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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX

Lecturer, May 2022 – Present

- Courses Taught: Internet Law and Policy Seminar, Computer Crimes

Robert Strauss Center for International Security and Law, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Scholar in Residence, May 2022 – Present

- Manage cross-disciplinary cybersecurity program, including organizing events, such as the national Cyber 9/12 competition, and mentoring graduate students
- Engage in cybersecurity policy discussions with academics, civil society, industry, and government
- Organize new cybersecurity clinic, including designing a budget, preparing grant applications, developing course curriculum, and identifying potential clients

PUBLICATIONS

Legal Scholarship

- *The Tragedy of the Digital Commons*, article forthcoming in the N. C. L. REV. 2023
- *Towards Digital Decentralization*, article (in progress)
- *DeFi-ing Market Power: A Look at Open Protocols*, Lawfare white paper (in progress)
- *Concentrated Digital Markets, Restrictive APIs, and the Fight for Internet Interoperability*, 50 U. MEM. L. REV. 2 (2019)

Policy Scholarship

- Report, *Missing Layers Collaborative*, Ford Foundation (2023) (in progress)
- [Report](#), *Understanding Corporate Data Sharing Decisions*, Future of Privacy Forum (2017)
- Research [Paper](#), *Corporal Punishment, Maternal Warmth, and Child Adjustment*, J. CLIN. CHILD ADOLESC. PSYCHOL. (2014)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Media

- [Contributor](#), *Lawfare* (ongoing)
- [Inclusion in Bibliography](#), *The Hague Program on International Cyber Security*
- [Podcast Interview](#), *Cyberlaw Podcast*, “AI Off the Rails” (Feb. 22, 2022)
- [Podcast Interview](#), *Cyberlaw Podcast*, “Election Aftershocks for Cyber” (Nov. 15, 2022)
- [Article Review](#), *Endor Labs*, “The Government’s Role in Maintaining Open-Source Security” (Nov. 1, 2022)
- [Podcast Interview](#), *Resilient Cyber*, “Chinmayi Sharma – Tragedy of the Digital Commons” (Oct. 27, 2022)
- [Quoted](#), Cade Metz, *New York Times*, “Former Uber Security Chief Found Guilty of Hiding Hack From Authorities” (Oct. 5, 2022)
- [Quoted](#), Cade Metz, *New York Times*, “Lawyers for Uber’s Ex-Security Chief Say Company Scapegoated Him” (Sep. 7, 2022)
- [Research Cited](#), Bruce Schneier, *Schneier on Security*, “Securing Open-Source Software”
- [Research Cited](#), Melissa del Bosque, *ProPublica*, “Border Agents Can Now Get Classified Intelligence Information. Experts Call That Dangerous” (Nov. 1, 2019)
- [Covering Digital Democracy Symposium](#), Mary Wood, *University of Virginia School of Law News & Media* “Conference Will Address Technology’s Threat to Democracy” (Jan. 11, 2019)

Affiliations

- Program Committee Member, ACM Workshop on Software Supply Chain Offensive Research and Ecosystem Defenses, *Association for Computing Machinery*
- Member, Cybersecurity Working Group, *Foreign Policy for America*
- Member, Working Group: “Government’s Role in Increasing IT-Security of Open-Source Software,” *Transatlantic Cyber Forum*
- Member, Open-Source Software as Infrastructure Working Group, *Atlantic Council*
- Fellow, *Internet Law and Policy Foundry*
- Young Professional, *Council on Foreign Relations*
- Fellow, *Yale Cyber Leadership Forum*

Consulting

- Lead Researcher, “Missing Layers Collaborative,” *Ford Foundation and Microsoft*

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND WORKSHOPS

Paper Presentation: *The Tragedy of the Commons*

- Cybersecurity Law and Policy Scholars Conference, University of Minnesota Law School, Sep. 2022
- Governance and Technology Center Workshop, University of Nebraska College of Law, Nov. 2022

Paper Presentation: Towards Digital Decentralization

- Consumer Law Scholars Conference, University of California Berkeley Law School, Mar. 2023
- Faculty Drawing Board, University of Texas School of Law School of Law, Apr. 2023
- Law and Technology Workshop (virtual), Jul. 2023
- SEALS Annual Conference, Jul. 2023

Presentations and Roundtables

- [Verify 2023](#), Hewlett Foundation and Aspen Institute, Mar. 2023 (speaker)
- Interdisciplinary Working Group on Interoperability (organized by Mark Lemley), Stanford University, Jan. 2023 (participant)
- [Software Supply Chain Security: Past, Present and Future Perspectives](#), SCORED 2022, ACM CCS Nov. 2022 (panelist)
- [“Blockchain: Ask Me Anything.”](#) Strauss Center, University of Texas School of Law, Nov. 2022 (panelist)
- [“The Security of Open Platforms.”](#) IU Center for Applied Cybersecurity Research, Indiana University, Oct. 2022 (participant in speaker series)
- “Open Source and Securing Digital Infrastructure in the US National Cyber Strategy,” Atlantic Council’s Cyber Statecraft Initiative, Jul. 2022 (participant in closed door roundtable with senior administration officials)
- “Open Source as Infrastructure Working Group,” Atlantic Council’s Cyber Statecraft Initiative, (Jul. 2022 – Jan. 2023) (participant in closed door working group)
- “A Lawyer’s Role in the Tech World,” University of Virginia School of Law, Mar. 2022 (panelist)

EDUCATION

University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville, VA

J.D., May 2019

- Robert E. Goldstein Award recipient (faculty selection—student who contributed the most to classroom learning)
- *Virginia Law Review*, Online Development Editor – organized [Digital Democracy symposium](#)
- *Law, Innovation, Security & Technology Society*, Founder and President (school’s first student tech-law organization)
- Extramural Moot Court ’18 – *Thurgood Marshall Competition*, 2nd Place Best Oralist
- Extramural Moot Court ’17 – *AIPLA Moot Court Competition*, Southeast Regional Champion

Duke University, Durham, NC

B.A., Public Policy, *B.A.*, English May 2013—Graduate with Highest Distinction

- Thesis: surveyed North Carolina teachers for State Superintendent of Education in [report](#) used by ten other states
- Jacqueline Ann Morris Fellowship for research in the field of child and family policy

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis LLP, Washington, DC

Associate, Feb. 2021 – Apr. 2022

- Represented major tech companies in rulemaking and adjudicatory proceedings before the FCC
- Analyzed policy issues for clients, including Section 230, privacy, FTC competition rulemaking, and broadband infrastructure

The Honorable Michael F. Urbanski, Chief Judge, Western District of Virginia, Roanoke, VA

Law Clerk, Jan. 2020 – Jan. 2021

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Washington D.C. Bar
- Virginia Bar