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APPOINTMENTS

Johns Hopkins School of Government and Policy

Assistant Professor, 2026-Present

University of Oxford, Oxford Martin AI Governance Initiative

Law & AI Lead, 2026-Present

Researcher – Legal Alignment on Frontier AI, 2024-2026

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D. *cum laude*, May 2024

Activities: Jessup International Moot Court: World's Best Applicant Memorial & Applicant Side
Harvard International Law Journal, Executive Submissions Editor
Research Assistant to Professors Cass R. Sunstein and Mark Wu

Carleton College, B.A. *cum laude* in Political Science & International Relations, Jun. 2019

WORKING PAPERS

Can Claude Consent to its Own Constitution? AI Constitutionalism and the Paradox of Constituent Power, **SSRN** (Jun. 16, 2026).

Administrative Law's Fourth Settlement: AI and the Capability-Accountability Trap, **SSRN** (Jan. 10, 2026).

Position: AI Should Augment Institutions, Not Just Individuals (with Zachary Wojtowicz), **arXiv** (Apr. 2026).

PUBLICATIONS

Legal Alignment for Safe and Ethical AI (primary author with Noam Kolt; also with Jack Boeglin, Cullen O'Keefe, Rishi Bommasani, Stephen Casper, Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar, Noah Feldman, Iason Gabriel, Gillian K. Hadfield, Lewis Hammond, Peter Henderson, Atoosa Kasirzadeh, Seth Lazar, Anka Reuel, Kevin L. Wei, & Jonathan Zittrain), **TMLR** (2026).

Alignment as Jurisprudence, 27 **Yale Journal of Law & Technology** 390 (Sept. 2025).

"Quiet" Enjoyment: Uncovering the Hidden History of the Right to Attention in Private and Public, 28 **Stanford Technology Law Review** 120 (Jul. 2025).

(When) Should We Delegate AI Governance to AIs? Some Lessons from Administrative Law, **NeurIPS '25 Workshop on Regulatable Machine Learning** (non-archival, Dec. 2025).

Rules, Cases, and Reasoning: Positivist Legal Theory as a Framework for Pluralistic AI Alignment, **NeurIPS '24 Workshop on Pluralistic Alignment** (non-archival, Dec. 2024).

WHITE PAPERS

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Proceedings of the 2025 Workshop on Law-Following AI, **Institute for Law & AI** (secondary author, May 2026).

Safety Frameworks and Standards: A Comparative Analysis to Advance Risk Management of Frontier AI, **Oxford Martin AI Governance Initiative** (secondary author, Oct. 2025).

Verification for International AI Governance, **Oxford Martin AI Governance Initiative** (secondary author, Jul. 2025).

Risk Tiers: Towards a Gold Standard for Frontier AI, **Oxford Martin AI Governance Initiative** (primary author, Jun. 2025).

Governing AI Beyond the Pretraining Frontier, **arXiv** (Jan. 2025).

International Governance through Domestic Law in the Forthcoming UK Frontier AI Bill, **Oxford Martin AI Governance Initiative** (primary author, Dec. 2024).

PRESENTATIONS

Legal Alignment for Safe and Ethical AI, **FAR.AI** (Jun. 2026).

Poster: *Legal Alignment for Safe and Ethical AI*, **UC Berkeley CHAI Workshop '26** (Jun. 2026).

Legal Alignment for Safe and Ethical AI, **IASEAI '26 Cooperative AI Foundation/Brookings Workshop on Establishing Foundational Principles and Thresholds for Multi-Agent AI Governance** (Feb. 2026).

Legal Alignment for Safe and Ethical AI, **Meaning Alignment Institute** (Feb. 2026).

Legal Pathways to Regulation of AI Agents, **AAAI '26 (Singaporean Government Legal Working Group)** (Jan. 2026).

Poster: *(When) Should We Delegate AI Governance to AIs? Some Lessons from Administrative Law*, **NeurIPS '25 Workshop on Regulatable Machine Learning** (Dec. 2025).

Legal Theory as Alignment Method, **Forethought Foundation** (May 2025).

Law as Alignment, **Inaugural Roundtable on AI Safety Law of the Center for Law and AI Risk, University of Alabama** (Apr. 2025).

Legal Pathways to Accountable AI, **Lorong AI (Singaporean Government)** (Apr. 2025).

Poster: *Alignment from Rules and Cases*, **FAR.AI Alignment Workshop at ICLR '25** (Apr. 2025).

Poster: *Legal Theory for Pluralistic Alignment*, **NeurIPS '24 Workshop on Pluralistic Alignment** (Dec. 2024).

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SERVICE

Area Chair of the **NeurIPS '26 Position Paper Track**; **ICML '26 Workshop on Technical AI Governance**

Program Committee Member of the **ICML '25 Workshop on Technical AI Governance**.

Reviewer for **IASEAI '26 Law and Regulation Track**; **NeurIPS '25 Workshop on Regulatable ML**; **NeurIPS '24 Workshop on Pluralistic Alignment**.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Knight First Amendment Institute, *Legal Intern*, New York, NY Summer 2023

Institute for Law & AI, *Summer Research Fellow*, New York, NY Summer 2023

Berkman Klein Ctr. for Internet and Society, *Cyberlaw Clinical Student*, Cambridge, MA Fall 2022

Digital Freedom Fund, *Chayes Fellow*, Berlin, Germany Summer 2022

Harbinger Debate Academy, *Debate Coach*, Shanghai, China 2020-2021

National High School Debate League of China, *League Co-Director*, Beijing, China 2019-2020

BAR ADMISSION

District of Columbia.

LANGUAGES

French (advanced), Mandarin Chinese (HSK 4 [advanced-intermediate]).