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## EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (NYU) SCHOOL OF LAW ❖ New York, NY ❖ J.D., 2020

Honors: *NYU Law Review*, Senior Board - Diversity and Membership Editor  
Internships: Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) & Bredhoff & Kaiser, PLLC  
Activities: Student Advocate, NYU Technology Law and Policy Clinic  
Teaching Assistant, IL Contracts  
Research Assistant, Prof. Barry Friedman, Policing Project & Prof. Ira Rubinstein, NYU Information Law Institute (ILI)  
Woman of Color Collective & OUTLaw Social Chair

BROWN UNIVERSITY ❖ Providence, RI ❖ A.B. Religious Studies, with honors, A.B. Classics-Latin, 2017

Honors: McVickar Prize for Excellence in Religious Studies  
Royce Research Fellowship  
Activities: Varsity Women's Rugby Team, Starting Left Wing/Scrumhalf Alternate  
Women Peer Leader Program, Program Coordinator  
Brown Outdoor Leadership Training, Trip Leader and Gear Manager  
Thesis: *I Sing the Body Electric: The Syntheist Movement and Creating God in the Internet Age*  
Publications: *Neither a Man, Nor a Woman: Byzantine Conceptions of Gender Variance*.  
Brown Classical Journal 28 (2016): 157-63.

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

- ❖ *Primary interests:* Data Privacy Law (Biometric Data Focus), Surveillance Oversight, Participatory Methods in Artificial Intelligence (AI) Regulation, Movement/Community Lawyering, Constitutional Law, Criminal Procedure (Fourth Amendment)
- ❖ *Additional interests:* Civil Procedure (Art. III Standing), Private Ordering, Employment and Labor Law, Crimmigration Law, Critical Race Studies, Prison-Industrial Complex (PIC) Abolition

## PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

### *Agency Comments*

- ❖ *Comments of the Knowing Machines Research Project on Automated Worker Surveillance and Management*, 88 FED REG. 27,932, WHITE HOUSE OFF. SCI. AND

TECH. POL'Y (2023).

- ❖ *Comments of the Knowing Machines Research Project Regarding the Trade Regulation Rule on Commercial Surveillance and Data Security*, Docket No. FTC\_2022-0053, FED. TRADE COMM'N (2022).

#### *Amicus Briefs*

- ❖ Brief of Science, Legal, and Technology Scholars in Support of Plaintiffs, *Renderos et al. v. Clearview AI, Inc. et al.*, No. RG21096898 (Super. Ct. Alameda Cnty., Sept. 19, 2022).
- ❖ Brief of Center for Democracy & Technology and Electronic Privacy Information Center in Support of Plaintiff-Appellant and Reversal, *Sanchez v. Los Angeles Dep't of Transportation*, et al., No. 21-55285 (9th Cir., filed July 30, 2021).
- ❖ Brief of Electronic Frontier Foundation, American Civil Liberties Union, and Electronic Privacy Information Center in Support of Defendant-Appellant, *U.S. v. Morton*, No. 19-10842 (5th Cir., filed July 13, 2021).
- ❖ Brief of Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) In Support of Plaintiff-Appellee & In Support of Certification to the Illinois Supreme Court, *Cothron v. White Castle System, Inc.*, No. 20-3202 (7th Cir., June 4, 2021).
- ❖ Brief of Electronic Privacy Information Center in Support of Respondent, *Trans Union LLC v. Ramirez*, 594 U.S. \_\_ (filed Mar. 8, 2021).
- ❖ Brief of American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin Foundation, Electronic Frontier Foundation, and Electronic Privacy Information Center, *Wisconsin v. Burch*, 497 F.Supp.3d 290 (filed Mar. 4, 2021).
- ❖ Brief of Electronic Privacy Information Center, *Bozzi v. City of Jersey City et al.*, 434 N.J. Super. 326 (filed Dec. 14, 2020).
- ❖ Brief of Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) In Support of Defendant-Appellant, *Commonwealth v. Zachery*, 488 Mass. 95 (filed Oct. 16, 2020).
- ❖ Brief of Consumer Action, Consumer Federation of California, and the Electronic Privacy Information Center Supporting Petitioner, *Smith v. LoanMe, Inc.*, 11 Cal.5th 183 (filed July 20, 2020).

#### *Policy Advocacy Pieces*

- ❖ *Generative AI Legal Explainer*, KNOWING MACHINES (2023), <https://knowingmachines.org/knowing-legal-machines/legal-explainer>.
- ❖ *Clearview AI is Deploying a California Law Meant to Protect Activists from Bogus Lawsuits*, TECH POLICY PRESS (Aug. 15, 2023), <https://techpolicy.press/clearview-ai-is-deploying-a-california-law-meant-to-protect-activists-from-bogus-lawsuits/>.
- ❖ *Tell the White House to Limit AI-Driven Worker Surveillance*, TECH POLICY PRESS (June 27, 2023), <https://techpolicy.press/tell-the-white-house-to-limit-ai-driven-worker-surveillance/>.
- ❖ *The Government Cannot Force E-Mail Companies to Copy and Save Your Account "Just in Case,"* ACLU (Feb. 21, 2019), <https://www.aclu.org/news/privacy-technology/government-cannot-force-e-mail-companies-copy-and-save-your>.

#### *Academic Writing*

- ❖ *The Data Justice Movement* (in progress)
- ❖ *Digital Surveillance of Municipal School Teachers and Workers* (in progress; collaboration with the Surveillance Resistance Lab).

- ❖ *How Generative AI Systems Complicate Judicial Independence in Human Rights Courts* (in progress; collaboration with the U.N. Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers).

*Interviews on Legal Education*

- ❖ Jake Holland, *From Harvard to Berkeley, Clinics Train Next-Gen Tech Lawyers*, BLOOMBERG L. (Aug. 25, 2021), <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/us-law-week/from-harvard-to-berkeley-clinics-train-next-gen-tech-lawyers>.
- ❖ Emily Barer, *Leading Edge*, NYU L. MAG. (Sept. 4, 2019), <https://www.law.nyu.edu/news/students-law-technology>.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES (UCLA) SCHOOL OF LAW ❖ Los Angeles, CA ❖ Spring 2024–Fall 2025 (Incoming)

*UCLA Institute for Technology, Law and Policy Fellow and Lecturer*

Co-design and teach Information Policy Lab (one-semester simulation course for law students); develop and execute a teaching program including additional courses; support other aspects of the Institute’s institutional development.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (NYU) SCHOOL OF LAW ❖ New York, NY ❖ Spring 2022–Present

*Supervising Attorney, Technology Law and Policy Clinic*

Co-manage, instruct, and supervise the clinic. Developed and supervised popular tech law projects: (1) CFPB Complaint against fintech company; (2) model nonconsensual pornography deepfake bill in Illinois; (3) demand letter to AZ AG office concerning immigrant financial surveillance program; (4) amicus brief countering Clearview AI’s anti-SLAPP arguments in California court; (5) ACLU comments to DOJ request regarding police surveillance technologies. Developed a new seminar class on amicus strategy and brief writing. Taught a seminar class on biometric surveillance and resistance. Arranged guest speakers. Created and presented a panel at 2023 AALS Conference on Clinical Education titled, “Transformative tech Justice: Teaching Abolition in Tech Law & Policy Clinics”.

PROF. RICHARD R.W. BROOKS, NYU SCHOOL OF LAW ❖ New York, NY ❖ Fall 2018

*Teaching assistant, Contracts*

Prepared and reviewed assignments; conducted weekly mini-lectures to review material and provided additional study resources; mentored first-year students in contract law.

LEGAL AND OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

THE KNOWING MACHINES RESEARCH GROUP ❖ Washington, DC ❖ May 2022–Present

*Legal Research Fellow*

Develop independent research on biometric AI regulation through a data justice lens. Regularly collaborate with civil society groups and nonprofits including the SHARE Foundation, Surveillance Resistance Lab, and Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC). Primary author and filer of: (1) influential amicus brief of 20+ scholars and experts in a lawsuit against

Clearview AI; (2) FTC Comment on emotion recognition tools focused on harms to people of color and with disabilities; (3) White House OSTP Comment on worker surveillance; (4) United States Copyright Office Comment on generative AI training datasets and regulatory considerations. Additionally served as project manager and lead author of Knowing Machine's Generative AI Legal Explainer, published October 2023. Interviewed as a legal expert on facial and emotion recognition systems for a podcast episode.

THE HON. ARENDA L. WRIGHT ALLEN, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, E.D.V.A. ❖ Norfolk, VA ❖ 2021-2022

*Judicial Clerk*

Independently managed ~150 cases and operations with courthouse staff. Participated in 30+ criminal sentencing and supervised release hearings, analyzing objections, providing recommendations, and drafting scripts read from the bench. Participated in trial prep and management. Wrote orders disposing motions in civil cases ranging from property, personal injury, maritime, contract, IP, and constitutional disputes.

ELECTRONIC PRIVACY INFORMATION CENTER (EPIC) ❖ Washington, DC ❖ 2020-2021

*Appellate Advocacy Fellow*

Wrote several amicus briefs filed before appeals courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. Meticulously tracked all amicus activity, circulated amicus memos weekly, and presented to staff during litigation meetings. Identified cases of interest in state, federal, and international courts. Wrote memos on various tech privacy issues. Created short posts, case pages, and empirical figures for [epic.org](https://epic.org) (using html). Assigned and supervised law student intern projects and guided their professional development.

BAR ADMISSION/LANGUAGES

New York, 2020

Fluent English and Turkish; proficient Latin; beginner/conversational Spanish.

REFERENCES

Professor Jason Schultz  
NYU School of Law  
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Professor Amanda Levendowski  
Georgetown University Law Center  
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