professor, July 2022 – Present

Courses: Race, Social Media, and the Law; Critical Race Theory

University of California, Los Angeles School of Law

Lecturer in Law, August 2021 – June 2022

Courses: Legal Research and Writing, including specialized section for the Public Interest Law Program; Community Lawyering in Education Clinic (co-instructor)

New York University School of Law

Adjunct Professor of Clinical Law (January 2021 – May 2021)

Courses: Brennan Center Public Policy and Advocacy Clinic

Education

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law

J.D. May 2014

California Law Review, Book Reviews and Essays Editor; *Berkeley Technology Law Journal*, Annual Review Editor; Law & Technology Certificate

University of California, Berkeley

B.A., English, May 2009

Instructor for “Cormac McCarthy, the Coen Brothers, and the Neo-Western”; Contributor to the Berkeley Poetry Review

Publications

Law Review Articles

Private Surveillance as Public Nuisance, 72 UCLA L. Rev. __ (forthcoming 2025)

Online Racialization and the Myth of Colorblind Content Policy, 103 B.U. L. Rev. 1929 (2023)

Select Research Reports and White Papers

Double Standards in Social Media Content Moderation, Brennan Center for Justice, August 2021 (lead author).

Law Enforcement Access to Smart Devices, Brennan Center for Justice, December 2020.

Automatic License Plate Readers: Legal Status and Policy Recommendations for Law Enforcement Use, Brennan Center for Justice, September 2020 (lead author).

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Legal Experience

Brennan Center for Justice at NYU Law, New York, NY

Fellow, October 2021 – August 2022

Counsel, Liberty & National Security Program, July 2018 – August 2021

Gunderson Dettmer, New York, NY

Associate, November 2015 – July 2018

Proskauer Rose, New York, NY

Associate, October 2014 – November 2015

Select Academic Presentations and Speaking Engagements

2023

Panelist, “California Constitutional Privacy at 50: Power of State Law and Promoting Racial Justice in the Digital Age,” Berkeley Technology Law Journal Fall Symposium, October 2023.

Presenter, Latina and Latino Critical Legal Theory 2023 Biennial Conference, Cornell Law School, October 2023.

Presenter, University of San Diego School of Law Faculty Colloquium, April 2023.

Panelist, “Demystifying Content Moderation,” Columbia Law School, April 2023.

Presenter, University of Southern California Gould School of Law Faculty Workshop, April 2023.

2022

Presenter, “Workshop on Radical Approaches to Platform Governance,” University College Dublin, November 2022.

Presenter, “We See You: Law Enforcement Surveillance and Investigative Technologies,” California State Assembly Committee on Public Safety, August 2022.

Panelist, “The Rise of Virtual Governments,” UCLA Journal of Law and Technology Special Issue Symposium on Governing the Digital Space, April 2022.

2021

Panelist, “Viral Inequity: Race, Technology, and the Pandemic,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2021.

Panelist, “From New Delhi to New York: The Global State of Local Facial Recognition Regulations,” NYU Law School's Information Law Institute and Engelberg Center for Innovation Law, April 2021.

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Panelist, “From Investigation to Post-Conviction: Privacy & Technology in Modern Criminal Practice,” Texas A&M Law Review Symposium, March 2021.

2020

Panelist, “Technology Law as a Vehicle for Anti-Racism,” Berkeley Technology Law Journal Symposium, November 2020.

Panelist, “Access & Accountability 2020: Lessons of the Current Moment,” The Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic and the Abrams Institute for Freedom of Expression at Yale Law School, October 2020.

Panelist, “Protest Facebook: Protecting the 2020 Elections in the Age of Facebook,” Media Alliance, October 2020.

Presenter, “Racial Bias in Facial Recognition Technology,” The University of Minnesota Law School Webinar, September 2020.

Panelist, “Pandemic Propaganda: A New Electoral Crisis,” The Brennan Center for Justice and NYU’s Brademas Center, July 2020.

Panelist, “Surveillance and Technology,” The Government Law Center at Albany Law School’s 2020 Warren M. Anderson Breakfast Seminar Series, February 2020.

Moderator, “Legal Scholar David A. Harris on Police Violence,” Brennan Center Live at NYU Law, January 2020.

2019

Presenter and Organizer, “Automating Bias: How Computers Are Making Decisions About Your Life,” NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, December 2019.

Panelist and Symposium Organizer, “Policing Race & Technology: A Legal Symposium,” Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law and NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, December 2019.

Presenter, “Who Will Watch the Watchers: Bruno Latour & The New for a New Critical Science of ‘Science and Technology,’” Institute for International Communication at Collins College of Professional Studies and the Department of Sociology & Anthropology at St. John’s College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, October 2019.

Select Media Interviews

Associated Press, Bloomberg Law, CNET, The Daily Beast, Daily Dot, The Economist, Gotham Gazette, Gizmodo, Gothamist, The Intercept, Los Angeles Times, MIT Technology Review, The Markup, Mother Jones, National Public Radio, New Jersey Law Journal, NBC News, New York Times, Spectrum News NY1, Tech Policy Press, Washington Post, Univision, Vice News, Yahoo! News

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Select Editorials and Public Resources

“Data-Driven Policing’s Threat to Our Constitutional Rights,” *Brookings Tech Stream*, September 2021.

“The Problem With Mayor de Blasio’s Policing Reform Plan,” *City & State NY*, April 2021.

When Police Surveillance Meets the “Internet of Things,” Brennan Center for Justice, December 2020.

“Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot’s Surveillance System Will Outlast the Protest Movement,” *The Chicago Reporter*, September 2020.

“How to Reform Police Monitoring of Social Media,” *Brookings Tech Stream*, July 2020 (co-author).

“Coronavirus, Location Tracking, and Civil Liberties,” *Brennan Center for Justice*, April 2020.

“A Bill to Oversee 21st Century Police Surveillance,” *City & State NY*, February 2020.

New York City Police Department Surveillance Technology, Brennan Center for Justice, October 2019.

“Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism Transparency Report Raises More Questions Than Answers,” *Just Security*, September 2019.

“Oversight of Face Recognition Is Needed to Avoid New Era of “Digital Stop and Frisk,” *Brennan Center for Justice*, May 2019.

“Scramble to Erase New Zealand Attack Videos Exposes Pitfalls Too,” *Just Security*, April 2019.

“Expose NYPD Surveillance: The Public Has a Right to Know Whether Its Constitutional Rights Are Being Abridged,” *New York Daily News*, March 2019 (co-author).

“Hold Private Police Partners Accountable, Too,” *New York Daily News*, October 2018 (co-author).

“Face It: This Is Risky Tech,” *New York Daily News*, August 2018 (co-author).

Bar Admission and Additional Information

New York, 2015

Member of Pittsburgh Task Force on Public Algorithms, September 2019 – November 2022