Yale Information Society Project

2015-2016

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People
Information Society Project at Yale Law School

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- Rachel Tuschman
- Andrew Udelsman
- Corinne Waite
- Alice Wang
- Rebecca Wexler
- Ethan Wong
- Jimmy Zhuang
Knight Law and Media Scholars

- Cory Adkins, 2016
- Colin Agur
- John Boeglin, 2016
- Valerie Belair-Gagnon
- Allison Douglis, 2018
- John Ehrett, 2017
- Anna Gonzalez, 2018
- Alexandra Gutierrez, 2018
- Lauren Henry
- Meenu Krishnan, 2018
- Steve Lance, 2018
- Rebecca Lee, 2016
- Amanda Lynch, 2016
- Yurij Melnyk, 2017
- Divya Musinapally, 2016
- Nora Niedzielski-Eichner, 2018
- Daniela Nogueria, 2017
- Lourdes Pantin, 2016
- Caitlin Petre
- Ben Picozzi, 2017
- Ajay Ravichandran, 2016
- Rumela Roy, 2017
- Stephen Stich, 2017
- Andrew Udelsman, 2017
- Corinne Waite, 2017
- Rebecca Wexler, 2016
- Ethan Wong, 2017
- Beatrice Walton, 2018
- Jacob Zionce, 2018

Yale University Affiliates

- Logan Beirne
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- Michael Fischer
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- Susan Gibbons
- Bonnie Kaplan
- Sean O’Brien
- Limor Peer
- Thomas Pogge
- Brad Rosen
- Christina Spiesel
- Tina Weiner
Scholarship and Academic Presentations
Highlights of Paid Resident Fellow Activities

Colin Agur – Knight Law and Media Fellow, Director

Reading Groups Taught

Big Data and Global Media (Seminar Leader)

Telecommunications Law and Policy (Seminar Leader)

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLE


BOOK


BOOK CHAPTERS


One of three winners of the 2015 Essay Writing Competition at the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard Law School.


REPORT

CONFERENCE PAPERS

2016. Social Media in News Coverage of the Umbrella Movement in Hong Kong. International Association of Media and Communication Researchers (IAMCR) Annual Meeting. Leicester, UK. Co-presenter: Belair-Gagnon V.


PUBLIC LECTURES


RESEARCH GRANT ACTIVITY


2015. Oscar M. Ruebhausen Fund, Yale Law School. Grant for data acquisition, research assistance, and conference organization for a research project on net neutrality and Internet activism. Value: $24 000.
Valerie Belair-Gagnon, Executive Director

ARTICLES, ESSAYS, & BOOK CHAPTERS


REPORTS


BOOK REVIEW


CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Belair-Gagnon, Valerie and Agur, Colin. 2016. Social Media in News Coverage of the Umbrella Movement in Hong Kong, IAMCR, Leicester, UK, August.

Belair-Gagnon, Valerie, Nielsen, Rasmus, Ananny, Carlson, Matt, Mike, Lewis, Seth, Crawford, Kate, and Fink, Kate. 2016. Algorithm, Power, and Accountability in Journalism, Journalism Studies Division, International Communication Association annual meeting, Fukuoka, Japan.


**INVITED TALKS**


Belair-Gagnon, V. 2016. *Problematizing Google.* In: Geopolitics of the Internet seminar (Professor Shawn Powers), Department of Communication. Georgia State University, Atlanta, February.

Belair-Gagnon, V. 2015. *BBC’s Approach to Social Media and User-Generated Content.* Media, Technology, and Culture course (Professor Josh Braun), University of Massachusetts—Amherst, November.


WEB ARTICLES


Belair-Gagnon, V. 2015. The Multiple Faces of Witnessing, Nieman Journalism Lab. (co-written with Taylor Owen)


RESEARCH GRANTS & FUNDING

2016: Principal Investigator, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, Tow Center for the Study of Digital Journalism, Spaces of Meeting: News Organizations Uses of Chat Apps during Political Unrest. Conducted comprehensive review on journalistic practices and chat apps, including interviews with foreign correspondents in Baltimore and Hong Kong, for a report examining the role of chat apps in news organizations during political unrest. Designed a panel and a workshop focused on best practices for journalism and uses of new media technologies, with a focus on political unrest (Awarded $13,275 with Nick Frisch and Colin Agur)

2015: Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, Tow Center for the Study of Digital Journalism, Project on the History of the US Reporters’ Privilege. Conducted review of the literature and history on the reporters’ privilege in the US, and co-wrote a chapter in the book titled Journalism After Snowden (Awarded $3,000 with David Schulz).
Jonathan Manes – Abrams Clinical Fellow

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AMICUS SUBMISSIONS

Brief of Amicus Curiae Yale Law School Information Society Project and Affiliated Scholars of Intellectual Property and Free Expression Law, Flo & Eddie Inc. v. Pandora Media, Inc., No. 15-55287 (9th Cir. Sept. 9, 2015) (co-authored with ISP Resident Fellow BJ Ard) (arguing that First Amendment limits foreclose certain interpretations of state copyright law)

Brief of Amicus Curiae Abrams Institute for Freedom of Expression, Animal Legal Defense Fund v. Otter (9th Circuit forthcoming) (arguing that First Amendment right to record is violated by Idaho “Ag-Gag” law that forbids unauthorized video of agricultural production facilities)

ACTIVITIES RELATED TO MEDIA FREEDOM AND INFORMATION ACCESS CLINIC:

Significant victories and court decisions:

Nicholas Merrill v. Loretta Lynch, 2015 WL 9450650, __ F. Supp. 3d ___ (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 28, 2015) (First Amendment challenge to gag order on National Security Letter recipient. The Court invalidated the gag order in full, the first time a court has done so.)

SUK, Inc. v. Flushing Workers Center, No. 155192/2013 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. N.Y. County 2016) (Obtained voluntary dismissal of defamation lawsuit that was filed against a group of car-service drivers by their former employer in retaliation for the workers’ public protests and advocacy against the employer’s practices.)
**Intellectual Property Watch v. United States Trade Representative**, 134 F. Supp. 3d 726 (S.D.N.Y. 2015) (FOIA lawsuit for access to information about negotiations over IP provisions of Trans-Pacific Partnership. Court has upheld withholding of draft texts, but cast doubt on secrecy of USTR communications with industry advisors)


**Guardian News & Media LLC, et al. v. Missouri Department of Corrections**, No. 14AC-CC0251 (Missouri Circuit Court 2016) (Obtained judgment requiring the State of Missouri to disclose information about the source and quality of the drugs it uses to conduct executions by lethal injection, as well as the qualifications of those involved in procuring, testing, and administering the drugs).

**Crawford v. New York City Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications**, 136 A.D.3d 591 (2016) (Appeal challenging sealing order in FOIL lawsuit seeking disclosure of information about NYC high speed internet infrastructure. Court upheld the sealing order.)

**Grabell v. New York Police Department**, 2016 WL 2636688 (N.Y. App. Div. 1st Dep't May 10, 2016) (FOIL lawsuit seeking disclosure of health, safety, and privacy-related information about NYPD’s use of unmarked x-ray vans. Appellate Court upheld order requiring disclosure of health/safety information, but reversed trial court’s order requiring disclosure of policies, procedures, cost information, and other material.)

**New matters:**


**Crawford v. New York City Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications**, No. 15700/2015 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. N.Y. County filed July 10, 2015) (Second FOIL lawsuit on behalf of Prof. Susan Crawford seeking disclosure of information about NYC high speed internet infrastructure)
Mattathias Schwartz v. Department of Defense, No. 15-cv-7077 (E.D.NY. filed December 11, 2015) (FOIA lawsuit seeking information about how public access to the Guantanamo military commissions proceedings is censored)

Motion to Intervene on behalf of Raymond Bonner, Husayn v. Gates, No. 06-cv-1360 (D.D.C. filed April 2016) (motion to unseal and declassify court filings in habeas petition of Guantanamo detainee Abu Zubaydah, the most prominent victim of waterboarding and other CIA interrogation methods)

ACLU Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court FOIA (filed May 2016) (FOIA request seeking to determine whether the government is regularly publishing decisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, as required by the USA FREEDOM Act of 2015)

Motion to Intervene on behalf of New York Times, Victor v. NYC Office of Trials and Hearings, No. 100890/2015 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. N.Y. County) (lawsuit seeking to maintain public access to disciplinary hearings of prison guards conducted in New York City administrative tribunals)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS


RESEARCH GRANTS & FUNDING

2016: Arnold Foundation, Collaboration for Research Integrity and Transparency. Worked as integral part of interdisciplinary team from the Yale Law School’s Global Health Justice Partnership, Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic, Yale School of Medicine, and Yale School of Public Health to obtain significant funding for multi-year project to enhance the quality and
transparency of the research base for medical products. The funding will support five new positions: program director, staff attorney, two fellows, and program administrator. Certain activities of the MFIA clinic, including ongoing litigation against the Food and Drug Administration to open up access to clinical trial data, will come within scope of the new Collaboration.
Caitlin Petre – ISP Resident Fellow

BOOK REVIEW

Petre, C. Forthcoming. Pax Technica: How the Internet of Things May Set Us Free or Lock Us Up by Philip N. Howard. Contemporary Sociology.

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INVITED TALKS


Sofia Ranchordas – ISP Resident Fellow

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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS


Ranchordás, S. 2015. **The International Rule of Law Time After Time**. I-CON conference, NYU, July

**INVITED TALKS**


Ranchordás, S., 2016. **Innovation vs Law: The Case of Uber**. International Section of the American Bar Association Meeting, New York City, April


Ranchordás, S., 2016. **“Does Quebec Need a Written Constitution?”**, Yale Comparative Constitutional Law Workshop, March


Ranchordás, S., 2016. **Panel Presentation "Competition for the market: Public restrictions and EU internal market law,"** Brussels School of Competition, Brussels, Belgium, February


Ranchordás, S., 2015. **Sharing and the City**, Platform Cooperativism, The New School, November


**ESSAYS**


(in Dutch)

Ranchordas, S. 2016. **Regels voor de digitale economie oftewel Uber-regulering**’ 2 Regelmaat [Rules for the digital economy or Uber-regulation]

Lauren Henry Scholz – Knight Law and Media Fellow

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INVITED TALKS


**WEB ARTICLES**

Scholz, Lauren Henry. 2015. **Big Privacy Hits the Mainstream,** Nieman Journalism Lab.

**QUOTED IN**


Forthcoming Connecticut Magazine article on privacy
Priscilla (Cilla) Smith – Senior Research Scholar, Director, Program for the Study of Reproductive Justice

Brief of Amicus Curiae Information Society Project, A Woman’s Friend Pregnancy Resource Center v. Harris, No. 15-17517 (9th Cir. Feb. 24, 2016)

Brief of Amicus Curiae Information Society Project, First Resort v. Herrera, 15-15434 (9th Cir. Nov. 24, 2015)

Brief of Amicus Curiae Information Society Project, NIFLA v. Harris, No. 16-55249 (9th Cir. Apr. 21, 2016)


Moderator, Clinic Closings: Abortion Goes to the Supreme Court Again, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT (Oct. 2015)


Lecture, A Reproductive Rights Constitutional Law Primer, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT (Nov. 2015)


Moderator, Living in the Crosshairs: A Discussion of Harassment of Abortion Providers in the United States, Why They Continue to Provide Care, and Possible Legal Responses, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT (Feb. 2016)

Moderator, Stigmas and Storytelling on Abortion and Sexuality: Does Telling it to the Judge Influence Courts, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT (Apr. 2016)

Presenter, Judge Koppelman’s Opinion, What Obergefell Should Have Said, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT (Apr. 2016)
Conferences
Payson R. Wolff Lectureship presents

Evolution And Revolution in Copyright: The Digital Music Wars

Tues., February 2
at 12:00 pm
Room 120,
Yale Law School

A panel discussion with leading experts:

Wade Leak: Sr. VP, Deputy General Consel, Sony Music Entertainment
Kevin Montler: Director, Legal, Global Music at Google
Jacqueline Charlesworth: General Counsel and Associate Register of Copyrights, US Copyright Office

Moderated by Kenneth J. Steinthal, Partner, King & Spalding LLP
Evolution and Revolution in Copyright: The Digital Music Wars

February 2, 2016

This panel explored: Is it technology that is driving the seemingly endless legal controversies around music…or is it the historical complexity of the outdated U.S. music rights licensing system? What are the ins and outs of the rights issues confronting companies that want to bring music to the consumer? What are the most recent developments in this space, and what are the possibly seismic changes on the horizon in the music field?

Panelists:

Kenneth J. Steinthal, Partner, King & Spalding LLP

Wade Leak, Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel, Sony Music Entertainment

Kevin Montler, Director, Legal, Global Music at Google

Jacqueline Charlesworth, General Counsel and Associate Register of Copyrights, U.S. Copyright Office

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Organized by Sandra S. Baron
WEDNESDAY, 
March 9 
12:10 pm 
Room 122

LIVING IN THE CROSSHAIRS:
A Discussion of Harassment of Abortion Providers in the United States, Why They Continue to Provide Care, and Possible Legal Responses

Panelists:
Dr. Nancy Stanwood, MD, MPH, Yale School of Medicine
David S. Cohen, Professor of Law, Drexel University School of Law

Moderator:
Priscilla Smith, Director of the Program for the Study of Reproductive Justice at Yale Law School's Information Society Project

Lunch and presentation followed by discussion
**Living in the Crosshairs: A Discussion of Harassment of Abortion Providers in the United States, Why They Continue to Provide Care, and Possible Legal Responses**

March 9, 2016

*Moderator:*

**Priscilla Smith** is an Associate Research Scholar in Law and Senior Fellow in the Information Society Project at Yale Law School, where she directs the Program for the Study of Reproductive Justice. Prior to joining Yale Law School, Smith was the U.S. Legal Program Director at the Center for Reproductive Rights. Smith argued *Gonzales v. Carhart*, 127 S. Ct. 1610 (2007), and *Ferguson v. City of Charleston*, 532 U.S. 67 (2001), and recently testified before Congress concerning threats of defunding Planned Parenthood.

*Panelists:*

**Dr. Nancy Stanwood, MD, MPH** is Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Section Chief of Family Planning at Yale School of Medicine. She is also the Associate Medical Director of Planned Parenthood of Southern New England, and Chair of the Board of *Physicians for Reproductive Health*. Physicians filed an amicus brief in *Whole Woman’s Health*, sharing personal stories from several doctors and illustrating their many reasons for providing abortion care.

**David S. Cohen** is Professor of Law at Drexel University School of Law. His scholarship explores the intersection of constitutional law and gender, emphasizing sex segregation, masculinity, and violence against abortion providers. He also researches voting anomalies in the Supreme Court. Professor Cohen is co-author of *Living in the Crosshairs: The Untold Stories of Anti-Abortion Terrorism*, published by Oxford University Press in 2015. The book examines how abortion providers are
individually targeted by anti-abortion extremists and how law can better respond to this type of harassment.

Organized by Priscilla Smith
Unlocking the Black Box:
The Promise and Limits of Algorithmic Accountability in the Professions

Saturday, April 2, 2016
8:30 am – 5:30 pm
Unlocking the Black Box: The Promise and Limits of Algorithmic Accountability in the Professions

April 2, 2016

Summary

The increasing power of big data and algorithmic decision-making—in commercial, government, and even non-profit contexts—has raised concerns among academics, activists, journalists and legal experts. Three characteristics of algorithmic ordering have made the problem particularly difficult to address: the data used may be inaccurate or inappropriate, algorithmic modeling may be biased or limited, and the uses of algorithms are still opaque in many critical sectors.

No single academic field can address all the new problems created by algorithmic decision-making. Collaboration among experts in different fields is starting to yield important responses. Researchers are going beyond the analysis of extant data, and joining coalitions of watchdogs, archivists, open data activists, and public interest attorneys, to assure a more balanced set of “raw materials” for analysis, synthesis, and critique. As an ongoing, intergenerational project, social science must commit to assuring the representativeness and relevance of what is documented—lest the most powerful “pull the strings” in comfortable obscurity, while scholars’ agendas are dictated by the information that, by happenstance or design, is readily available. What would similar directions for legal scholars and journalists look like? This conference will aim to answer that question, setting forth algorithmic accountability as a paradigm of what Kenneth Gergen has called “future-forming” research.

Algorithmic accountability calls for the development of a legal-academic community, developed inter-disciplinarily among theorists and empiricists, practitioners and scholars, journalists and activists. This conference will explore early achievements among those working for algorithmic accountability, and will help chart the future
development of an academic community devoted to accountability as a principle of research, investigation, and action.

Co-sponsored by the Oscar M. Ruebhausen Fund, GHJP, Law and Tech Society and YJOLT.

Organized by Frank Pasquale, Caitlin Petre and Valerie Belair-Gagnon

**AGENDA:** UNLOCKING THE BLACK BOX

Twitter hashtag: #BlackBox

**Friday, April 1**

6:30-9:00 pm  Dinner for Panelists

**Saturday, April 2**

8:30-9:00 am  Breakfast – Law School Dining Hall

Registration - Room 122

9:00-9:15 am  Welcome: Why Unlocking the Black Box? – Dining Hall

**Frank Pasquale**, University of Maryland Carey School of Law

**Caitlin Petre**, Yale Law School Information Society Project

9:15-10:30 am  Concurrent Sessions

**Journalism & News Production**

Panelists:
**Matt Carlson**, Saint Louis University – Automating Authority? Algorithmic Practices, Knowledge, and Journalistic Professionalism

**Rasmus Kleis Nielsen**, Oxford University – Dealing with Digital Intermediaries

**Brad Greenberg**, U.S. Copyright Office – Algorithmic Media Bias

Commentator: **Seth Lewis**, University of Minnesota/University of Oregon

**Health & Data**

Panelists:

**W. Nicholson Price II** and **Roger Ford**, University of New Hampshire School of Law – Privacy and Accountability in Black-Box Medicine

**Joseph Ross**, Yale School of Medicine – Advancing Open Science through the YODA (Yale Open Data Access) Project

**Thomas Marciniak** – Analyzing Drug Trials: Lessons from the FDA Trenches

**Deborah Zarin**, National Institute of Health (NIH) – Status Report on the Clinical Trial Reporting System

Commentator: **Amy Kapczynski**, Yale Law School

**10:30-10:45 am**  Coffee – Room 122

**10:45-12:00 pm**  Concurrent Sessions

**Politics & Power Room**

Panelists:
Samuel Woolley, University of Washington and Philip N. Howard, University of Washington – Campaign Bots and Law (paper coauthored with Ryan Calo and Lisa Manheim, University of Washington)

David Karpf, George Washington University – Making Peace with Political Microtargeting

Margaret Hu, Washington and Lee University School of Law – Big Data Constitution

Commentator: Jack Balkin, Yale Law School

Uses & Practices Room

Panelists:

Bilyana Petkova, European University Institute – Reining in the Big Promise of Big Data: Transparency, Inequality, and New Regulatory Frontiers (Paper co-authored with Philipp Hacker, Humboldt University)


Ahmed Ghappour, UC Hastings College of the Law – Machine Generated Culpability

Commentator: Tarleton Gillespie, Microsoft Research

12:00-1:30 pm Lunch – Keynote address by Jonathan Zittrain, Harvard Law School

1:30-2:45 pm Concurrent Sessions
Organizations, Finance & Innovation

Panelists:

**Rory Van Loo**, Yale Law School – The Corporation as Courthouse

**Mikella Hurley**, Georgetown University Law Center, and **Julius Adebayo**, MIT – Credit Scoring in the Era of Big Data

**Lauren Scholz**, Yale Law School – Algorithmic Contracts

Commentator: **Frank Pasquale**, University of Maryland Carey School of Law

Transparency & Accountability

Panelists:

**Mike Ananny**, University of Southern California & **Kate Crawford**, Microsoft Research – Beyond the Black Box: The Failures of Algorithmic Transparency

**David Levine**, Princeton Center for Information Technology Policy – Confidentiality Creep and Dual Use Secrecy

**Taylor Owen**, The University of British Columbia – Kill Decisions: How Automated Violence Challenges Accountability in War

**Kate Fink**, Pace University – Algorithmic Transparency Under the Freedom of Information Act

Commentator: **C.W. Anderson**, CUNY – Staten Island

2:45-3:00 pm Coffee – Room 122

3:00-4:15 pm Concurrent Sessions
Research in Big Data

Panelists:

Andrew Tutt, U.S. Department of Justice – Proposal for a New Agency Regulating Algorithmic Safety

Balázs Bodó, University of Amsterdam – Putting the Canaries in the Data Mine: Some Suggestions for the Practical, Ethical and Legal Challenges of Researching the ‘Black Box’ (paper co-authored Natali Helberger and Judith Möller, University of Amsterdam)

Karen Levy, Data & Society Research Institute/ New York University – The Black Box as Prop: Surveillance, Performance, and the Destabilization of Authority

Commentator: Jonathan Manes, Associate Research Scholar in Law; Abrams Clinical Fellow, Information Society Project; and Clinical Lecturer in Law

Discrimination & Data

Panelists:

Divya Musinipally, Yale Law School – Regulating Predictive Policing Algorithms

Ifeoma Ajunwa, University of the District of Columbia School of Law and Sorelle Friedler, Haverford College – Predicting and Preventing Disparate Impact in Algorithmic Decisions (paper co-authored with Carlos Scheidegger, University of Arizona; and Suresh Venkatasubramanian, University of Utah)

Michael Carl Tschantz, International Computer Science Institute – Discrimination in Online Personalization: A Multidisciplinary Inquiry (paper co-authored with Amit Datta, Anupam Datta, Carnegie Mellon; Cynthia Dwork, Microsoft Research; and Deirdre Mulligan University of California, Berkeley)
Commentator: **Solon Barocas**, Princeton University

4:15-4:30 pm  Coffee – Room 122

4:30-5:30 pm  Keynote Panel – Room 127

Panelists:

**Ben Peters**, University of Tulsa – In Defense of Black Boxes: Toward a Critical Revision of the Concept

**Elena Esposito**, University of Modena-Reggio Emilia – Who is Accountable When Algorithms Decide?

Commentator: **Frank Pasquale**, University of Maryland Carey Law

6:00-9:00 pm  Informal dinner for Panelists
Participants:

**Julius Adebayo (MIT)**

Julius Adebayo is a graduate student in computer science and technology policy at MIT. His research involves applying techniques from machine learning to problems and questions in policy. For his masters thesis, he is currently developing an open source toolbox for analysts and non-machine learning experts to audit black-box predictive models. Julius has a bachelors degree in engineering, and has previously worked as a quantitative analyst at New England complex systems institute, a complex systems think tank.

**Ifeoma Ajunwa (University of the District of Columbia)**

Professor Ajunwa is an Assistant Professor of Law, hired to teach Contracts, Health Law, and Intellectual Property Law. Prior to joining the UDC faculty in Fall 2014, Professor Ajunwa was a Fellow at Columbia Law School and she was a Visiting Teaching Fellow at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. She completed her undergraduate education at UC Davis, where she was a McNair Scholar, and earned her law degree from the University of San Francisco, where she received the AAUW Selected Professions Fellowship and served as an editor with the *Intellectual Property Law Bulletin* and the *Journal of Law and Social Challenges*. She is a Ph.D. Candidate at Columbia University in the Sociology Department (concentration in Organizational Studies and Law and Society).

**Mike Ananny (University of Southern California)**

Mike Ananny is an Assistant Professor at USC Annenberg, where he researches the public significance of systems for networked journalism. Specifically, he studies how institutional, social, technological, and normative forces both shape and reflect the design of the online press and a public right to hear. He is also a Faculty Associate with Harvard’s Berkman Center for Internet & Society, holds a Ph.D. from Stanford University’s Department of Communication (advised by Theodore Glasser), a Masters from the MIT Media Laboratory (Gesture & Narrative Language and
Tangible Media groups), and a Bachelors from the University of Toronto (double major in Computer Science and Human Biology).

C.W. Anderson (CUNY-State Island)

C. W. Anderson is an Associate Professor at the College of Staten Island (CUNY). He is the author of Rebuilding the News: Metropolitan Journalism in the Digital Age (Temple University Press) and the forthcoming Journalism: What Everyone Needs to Know (Oxford University Press) (with Len Downie and Michael Schudson.) He has edited the forthcoming SAGE Handbook of Digital Journalism (with Tamara Witschge, David Domingo, and Alfred Hermida) and Remaking the News (with Pablo Boczkowski) (MIT Press). He is currently at work on a historical and ethnographic manuscript tentatively titled Journalistic Cultures of Truth: Data in the Digital Age (Oxford) which examines the relationship between material evidence, computational processes, and notions of “context” from 1910 until the present.

Jack Balkin (Yale University)

Jack M. Balkin is Knight Professor of Constitutional Law and the First Amendment at Yale Law School and the founder and director of Yale’s Information Society Project, an interdisciplinary center that studies law and new information technologies. He is also the director of the Knight Law and Media Program and the Abrams Institute for Free Expression at Yale. Professor Balkin received his Ph.D in philosophy from Cambridge University, and his A.B. and J.D. degrees from Harvard University.

Solon Barocas (Princeton University)

Solon Barocas is a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Center for Information Technology Policy at Princeton University. His research explores issues of fairness in machine learning, methods for bringing accountability to automated decisions, the privacy implications of inference, and the role that privacy plays in mitigating economic inequality. Solon completed his doctorate in the department of Media, Culture, and Communication at New York University, where he remains an affiliate of the Information Law Institute. He also works with the Data & Society Research
Institute and serves on the National Science Foundation-sponsored Council for Big Data, Ethics, and Society.

**Valerie Belair-Gagnon (Yale University)**

Valerie Belair-Gagnon is Executive Director and Research Scholar at the Yale Information Society Project. Her first monograph, *Social Media at BBC News: The Re-Making of Crisis Reporting*, was published by Routledge in 2015. Previously she was a postdoctoral fellow and Knight Law and Media Program Director at the ISP. She earned a BA in sociology from McGill University, an MSc in sociology from Université de Montréal, and a PhD in sociology from City University London. Her areas of interest include: media sociology, social media, news production, global media, and media institutions.

**Balazs Bodo (University of Amsterdam)**

Balázs Bodó, PhD (1975), is a socio-legal research scientist at the Institute for Information Law (IViR) at the University of Amsterdam. He is a two time Fulbright Scholar (Stanford University’s Center for Internet and Society in 2006/7, Harvard University’s Berkman Center for Internet and Society in 2012). In 2013-15 he was a Marie Curie Fellow at the Institute for Information Law (IViR) at the University of Amsterdam. Balázs is an internationally renowned expert in cultural black markets, piracy, and the digital underground. He has given lectures at top US universities (U. Penn, American University, Harvard), and he is regularly invited to talk at leading European academic and industry events. He is a regular contributor to scholarly and popular discussions on copyright, enforcement, piracy and digital freedoms.

**Matt Carlson (Saint Louis University)**

Matt Carlson is Associate Professor of Communication at Saint Louis University where he teaches and researches in the area of media and journalism studies. His work examines public discourse about journalism, with an interest in the cultural construction of journalistic norms and practices. He is author of the forthcoming book *Journalistic Authority* (Columbia University Press), as well as *On the Condition*
of Anonymity (University of Illinois Press), editor of two volumes, and author of numerous journal articles and book chapters.

**Kate Crawford (Microsoft Research)**

Kate Crawford is a Principal Researcher at Microsoft Research New York City, a Visiting Professor at MIT's Center for Civic Media, and a Senior Fellow at NYU's Information Law Institute. Her research addresses the social impacts of big data, and she's currently writing a new book on data and power with Yale University Press.

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Kate’s research interests include news reporting technologies, public records laws, media economics and journalism ethics. Her dissertation focused on how journalists used digital search tools to find and evaluate potential sources.

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Brad Greenberg is a scholar of intellectual property and information law. He writes primarily about laws that encourage, restrict, or regulate speech and technological development, with an emphasis on legal questions raised by new technologies; it at times draws on his previous career as a newspaper reporter. His recent publications include Rethinking Technology Neutrality, 100 Minn. L. Rev. (forthcoming 2016); DOMA’s Ghost and Copyright Reversionary Interests, 108 Nw. U. L. Rev. 391 (2014); and The Federal Media Shield Folly, 91 Wash. U. L. Rev. 437 (2013). He is involved with the ISP in his personal capacity, and his scholarship does not reflect the views of his employer, the U.S. Copyright Office, nor address matters before it.

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Her research at the European University Institute continues this project; the first results were presented at the 8th Annual Privacy Research Scholars Conference at Berkeley Law where her paper was in the top three that won a Young Scholars Award. In October 2015, she co-organized a conference on ‘Federalism and Fundamental Rights: Europe and the United States Compared’ at the Yale Law School, where she is currently affiliated as a Visiting Fellow of the Information Society Project.

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WHAT
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Friday, April 15, 2016
12:30 - 6:25 pm

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Jeremy Waldron
What *Obergefell v. Hodges* Should Have Said

April 15, 2016

Legal scholars present their versions of how the U.S. Supreme Court should have written the Obergefell opinion, which held that the Constitution requires states to recognize same-sex marriage.

This conference is co-sponsored by the Program for the Study of Reproductive Justice, the American Constitution Society, and the Federalist Society; and is supported by a grant from the Oscar M. Ruebhausen Fund.

SCHEDULE:

12:30pm-1:30pm  Lecture by William Eskridge on the history of same-sex marriage litigation

(Lunch will be served)

1:30pm-1:45pm  Break

1:45pm-2:00pm  Introduction: Jack Balkin

2:00pm-3:15pm  Panel One

Jack Balkin, Sherif Girgis & Robert George (presented by Sherif Girgis), Andrew Koppelman (presented by Priscilla Smith)

Moderator: Linda Greenhouse

3:15pm-3:30pm  Break

3:30pm-4:50pm  Panel Two

Jeremy Waldron, Reva Siegel & Doug NeJaime, Helen Alvare

Moderator: Jack Balkin

4:50pm-5:05pm  Break

5:05pm-6:25pm  Panel Three

Katherine Franke, John Harrison, William Eskridge

Moderator: Reva Siegel
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Sherif Girgis

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Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference 4 (FESC4)

April 30 – May 1, 2016

The Information Society Project at Yale Law School hosted the third Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference (FESC) at Yale Law School on April 30 – May 1, 2016. The FESC was co-sponsored by the Abrams Institute for Freedom of Expression and Thomson Reuters.

The conference brought scholars to discuss their works-in-progress concerning freedom of speech, expression, press, association, petition, assembly, and related issues of knowledge and information policy. Now in its forth year, the FESC has become a fixture on the calendar of leading First Amendment thinkers nationwide and is the premier annual gathering of First Amendment scholars in the United States. As in past years, well over 50 leading First Amendment scholars and practitioners will be in attendance this year.

The conference offered participants an opportunity to receive substantive feedback through group discussion. Each paper is assigned a discussant, who leads a discussion and provides feedback to the author. Participants will be expected to read papers in advance, and to attend the entire conference. Workshop sessions are lively discussions between and among authors, discussants, and participants. While anyone is welcome to apply to participate in the conference, attendance is by invitation only.
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The basic workshop format will be as follow: The discussant (not the author) will present the paper to the group and provide initial comments (no more than 10 minutes). The author may choose to respond at that point (no more than 5 minutes), and then the workshop will proceed into a roundtable discussion moderated by the discussant.

Because the format of the conference depends on active participation, the expectation is that audience participants will read the papers in advance of the sessions they plan to join.

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Registration - Room 122

8:30 am - 9:00 am — Breakfast – Dining Hall

9:00 am - 9:15 am — Welcome & Introduction – Dining Hall

9:15 am - 10:30 am — First Session (Breakout Session)

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1:30 pm - 3:00 pm — Third Session (Plenary Panel) – First Amendment Theory and Coverage

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Activities
Access to Knowledge (A2K)

Access to Knowledge (A2K) refers both to the right to access expressions of human inquiry, and the right to participate in the creation and manipulation of raw information, knowledge, and knowledge-embedded tools and services. The access to knowledge critical discourse revives attention to the value of openness, emphasizing the impact of knowledge policy on international development and civil liberties.

Colin Agur is the Bartlett Fellow for 2015-2016.

EVENTS:

June 9, 2015

A2K4D Annual Workshop - Cairo, Egypt

American University in Cairo, Tahrir Campus

The Access to Knowledge for Development Center (A2K4D) at The American University in Cairo School of Business is hosting its fifth annual workshop - "Digital Technologies and Development: Mobilization, Censorship, Entrepreneurship and Copyright" June 9, AUC Tahrir Campus.

This year’s workshop is titled “Digital Technologies and Development: Mobilization, Censorship, Entrepreneurship and Copyright.” The aim of the workshop is to share outputs of A2K4D research in collaboration with academic partners within various networks and highlight our work in progress. The workshop will consist of short sessions with emphasis on lively debates. It will cover topics ranging from the role of digital technologies in civic participation, to censorship and copyright in the digital economy, and the role of entrepreneurship in development.
The one day workshop will bring together A2K4D’s different networks and stakeholders from across several countries. The workshop seeks to increase the visibility of the collaborative efforts between: the Information Society Project (ISP), Harvard’s Berkman Center for Internet and Society, members of the Access to Knowledge Global Academy, Innova Tunisia, Arab Policy Institute (API) and Canada’s International Development Research Center (IDRC).

December 15, 2015 - December 17, 2015

Gathering of the A2K Global Academy at the Fourth Global Congress on Intellectual Property and the Public Interest in Delhi, India

A gathering of the Access to Knowledge (A2K) Global Academy will take place in Delhi, India. The A2K Global Academy is a network of academic centers dedicated to research, education, and policy analysis promoting access to knowledge. This gathering will discuss the most pressing issues in censorship and what are the things that users can do to limit the effects of censorship. Participants include: Professor Nagla Rizk, Professor of Economics and founding director of the Access to Knowledge for Development Center at the American University in Cairo; Stefanie Felsberger, Senior Researcher at A2K4; Professor Dr. Hong Xue is Director of Beijing Normal University Institute for Internet Policy & Law (IIPL), Co-Director of UNCITRAL-BNU Joint Certificate Program on International E-Commerce Law; Dr Colin Agur, Bartlett Fellow at the Yale Information Society Project; Pranesh Prakash, Policy Director of the Centre for Internet and Society; and Valerie Belair-Gagnon, executive director and research scholar at the Yale Information Society Project.

BOOK:

Access to Knowledge Research, Global Censorship, Shifting Modes, Persisting Paradigms, edited by Pranesh Prakash, Nagla Rizk, Carlos Affonso Souza
Knight Law and Media Program

Yale Law School has long focused on the intersection of law, media and journalism. The Knight Law and Media program builds on this history and is directed toward:

- Yale Law School students who plan to be journalists, advocates for journalists, policy makers or leaders in the media industry;
- working journalists who seek a deeper understanding of law, media, and policy;
- Scholars who study cutting-edge issues of law and media.
- The Knight Law and Media Program is open to all Yale Law School students. The program includes courses related to law and media; writing workshops; speakers, conferences and events; and career counseling and support for summer internships. The Program's director is Professor Jack Balkin.
- The Law School received a grant from John S. and James L. Knight Foundation to support the Knight Law and Media Program. In addition, the Knight grant enables the Law School to bring working journalists to the Law School for training programs and conferences.

Speaker Series

October 27, 2015

Catherine Ross, Professor of Law, George Washington University, “Lessons in Liberty: how school and courts diminish democracy”

February 24, 2014

Michel Schudson, Professor of Journalism, Columbia University, “The Rise of the Right to Know: Expectations of Openness in an Age of Secrets”
March 24, 2016

FOIA Bootcamp 2016, David McCraw, VP & Assistant General Counsel at The New York Times; & Raffi Khatchadourian, Staff Writer at The New Yorker

Poynter Fellows:

September 30, 2015


February 16, 2016

Joan Biskupic, editor-in-charge for Legal Affairs at Reuters News, “The Roberts Supreme Court and the Division that Define It”
The Law & Tech Speaker Series on Information Law and Information Policy hosts leading experts in the field of information law, speaking about their latest paper or projects. Sponsored by the Oscar M. Ruebhausen Fund.

September 15, 2015

Neil Richards, Professor of Law, Washington University, “Intellectual Privacy: Rethinking Civil Liberties in the Digital Age”

October 6, 2015

Laura Heymann, Professor of Law, William & Mary Law School “Dialogues of Authenticity”

November 4, 2015

Rebecca Tushnet, Professor of Law, Georgetown University “Creating a Public Interest Trademark Bar”

November 10, 2015

Cindy Cohn, Executive Director, Electronic Frontier Foundation, “The Fourth Amendment and the NSA’s Access to the Internet Backbone”

December 1, 2015

Vern Norviel, partner, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosat, “Secure your Startup: How to Acquire and Protect IP”

January 20, 2016

Tina Piper, Associate Professor, McGill University, “How War Creates Commons”

January 26, 2016
Tarleton Gillespie, Principal Researcher, Microsoft Research, “Censorship at scale: how social media platforms moderate public discourse”

March 1, 2016

Alain Pottage, Professor of Law, London School of Economics, “Property as participation”

March 30, 2016

Gina Neff, Associate Professor, University of Washington, “The Social Lives of Personal Data”

April 12, 2016

Mignon L. Clyburn, Commissioner, FCC, “Discussion”

April 19, 2016

Molly Sauter, PhD Student, McGill University, “Disruption as Radical Nostalgia”

April 26, 2012

Ben Kreimer, journalism technologist, BuzzFeed “New Tools and New Perspectives: Drones, Virtual Reality and Sensors”

Panels

Conferences

April 30 – May 1, 2016

Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference 4
“Ideas” Lunches

The ISP facilitates a series of ideas lunches that meet weekly. The ideas lunches consist of an informal gathering of student, fellows, faculty, and guest speaker to forge new ideas related to emerging issue in media law and technology. During this year (2015-2016), informal guest speakers led animated discourse on wide range of subjects, including:

**Laura Denardis**, Book talk

**Susannah W. Pollvogt**, Cupcake wars

**David Keyes**, Executive Director of Advancing Human Rights

**David Westin**, Prinicipal of Witherbee Holdings, LLC

**Ramesh Subramanian** on cryptocurrencies

**Lea Shaver**, Associat Professor Law at Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law

**Shlomit Yanisky-Ravid**, senior Professor of Law, Ono Academic Law School, OAC, Israel

**Anupam Chander**, Director of the California International Law Center at UC Davis

**Zhou Zhou**, Legal Counsel. WikiMedia Foundation

**Steven Wilf**, Intellectual Property Outlander in Late 19th Century America

**Hernandez Stroud**, PSRJ Resident Fellow

**Gerardo Con Diaz**, ISP Visiting Fellow

**David Karpf**, Assistant Professor of Media and Public Affairs, George Washington University

**Zackary Kaufman**, research projects involving legal and policy considerations of mass atrocities

**Chris Ali**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Media Studies, University of Virgininal
Amy Kapczynski, Professor of Law, Yale Law School, Patent and Eminent Domain Drug Pricing

Berin Szoka, FBI v Apple: Who Will, Should Win in Court, Congress?

Robert Haverly, Albany Law School, We, Cyborg

Philip N. Howard, professor and writer at the University of Washington

Frank Pasquale, Humane Automation: The Future Logic of Professionalism
FAIA: Foreign Affairs in the Internet Age

*Foreign Affairs in the Internet Age* is an initiative on how the Internet Age affects foreign affairs law, and how foreign affairs law affects the Internet. As a global entity, the Internet creates global problems and invites international regulation. The digital age changes how international law-making is conducted: it affects how we imagine accountability, secrecy, and democratic participation in treaty negotiations.

The initiative studies the ways that foreign policy affects Internet governance, and the ways that the Internet has changed how foreign policy is conducted. It represents a collaboration between the Information Society Project (ISP) and scholars of international law and politics at Yale Law School.

The Foreign Affairs in the Internet Age is led by the following Yale Law faculty members: Jack Balkin, David Grewal, Oona Hathaway, Amy Kapczynski.
FAIA Speaker Series:

October 13, 2015

Aynne Koskas, Assistant Professor, University of Virginia, “At the Crossroads between Cybersecurity and Trade Policy: Sino-US Digital Entertainment Collaboration”

October 19, 2015

Gerson Zweifach, Chief Compliance Officer, 20th Century Fox “Leaks and Hacks”

November 3, 2015

James Baker, General Counsel, FBI, “Going Dark: Encryption’s Challenges and Implications”

November 17, 2015

Eric Freedman, Director of the Knight Center for Environmental Journalism, Michigan State University, “Suppressing Cyber-dissent and the Limits of Human Rights Activism”

February 29, 2016

Nuala O’Connor, President & CEO, Center for Democracy and Technology, “Wither the Internet? Individual Liberty, Community and Surveillance”

March 23, 2016

Monroe Price, Director, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, “Free Expression, Global and the New Strategic Communication”
 Abrams Institute for Freedom of Expression

The Floyd Abrams Institute for Freedom of Expression at Yale Law School promotes freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and access to information as informed by the values of democracy and human freedom. The Abrams Institute is made possible by a generous gift from Floyd Abrams, one of the country's leading experts in freedom of speech and press issues, who both graduated from and has taught at Yale Law School. It is administered by the Information Society Project, directed by Professor Jack Balkin.

The Institute's mission is both practical and scholarly. It includes a clinic for Yale Law students to engage in litigation, draft model legislation, and advise lawmakers and policy makers on issues of media freedom and informational access. It promotes scholarship and law reform on emerging questions concerning both traditional and new media. The Institute also holds scholarly conferences and events at Yale on First Amendment issues and on related issues of access to information, Internet and media law, telecommunications, privacy, and intellectual property.

 Abrams Institute Activities 2015-2016

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND PANELS

October 17, 2015 – Right of Publicity Workshop

A closed workshop brought together practitioners and academics working on questions regarding the right of publicity and the First Amendment. The following topics were addressed: Current state of right of publicity law; Introduction to the current relationship of right of publicity to copyright, trademark and privacy principles; First Amendment theories relevant to thinking about right of publicity; The nature of the “right”; How is the “right” to be reconciled with the First Amendment?; Relationship to Copyright law; Relationship to Trademark law; Practical issues.

Participants included: Floyd Abrams, Rebecca Tushnet, Jennifer Rothman, Mark Lemley, Jack M. Balkin, Bruce Keller, Stacey Dogan, Lee Levine
November 2, 2015 – Abrams Institute First Amendment Salon: Reed v. Gilbert &
the Future of First Amendment Law

Dialogue featuring Floyd Abrams & Dean Robert Post on the topic of Reed v. Gilbert
and the Future of First Amendment Law. The discussion was moderated by Linda
Greenhouse, Knight Distinguished Journalist in Residence & Joseph Goldstein
Lecturer in Law at Yale, will guide their discussion. The event took place at Yale
Law School, and was streamed to remote locations in New York and Washington,
D.C. The discussion addressed the significance of the Supreme Court’s recent

March 24, 2016 – FOIA Bootcamp 2016:

The FOIA Bootcamp has become an annual program of the Abrams Institute and
Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic. It is open to members of the Yale
community and beyond, and draws attendance from local journalists, advocates,
activists, and others. The purpose of the bootcamp is to provide attendees with a
framework for understanding how FOIA can be used, and practical advice about how
best to use it.

This years’ speakers were David McCraw, VP & Assistant General Counsel at The
New York Times, and Raffi Khatchadourian, Staff Writer at The New Yorker.

David McCraw has served as lead litigation counsel in more than 25 freedom-of-
information suits brought by The Times in state and federal courts. He previously
served as Deputy General Counsel of The New York Daily News and a litigation
associate at Clifford Chance and Rogers & Wells. He has conducted workshops on
freedom-of-information issues in various countries in the Middle East, South
America, and Central and Eastern Europe as well as in Russia and China. He is a
graduate of the University of Illinois, Cornell University, and Albany Law School. Mr.
McCraw is an adjunct professor at the NYU School of Law.

Raffi Khatchadourian has been a staff writer at The New Yorker since 2008. His
work has also appeared in the Village Voice, The Nation, and the New York Times,
among other publications, and has been nominated and shortlisted for a number of
journalism and magazine writing awards. He has filed numerous FOIA requests in
connection with his investigative reporting, and has written on a wide range of
subjects. In 2005, he was a journalism fellow at the International Reporting Project,
based at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, in
Washington, D.C.
March 29, 2016 – **Abrams Institute First Amendment Salon: Hate Crimes, Cyberspace & the First Amendment**

Dialogue featuring University of Maryland Law School Professor Danielle Citron (author of Hate Crimes in Cyberspace) and Laura Handman, a media lawyer at the Davis Wright Tremaine firm. The discussion concerned the tension between robust protection for free speech and the proliferation of harassment, and worse, online. First Amendment lawyer Ilya Shapiro of the Cato Institute moderated their discussion. The event was hosted in Washington, D.C. and was streamed to remote locations in New York and New Haven.

April 30-May 1, 2016 – **FESC 4: Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference 4**

The Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference (FESC) took place at Yale Law School on April 30-May 1, 2016. Again this year, the conference brought together academics and practitioners to discuss their scholarly works-in-progress concerning freedom of speech, expression, press, association, petition, assembly, and related issues of knowledge and information policy.

Now in its fourth year, the FESC has become a fixture on the calendar of leading First Amendment thinkers nationwide and is the premier annual gathering of First Amendment scholars in the United States. As in past years, well over 50 leading First Amendment scholars and practitioners will be in attendance this year.

In fact, this years’ conference was the largest and most inclusive yet. 81 individuals participated in the conference, including approximately 10 practicing First Amendment lawyers. (In 2015, 62 people participated.) 31 papers were presented at the conference, authored (or co-authored) by 37 people. 27 individuals served as discussants, and approximately 20 individuals attended and actively participated in the workshop.

The conference is organized as a series of workshops and plenary sessions, offering participants an opportunity to receive substantive feedback through group discussion. As usual, the workshop sessions were lively discussions between and among authors, discussants, and audience participants.

June 13, 2016 – **Conference on Commercial Speech and the First Amendment**

This half-day conference will focus on the commercial speech doctrine, its changing and varying definitions, the regulation and potential liabilities based upon it, and the potential impact of *Sorrell* and *Reed*, two Supreme Court decisions that challenge it. The conference is oversubscribed, with far more people wishing to attend than
space to accommodate them. The conference is hosted at the law firm Davis, Wright & Tremaine, and co-sponsored by Avvo Inc., Cooley LLP, Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz PC, Greenberg Traurig LLP, and Levine Sullivan Koch & Schulz, LLP.

**INVITED SPEAKER SERIES**

October 27, 2015 – **Catherine Ross** – Lessons in Liberty: how schools and courts diminish democracy

Catherine Ross, Professor of Law at the George Washington University Law School, gave a lunchtime talk on the problem of censorship in schools, discussing her recent book, *Lessons in Censorship: How Schools and Courts Subvert Students’ First Amendment Rights*. The book argues that American public schools often censor controversial student speech that the Constitution protects. The book seeks to bring clarity to a bewildering array of court rulings that define the speech rights of young citizens in the school setting, from the 1940’s through the Warran years to the Roberts Court. The book examines disputes that have erupted in our schools and courts over the civil rights movement, war and peace, rights for LGBTs, abortion, immigration, evangelical proselytizing, and the Confederate flag. She argues that the failure of schools to respect civil liberties betrays their educational mission and threatens democracy.

March 23, 2016 – **Monroe Price** – Free Expression, Globalism and the New Strategic Communication

Monroe E. Price, director of the Center for Global Communication Studies (CGCS) at the Annenberg School for Communication, and the Joseph and Sadie Danciger Professor of Law and Director of the Howard M. Squadron Program in Law, Media and Society at the Cardozo School of Law, gave a lunchtime talk regarding his new book, *Free Expression, Globalism and the New Strategic Communications*. In the book, Professor Price introduces the concept of "narratives of legitimacy," their production, their functions, efforts to regulate them and their relation to current issues of media and national identity.

**MEDIA FREEDOM AND INFORMATION ACCESS CLINIC**

(See separate document describing the activities of the Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic)

**ABRAMS FELLOWS**

Jonathan Manes ’08 - Outgoing Abrams Clinical Fellow
Following three years as the Abrams Clinical Fellow, Mr. Manes will be joining the faculty of the University at Buffalo Law School as a Clinical Assistant Professor in fall 2016, where he will be teaching a clinic focused on issues of transparency, free speech, civil liberties. (See separate entry describing Mr. Manes’s activities over the course of the year.)

John Langford ’14 – Incoming Abrams Clinical Fellow

Mr. Langford graduated from Yale Law School in 2014, during which time he was an ISP student fellow, Knight Law & Media fellow, and a four-semester member of the Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic. Following his graduation, Mr. Langford served as an associate at WilmerHale in New York, NY for one year, and then clerked for the Hon. Robin S. Rosenbaum of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Mr. Langford will take up his position as Abrams Clinical Fellow in July 2016.

First Amendment Salons:

March 9, 2015, March 30, 2015

Conference:

May 2-3, 2015  Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference 3
Program for the Study of Reproductive Justice

The ISP’s Program for the Study of Reproductive Justice serves as a national center for academic research and development of new ideas to promote justice with respect to reproductive health issues, provide a supportive environment for young scholars interested in academic or advocacy careers focusing on reproductive rights and justice issues; and provide opportunities for communication between the academic and advocacy communities.

Our goals are to:

1. Increase scholarship on reproductive rights and justice issues;
2. Encourage the academic community to broaden the narrow focus of scholarship in reproductive rights and justice from the questions of whether Roe was correctly decided, to an examination of different factors that are necessary for justice in area of reproductive health policies;
3. Provide opportunities for fresh perspectives and new ideas to enter into the policy-making arena from the ivory tower, taking advantage of the strong interest of Yale Law School faculty in reproductive rights and the breadth of YLS scholarship in the area; and
4. Enrich the YLS environment by a) introducing more students to the breadth of scholarship on reproductive rights and the perspectives of advocates in the movement; and b) providing students with opportunities to develop their own scholarship and hone their advocacy skills working in reproductive rights.
PSRJ Speaker Series:

November 4, 2014

Maya Manian, Professor of Law, University of San Francisco School of Law, “The Consequences of Abortion Restrictions for Women’s Healthcare”

March 11, 2015

Caroline Corbin, Professor of Law, University of Miami School of Law, “Speech or Conduct? The Cupcake Wars”

April 22, 2015

Jonathan Will, Associate Professor of Law, Mississippi College of Law, “Beyond Abortion: Pre-Embryonic Personhood and the Constitutionality of Restrictions on Contraception”

Panels:

October 20, 2014

The Affordable Care Act & Antidiscrimination Law

The event will feature three speakers -- Mara Youdelman, managing attorney at the National Health Law Program (NHeLP); Emily Martin, vice president/general counsel for the National Women’s Law Center (NWLC); and Jessica Roberts, Professor of Law at University of Houston Law Center. The first two speakers, Mara and Emily, will discuss the history and current status of Section 1557, a far-reaching, but little discussed provision of the Affordable Care Act that incorporates a number of existing federal civil rights statutes (Title VI, Title IX, Sec. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the Age Discrimination Act) and applies them to federal health care programs and private entities receiving federal funds, such as doctors, hospitals, insurance companies, and pharmacies. While the Obama Administration has yet to issue regulations interpreting this provision, both NHeLP and NWLC and other organizations have begun filing law suits and administrative complaints alleging violations of the law.

The third speaker, Professor Roberts will then broaden the discussion and talk about how health status and health behaviors can be bases for discrimination, and how this can both overlap with and be different from the types of discrimination prohibited under Section 1557. We hope that Professor Roberts will talk about how the ACA helps and hurts attempts to limit this type of discrimination, and what sort of legal protections would be needed to fully address concerns of what she calls "healthism."
March 26, 2015

Griswold v. Connecticut, 50 Years Young; How Wonder Woman Fought for Birth Control

A conversation about past and future with JILL LEPORÉ, the David Woods Kemper ’41 Professor of American History at Harvard University and author of The Secret History of Wonder Woman (Knopf, 2014) and Yale Law Professors, Reva Siegel, Linda Greenhouse, William Eskridge, Jack Balkin.
FOIA Boot Camp

The FOIA Boot Camp offers practical strategies for requesting government records through Freedom of Information laws, with a focus on the federal Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Connecticut’s Freedom of Information (FOI) law. The program is designed for students, journalists, and interested members of the community.

This year’s speakers include David Sobel, Senior Counsel at EFF, and Lisa Siegal, Staff Attorney CT Freedom of Information Commission (FOIC)

The event is hosted by the Media Freedom & Information Access clinic and the Information Society Project at Yale Law School.

Monday, Feb. 23, 2015
6:00-8:00 pm
Room 120
Dinner will be provided
The VLP is administered by the Law School's Information Society Project (ISP), an intellectual center addressing the implications of the Internet and new information technologies for law and society, guided by the values of democracy, development, and civil liberties. The ISP’s work includes copyright, media law and policy, transparency, and privacy.

The VLP runs a year-long practicum that trains law students in the art of visual advocacy — making effective arguments through film; explores the intersection between law and film through multidisciplinary workshops, discussions with renowned guest speakers, and hands-on production; produces intellectually stimulating and well-researched films grounded in the stories of people who live out the consequences of the law; and is part of a rising community of students, lawyers, and filmmakers invested in visual advocacy.

Through the generous support of the Liebman Fund, the VLP was able to produce six short films and invite a number of experts to Yale Law School during 2014-2015.

**Production Accomplishments:**

The VLP currently has six films in production: two short films on veteran deportation; post-production and distribution of one half-hour film on immigration detention commissioned by Human Rights First (HRF); post-production and distribution of a feature on political computer hackers; post-production of a feature on reconciliation and government apologies for human rights abuses in Ireland’s Magdalene Laundries; and a short film on the student demonstration that was part of the nationwide protests against the shooting of Michael Brown in Missouri and choking of Eric Garner in New York at the hands of police.

1. Veteran Deportation Films
   The VLP successfully completed two production shoots of the subject, Mark Reid, a New Haven Army Reservist who is currently in a Massachusetts jail facing deportation to Jamaica for four drug convictions. It also completed an interview shoot with Professor Michael Wishnie, and a shoot to document a call with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The team storyboarded and edited a rough cut available at: https://vimeo.com/114519502 (password:
The VLP also recruited a student composer in the Yale School of Music to provide a soundtrack for the film. The group is in the process of determining a distribution and outreach strategy for this film.

2. Human Rights First (HRF) – documentary on immigration detention
The VLP fixed spelling and synching errors, and output a final high-resolution version of the film. The team waited for HRF to determine the proper distribution platform, and the team is now ready to upload the new film to VLP’s website.

3. Reality Hackers
The VLP successfully completed an original soundtrack for the feature film; increased resolution in post-production to full high definition (HD) quality images; gathered promotional materials for a website; created a poster, graphics, and titles for the film; completed color correction of the feature cut; solicited storyboarding feedback for a future broadcast version cut to 56 minutes; managed permissions and licensing for all third party images in the film; and began to submit the film to festivals.

4. Landscape of Change
The Magdalene Laundries film charts recent social changes in Ireland through the voices and lives of Irish mothers, teachers and activists. The film examines and discusses controversial subjects such as Ireland’s archaic anti-abortion legislation, and recent changes to divorce and homosexuality laws. As we follow the experiences of Louisa de Cossy, a young woman who grew up in Ireland, a story is told of a community of unknown activists who regenerated Irish society. Samples are available to view at: https://vimeo.com/22313142 and https://vimeo.com/16417967.

5. The VLP conducted a shoot for the student Die In demonstration, which took place in New Haven on December 5, 2014. YLS students joined hands with Yale University students and members of the public in a line that stretched four city blocks, and lied silently on the ground together for four and a half minutes (the time that the body of Michael Brown, Jr. was left lying in the street after he was shot and killed by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri). The team documented the demonstration and conducted outdoor interviews. The group plans to use this footage to edit a short piece on civil disobedience or to integrate it with the VLP’s archive of materials on community policing.
Speakers and Pedagogical Opportunities:

1. The VLP hosted Christoph Koettl, one of the leading professionals working on authentication issues for activist and witness videos with Amnesty International. Christoph came to work with and to teach VLP students about advocacy and outreach strategies for approximately two weeks in November 2014.
2. The VLP hosted a panel discussion on October 17, 2014, among Dean Post, Jack Balkin, and Peter Galison of Harvard University, on the role of new media in the academy.
3. The VLP hosted a screening of the rough cut of the hackers film for the law school community in September 2014, as part of a recruitment drive for new VLP members.
4. The group hosted former VLP alumnus Charles Vogl, co-founder of Broken English Productions LLC, in New York City, in October 2014, to speak about outreach and distribution strategy for film and activism campaigns.
5. In collaboration with the Poynter Fellowship of Journalism, the ISP and VLP hosted Nasser Diallo, a radio journalist from West Africa. Mr. Diallo spoke about freedom of speech and media production in Africa, at YLS on March 25, 2015.
Clinical Activities
Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic

The Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic (MFIA) is part of the Abrams Institute for Freedom and Expression and the Information Society Project at Yale Law School. The clinic is dedicated to increasing government transparency, defending 21st-century newsgathering, and protecting freedom of expression through impact litigation, direct legal services, and policy work. The is staffed by Yale Law School students—all of whom are Knight Law and Media Fellows—who provide pro bono representation to a diverse array of clients including independent journalists, news organizations, public interest and advocacy organizations, activists, researchers, and others.

The clinic is co-directed by Jack Balkin, Knight Professor of Constitutional Law and the First Amendment, and David Schulz, Abrams Visiting Clinical Lecturer in Law. The seminar component of the clinic is co-taught by Balkin, Schulz and Jonathan Manes, Abrams Clinical Fellow. The clinic’s casework is supervised by Schulz and Manes. The clinic also regularly partners with supervising attorneys outside the law school. Over the past year, clinic students have had the opportunity to work closely with the following practitioners:

- David McCraw, Assistant General Counsel, New York Times
- Jeremy Kutner, First Amendment Fellow, New York Times (and MFIA alumnus)
- Patrick Toomey, Staff Attorney, ACLU National Security Project
- Alexander Abdo, Staff Attorney, ACLU Speech, Privacy, and Technology Project
- Ashley Gorski, Nadine Strossen Fellow, ACLU National Security Project
- Jameel Jaffer, Deputy Legal Director, ACLU Center for Democracy
- Bernard J. Rhodes, Partner, Lathrop & Gage LLP
- David J. Bodney, Partner, Ballard Spahr LLP
- Chris Moeser, Of Counsel, Ballard Spahr LLP
- Daniel J. Klau, Of Counsel, McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter LLP
Over the past year, the MFIA Clinic has maintained a focus on the following four areas of litigation:

Government Operations and Transparency: Litigating rights of access to information that improves public understanding of government operations, including law enforcement activities, that promotes affirmative disclosure practices, or that enforces procedures intended to speed the release of information.

Constitutional Right of Access: Advocating for the First Amendment right of public access to official proceedings, official actions, and related records, including criminal, civil and administrative proceedings.

National Security and Democratic Oversight: Asserting statutory and constitutional rights of access to information and proceedings key to exercising democratic oversight of our nation’s security policies and actions.

Privacy, Infrastructure Freedom, and Free Speech: Litigating issues surrounding privacy, surveillance, access to and control over communications infrastructure, the legal obligations of intermediaries, and protecting 21st century newsgathering.

Brief descriptions of the cases the Clinic has pursued over the past year follow:

**Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic – 2016 Summary of Activities**

**REPORTS**


**AMICUS SUBMISSIONS**

Brief of Amicus Curiae Abrams Institute for Freedom of Expression, *Animal Legal Defense Fund v. Otter* (9th Circuit forthcoming) (arguing that First Amendment right to record is violated by Idaho “Ag-Gag” law that forbids unauthorized video of agricultural production facilities)
ONGOING AND COMPLETED LITIGATION

Significant victories and court decisions:

**Nicholas Merrill v. Loretta Lynch**, 2015 WL 9450650, __ F. Supp. 3d ___ (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 28, 2015) First Amendment challenge to gag order on National Security Letter recipient. The clinic asserted First Amendment challenges to the gag order, which had been in place since 2004 and was lifted only in part in 2010 following 6 years of litigation in which Mr. Merrill was represented by the ACLU. In response to the clinic’s renewed legal challenge, the Court invalidated the gag order in full, marking the first time a court has done so at least since the PATRIOT ACT was enacted in 2001. As a result of the Court’s ruling, Mr. Merrill was able to disclose that the FBI had used National Security Letters to obtain such sensitive information as cell-site locational information, online purchase records, and IP addresses. The Clinic obtained an award of $43,000 in attorney’s fees from the defendants in the case.

**SUK, Inc. v. Flushing Workers Center**, No. 155192/2013 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. N.Y. County 2016)

Together with co-counsel at the Urban Justice center, the clinic obtained voluntary dismissal of a defamation lawsuit that was filed against a group of car-service drivers by their former employer in retaliation for the workers’ public protests and advocacy against the employer’s practices. The lawsuit raised important questions regarding the First Amendment right of workers to express their opinions on working conditions, and to be protected against retaliatory lawsuits for engaging in public protests.


The clinic represents non-profit news organization Intellectual Property Watch FOIA lawsuit for access to information about negotiations over IP provisions of Trans-Pacific Partnership. The Court has upheld withholding of draft texts, but cast doubt on secrecy of USTR communications with industry advisors. The Clinic continues to litigate for access to both the draft texts and communications with industry advisors, particularly in light of the publication of the final text of the agreement and the eventual congressional vote to ratify. Clinic student Rebecca Wexler appeared in court in December 2015.

FOIA lawsuit for records about potentially abusive and discriminatory treatment of individuals in federal custody on terrorism-related charges. The clinic obtained court-ordered disclosure of a great deal of detailed inmate-level information regarding BOP’s practices. The clinic challenged BOP’s continuing refusal to disclose certain information and, while the Court upheld BOP’s determination in some respects, it ordered BOP to produce certain additional information and will conduct its own page-by-page review of other materials that may be improperly withheld. Human Rights Watch has published a report, Illusion of Justice: Human Rights Abuses in U.S. Terrorism Prosecutions, based in significant part on documents obtained with the clinic’s help. Clinic students Nicholas Handler and Ajay Ravichandran argued the summary judgment motions in July 2016.

Guardian News & Media LLC, et al. v. Missouri Department of Corrections, No. 14AC-CC0251 (Missouri Circuit Court 2016)

The clinic challenged the State of Missouri’s decision to keep secret the source of the drugs that it uses to execute inmates by lethal injection. Together with local counsel Bernard Rhodes (Latthrop & Gage LLP), the clinic succeeded in obtaining a judgment requiring the State of Missouri to disclose information about the source and quality of the drugs it uses to conduct executions by lethal injection, as well as the qualifications of those involved in procuring, testing, and administering the drugs. The clinic also obtained an order awarding attorney’s fees.

Crawford v. New York City Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications, 136 A.D.3d 591 (2016) The Clinic filed an appeal challenging a blanket sealing order in a FOIL lawsuit that had sought disclosure of information about the high speed internet infrastructure in New York City. The Court dismissed the appeal on technical jurisdictional grounds, and did not reach the merits of our challenge to the lawfulness of the blanket sealing order. Clinic student John Boeglin argued the appeal in January 2016.


The Clinic represents journalist Michael Grabell in a long-running FOIL lawsuit seeking disclosure of health, safety, and privacy-related information about NYPD’s use of unmarked x-ray backscatter vans. The trial court ordered the NYPD to disclose most of the information sought. The Appellate Court upheld the trial court’s
order with respect to the disclosure of health/safety information, but reversed trial court’s order requiring disclosure of policies, procedures, cost information, and other material. Clinic student Joshua Divine argued the appeal in January 2016.

**Ongoing active litigation:**


The clinic is co-counsel with the ACLU in FOIA litigation regarding electronic surveillance under Executive Order 12,333. The suit seeks disclosure of the rules that government EO 12,333 surveillance, reports of non-compliance with those rules, and related information. The Clinic engaged in extensive research and intensive drafting, preparing an opposition to the government omnibus motion for summary judgment.


The clinic represents a coalition of news organizations in a First Amendment lawsuit asserting a public right of access to information about the State of Arizona’s execution process, including the source and quality of the drugs used for lethal injection. The clinic amassed an extensive evidentiary record supporting the public’s right of access and completed summary judgment briefing, which awaits the court’s decision.

**New matters:**


The Clinic filed FOIA lawsuit on behalf of the Treatment Action Group and Global Health Justice Partnership seeking access to clinical trial data and related information about recently-approved Hepatitis C drugs Sovaldi and Harvoni. The FDA has sought to delay its response to the FOIA request for nearly two years, and the clinic has vigorously opposed FDA’s stalling in court and sought expedited treatment.

**Crawford v. New York City Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications**, No. 15700/2015 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. N.Y. County filed July 10, 2015)

Second FOIL lawsuit on behalf of Prof. Susan Crawford seeking disclosure of information about NYC high speed internet infrastructure in order to understand deficiencies in NYC’s infrastructure, to expose anti-competitive practices, and to foster increased competition. AT&T, RCN, Time Warner and Empire City Subway
(owned by Verizon) have all intervened in the case to oppose disclosure, citing concerns regarding possible competitive harm. Clinic student Stephen Stich argued the motions to intervene and motions to dismiss in court.


The Clinic represents freelance journalist Mattathias Schwartz in a FOIA lawsuit seeking information about how public access to the Guantanamo military commissions proceedings is censored. Clinic student Stephen Stich appeared in court to set a schedule for the defendant agencies to produce responsive documents.

**Motion to Intervene on behalf of Raymond Bonner, Husayn v. Gates**, No. 06-cv-1360 (D.D.C. filed April 2016)

The clinic filed a motion to unseal and declassify court filings in habeas petition of Guantanamo detainee Abu Zubaydah, the first and most prominent victim of torture, including waterboarding, at the hands of the CIA. In response the court has ordered the government to promptly review all sealed documents for declassification and release.

**ACLU Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court FOIA** (filed May 2016)

The clinic drafted a FOIA request seeking to determine whether the government is regularly publishing decisions of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court decisions, as required by the USA FREEDOM Act of 2015. This continues the clinic’s collaboration with the ACLU in efforts to establish a public right of access to the FISC’s important decisions interpreting surveillance laws and the Constitution.

**Motion to Intervene on behalf of New York Times, Victor v. NYC Office of Trials and Hearings**, No. 100890/2015 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. N.Y. County)

The clinic, working together with counsel at the New York Times, filed a motion to intervene and motion to dismiss seeking to maintain the public’s right to attend disciplinary hearings of prison guards conducted in New York City administrative tribunals.

**EVENTS**


Clinic students Yuriy Melnyk and Ethan Wong, and student directors Amanda Lynch and Divya Musinipally, organized the annual FOIA Bootcamp, which is a program of
the Abrams Institute and Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic. It is open to members of the Yale community and beyond, and draws attendance from local journalists, advocates, activists, and others. The purpose of the bootcamp is to provide attendees with a framework for understanding how FOIA can be used, and practical advice about how best to use it. This years’ speakers were David McCraw, Vice President & Assistant General Counsel at The New York Times, and Raffi Khatchadourian, Staff Writer at The New Yorker.

**NBC Universal / NBC News, April 22, 2016**

Students in the MFIA Clinic, together with clinic director David Schulz and Abrams Fellow Jonathan Manes, travelled to NBC headquarters in New York City to meet with the Vice President for Media Law at NBC Universal, David Sternlicht, other media lawyers at NBC News, as well as reporters, producers, and others directly involved in reporting and producing the news at NBC and MSNBC, including Chris Hayes. The trip allowed MFIA students to meet with and learn from practicing media lawyers, reporters and news producers, and to get an inside look at how a news organization functions and the role of lawyers in that context.

**RESEARCH GRANTS & FUNDING**

**2015: Knight Foundation and Stanton Foundation.** The Knight Foundation and Stanton Foundation together provided a significant five-year grant to the Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic, in order to support the clinic's director, to fund ongoing litigation expenses, to provide funding for marketing and outreach activities, and for other purposes.

**2016: Stanton Foundation** – The Stanton Foundation has awarded a separate grant to fund a Stanton First Amendment Fellow to work on litigation matters in the Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic.

**2016: Arnold Foundation, Collaboration for Research Integrity and Transparency.** Worked as integral part of interdisciplinary team from the Yale Law School’s Global Health Justice Partnership, Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic, Yale School of Medicine, and Yale School of Public Health to obtain significant funding for multi-year project to enhance the quality and transparency of the research base for medical products. The funding will support five new positions: program director, staff attorney, two fellows, and program administrator. Certain activities of the MFIA clinic, including ongoing litigation against the Food and Drug Administration to open up access to clinical trial data, will come within scope of the new Collaboration.
CLINIC PERSONNEL:

Jack Balkin, Knight Professor of Constitutional Law and the First Amendment. He is the founder and director of Yale’s Information Society Project. He also directs the Abrams Institute for Freedom of Expression and the Knight Law and Media Program at Yale. He has served as the director of the MFIA Clinic since its inception as a student-run practicum in 2009.

David A. Schulz, Clinic Director. David Schulz is a partner in the law firm Levine Sullivan Koch and Schulz LLP, a national trial and appellate practice representing news and entertainment media in defamation, privacy, newsgathering, access, intellectual property and related First Amendment matters. Mr. Schulz has been co-directing the MFIA Clinic with Professor Jack Balkin since 2009. Starting this year, Mr. Schulz is working in the clinic full time.

Jonathan Manes, Abrams Clinical Fellow (outgoing). Jonathan Manes completed his third year as the Abrams Clinical Fellow and Clinical Lecturer in the MFIA Clinic. Mr. Manes will be joining the faculty of the University at Buffalo School of Law as a Clinical Assistant Professor in fall 2016, where he will be teaching a clinic focused on transparency, free speech, civil liberties. (See separate entry describing Mr. Manes’s ISP activities.)

Hannah Bloch-Wehba, Stanton First Amendment Fellow (incoming). Hannah Bloch-Wehba will be the inaugural Stanton First Amendment Fellow in the MFIA Clinic beginning July 2016. She graduated from NYU School of Law in 2013. Ms. Bloch-Wehba worked as an associate at Baker Botts LLP, and served for two years as the Stanton National Security Fellow at the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.

John Langford, Abrams Clinical Fellow (incoming). John Langford graduated will begin as the Abrams Clinical Fellow in July 2016. He graduated from Yale Law School in 2014, during which time he was an ISP student fellow, Knight Law & Media fellow, and a four-semester member of the Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic. Mr. Langford served as an associate at WilmerHale and clerked for the Hon. Robin S. Rosenbaum of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit.

Amanda Lynch, Student Director (outgoing). Amanda Lynch participated in the MFIA clinic since her second semester of law school, and served as student director this year. Following graduation, she will clerk for the Hon. Marsha Berzon of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.
Divya Musinipally, Student Director (outgoing). Divya Musinipally participated in the MFIA clinic for three semester in law school, serving as student director of the clinic for the last two. Following graduation, she will clerk for the Hon. John Owens of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Yurij Melnyk, Student Director (incoming). Yurij Melnyk has been a member of the MFIA clinic for two semesters and will be a student director this year.

Andrew Udelsman, Student Director (incoming). Andrew Udelsman has been a member of the MFIA clinic for two semesters and will be a student director this year.
Courses
Information Society Project Courses and Reading Groups

Related Courses

Fall 2015, Spring 2016 Advanced Supreme Court Advocacy
Spring 2016 The Institutional Supreme Court
Linda Greenhouse

Fall 2015, Spring 2016
Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic
David Schulz, Jonathan Manes, Jack Balkin

Spring 2016 Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, and the Law
Jack Balkin

Reading Groups

Fall 2015

Telecommunications Law and Policy

Law and Technology

Spring 2016

Big Data and Global Media