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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS & CURRENT POSITION

American University Washington College of Law

Assistant Professor of Law, August 2025 – Present

Faculty Affiliate, Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property

Courses and Research: Privacy Law, Artificial Intelligence Law, Torts, Comparative Law

University of Michigan Law School

Faculty Fellow, Visiting Assistant Professor, July 2023 – July 2025

Faculty Affiliate, University of Michigan Science, Tech, and Public Policy Program

Course Taught: Artificial Intelligence Regulations: US, EU, and Asian Perspectives

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, Doctor of Juridical Science (J.S.D.), 2023; LL.M., 2020

Berkeley Law Merit Scholarship; Lloyd M. Robbins Fellow

J.S.D. Dissertation: *Artificial Intelligence Regulations and Algorithmic Governance: Comparative Perspectives*

Advisors: Profs. Laurent Mayali (Chair), Paul M. Schwartz, Chris J. Hoofnagle

LL.M. Paper: *Algorithmic Opacity and Corporate Social Disclosures*, Advisor: Prof. Sonia Katyal

High Honors: Topics in Privacy and Security Laws; Asian Legal Systems; Legal Research and Writing; Individual Research Project

Winner: *Berkeley Technology Law Journal* Writing Competition Best Berkeley Submission, 2020 & 2021

National Chengchi University, Ph.D. in Business: ABD, 2017–19

GPA 4.19/4.3; School of Commerce Ph.D. Scholarship (sole cohort recipient)

National Tsinghua University, Master of Laws (JD-equivalent, thesis required), 2014–17

GPA 4.17/4.3; Taiwan Law Association Law Thesis Award (top 3 among universities)

National Taiwan University of Science and Technology, B.A. & B.B.A., 2013

Academic Distinction Award (top 5% GPA); Law of Science and Technology Certification

PUBLICATIONS

Regulating AI Harms, FLORIDA LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2026)

- Selected for five peer-reviewed workshops, including the Privacy Law Scholars Conference
- Featured as a “Highly Recommended” Article on the Legal Theory Blog

Data Privacy, Human Rights, and Algorithmic Opacity, 110 CALIFORNIA LAW REVIEW, 2087–2147 (2023)

- *Berkeley Tech Law Journal* Writing Competition: Best Berkeley Submission, 2021
- Selected for the Privacy Law Scholars Conference, 2022

Algorithmic Opacity, Private Accountability, and Corporate Social Disclosure in the Age of Artificial Intelligence, 23 VANDERBILT JOURNAL OF ENTERTAINMENT & TECHNOLOGY LAW, 99–159 (2021)

- *Berkeley Tech Law Journal* Writing Competition: Best Berkeley Submission, 2020

Book Chapters

The Future of China's Trade Pact and Intellectual Property Rights, in THE FUTURE OF ASIAN TRADE DEALS AND IP (Kung-Chung Liu & Julien Chaisse eds., Oxford, Hart Publishing, 2019) (with H. Liu)

Guiding Minds Across Borders: Honoring Professor Laurent Mayali's International Impact, in STUDIES IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT LAURENT MAYALI (Brepols, 2025)

Selected Popular Publications & Online Blogposts

“How the Take It Down Act Tackles Nonconsensual Deepfake Porn – And How It Falls Short,” THE CONVERSATION (May 19, 2025) (invited piece)

“[Tech Law In 2025: A Look Ahead At AI, Privacy And Social Media Regulation Under The New Trump Administration](#),” THE CONVERSATION (Jan. 3, 2025) (invited piece)

“AI Harm Is Often Behind the Scenes and Builds Over Time – A Legal Scholar Explains How the Law Can Adapt to Respond,” THE CONVERSATION (Nov. 21, 2024) (invited piece)

- ♦ Invited for translation into Japanese [Gizmodo Japan](#), a mainstream Japanese tech news site.

“Why the GDPR May Fail to Protect Individuals from Privacy Risks Produced by Artificial Intelligence Applications,” Duke Financial Economics Center, THE FINREG BLOG (Mar. 1, 2022) (invited piece)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

Panelist, Emergent Global Trends in Data Governance: The Rights-Based Model, Fordham Law School, Fordham International Law Journal Symposium, March 20, 2026 (scheduled)

Guest Speaker, Algorithmic Opacity and AI Harm Disclosures, Professor Arvind Rajagopal's Global Media and International Law, New York University, March 12, 2026 (scheduled)

Panelist, Employee Privacy Rights and AI Employee Monitoring, American University Law Review Annual Symposium, February 6, 2026

Roundtable Contributor, The Problem of Cumulatively Harmful Speech, University College London & University of Notre Dame (closed roundtable), Nov. 19th, 2025

Speaker, Regulating Agentic AI? Toward Harm-based Legislation, National Conference of State Legislatures, Washington D.C., November 18th, 2025

Roundtable Contributor, Unpacking Relational Approaches to AI Accountability Conference (Closed Conference), Boston University School of Law, June 18, 2025

Faculty Commentator, Michigan Junior Scholars Conference Law and Tech Panel, University of Michigan Law School, April 26, 2025

Guest Speaker, “Data Sovereignty vs. Global Connectivity: Privacy Law and AI Regulation in Taiwan,” UC Berkeley School of Law, Professor Laurent Mayali’s Seminar on Asian Legal Systems, March 18, 2025

Speaker, “Regulating Algorithmic Harms: Protecting Civil Rights and Social Minorities in the Age of Generative AI,” DEI Month Talk, University of Michigan, Department of Molecular Cell and Developmental Biology, December 2, 2024

Presenter, “Regulating Algorithmic Harms,” Michigan Law Junior Scholars Forum, University of Michigan Law School, November 16, 2024

Guest Speaker, “The Right to Algorithmic Autonomy: Regulating Artificial Intelligent Manipulation,” UC Berkeley School of Law, Professor Paul Schwartz’s Seminar on Topics in Privacy and Security Law, November 12, 2024

Guest Speaker, “Regulating Algorithmic Harms,” University of Michigan Law School, Professor Nicholson Price’s Seminar on Artificial Intelligence and the Law, October 1, 2024

Speaker, “Regulating Algorithmic Harms,” Yale ISP Speaker Series, Yale Law School (invitation rescheduled due to scheduling conflict), ~~October 1, 2024~~.

Guest Speaker, “Regulating Algorithmic Harms,” University of Virginia School of Law, Professor Lawrence Solum’s Course on Law and Artificial Intelligence, September 17, 2024

Guest Speaker, “Regulating Algorithmic Harms,” University of Michigan School of Information, Professor Nazanin Andalibi’s Seminar on AI’s Societal Implications, September 25, 2024

Presenter, “Regulating Algorithmic Harms,” Legal Theory Faculty Workshop, University of Michigan Law School, September 12, 2024

Presenter, “Regulating Algorithmic Harms,” Asian Law Junior Scholars Workshop, Yale Law School, August 22, 2024

Presenter, “Regulating Algorithmic Harms,” Intellectual Property Scholars Conference, UC Berkeley School of Law, August 8, 2024

Presenter, “Regulating Algorithmic Harms,” Privacy Law Scholars Conference, Georgetown University Law Center, May 30, 2024

Keynote Speaker, University of Michigan Ross School of Business, Michigan Business and Law Symposium: Generative AI Law, Regulation, and Innovation in the Field, April 14, 2024

Presenter, “Regulating Algorithmic Harms,” Michigan Junior Scholars Conference, University of Michigan Law School, April 13, 2024

Guest Lecturer, “Regulating Algorithmic Harms,” University of Michigan Digital Studies Institute,

Professor Anna Fisher's Course on Digital Culture, April 9, 2024

Speaker, "Artificial Intelligence and Algorithmic Governance: From Harm Conceptualization to Norm Setting," National Chengchi University, Digital Governance: Law and Policy Forum, March 21, 2024

Panel Speaker, "Regulating Algorithmic Harms," University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law, Enhancing Personal Data Protection in the Age of Artificial Intelligence, January 11, 2024

Guest Speaker, "Regulating Algorithmic Harms," UC Berkeley School of Law, Professor Paul Schwartz's Seminar on Topics in Privacy and Security Laws, November 21, 2023

Speaker, "Data Privacy, Human Rights, and Algorithmic Opacity," National Tsinghua University, December 23, 2022

Guest Speaker, UC Berkeley School of Law, Information Privacy Law, "Privacy and Cybersecurity Laws in China and Taiwan," September 17, 2022, cotaught with Professor Paul M. Schwartz

Presenter, "Data Privacy, Human Rights, and Algorithmic Opacity," Privacy Law Scholars Conference, Northeastern University, June 2, 2022

Speaker, "Algorithmic Innovations, Intellectual Property, and Human Rights Protection," National Chengchi University, Ph.D. Seminar on the Theory of Technology, Innovation, and Intellectual Property Management, October 1, 2021

Presenter, "Algorithmic Opacity, Private Accountability, and Corporate Sustainability Disclosure in the Age of Artificial Intelligence," Tilburg University, Annual British and Irish Law Education and Technology Association Conference, 2020 Spring (virtual due to COVID-19)

Presenter, "Proposing A Strategic Theory of International Organizations: Organizational Sustainability and the WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism," Annual China & Taiwan Cross-Strait Science and Technology Management Conference, November 2, 2018 (with Wu Sehwa)

SELECTED INTERVIEW INVITES AND RADIO APPEARANCES

Interview, discussions on social media algorithmic harms and the law's failure, KCBS Radio in San Francisco, November 24, 2024

Interview, discussions on AI risk disclosure in SEC filings, Marketplace on NPR (unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts)

Interview, discussions on machine learning business practices and regulatory responses in U.S. EU, and Asian areas, Arize AI in conjunction with Forbes, April 28, 2022

HONORS

Berkeley Law Lloyd M. Robbins Fellowship, awarded with scholarship, 2020–23

Ministry of Education of Taiwan, Overseas Doctoral Merit Scholarship, one of the top two recipients in law across universities worldwide, 2022

Berkeley Tech Law Journal Writing Competition Aldo J. Test Award, Best Berkeley submission, for *Data Privacy, Human Rights, and Algorithmic Opacity*, 2021

Berkeley Tech Law Journal Writing Competition Aldo J. Test Award, Best Berkeley submission, for *Algorithmic Opacity, Private Accountability, and Corporate Social Disclosure in the Age of Artificial Intelligence*, 2020

Berkeley Law Merit Scholarship, 2019–20, awarded based solely on academic merit

Taiwan Law Association Annual Thesis Award, one of the top 3 law theses across universities, 2017

National Chengchi University, College of Commerce Scholarship, sole awardee of the cohort, 2017–19

National Taiwan University of Science & Technology, Academic Distinction Award, top 5% GPA, 2012

National Science and Technology Council of Taiwan, Overseas Pioneers Grants, selected top doctoral candidates in humanities and social sciences, declined due to scholarship conflicts, 2022

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

International Association of Privacy Professionals

Certified Information Privacy Professional, United States, August 2, 2021 – Present

Certified Information Privacy Professional, Europe, August 31, 2021 – Present

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

American University Washington College of Law

Torts (First-Year JD Required Course), Fall 2025

Privacy and Emerging Technology (Doctrinal Course), Spring 2026

Artificial Intelligence Regulations: Comparative Perspectives (Seminar), Spring 2026

University of Michigan Law School

Artificial Intelligence Regulations: US, EU, and Asian Perspectives (Seminar, Spring 2024), Teaching Evaluation: Overall Course Excellence 4.7/5

OTHER EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Taiwan Intellectual Property Office, Taipei, Taiwan

Copyright Office, Acting Full-Time Officer, 2013–2014

Chip Position System Intelligence, Hsinchu, Taiwan

Law School Summer Intern, 2015

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Judge, Inaugural Georgetown University Law Center Law and Policy Hackathon Competition,
Washington, DC, March 14, 2026 (invited; scheduled)