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EMPLOYMENT AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

GEORGE WASHINGTON LAW SCHOOL, 2023-present.

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Affiliated Faculty, GW Center for Law and Technology*

CYBER CIVIL RIGHTS INITIATIVE, 2013-present (founding member).

President, 2018-present; Legislative & Tech Policy Director, 2014-present; Vice-President, 2014-2018.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO FORUM FOR FREE INQUIRY AND EXPRESSION, April 2026.

Faculty Fellow

YALE LAW SCHOOL INFORMATION SOCIETY PROJECT, 2019-present.

Affiliate Fellow

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SCHOOL OF LAW, 2010-2023.

*Michael R. Klein Distinguished Scholar Chair, 2021-2023; Dean's Distinguished Scholar, 2019-2021.
Professor of Law, 2015-2023. Associate Professor of Law, 2010 - 2015.*

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, 2016-2023.

Affiliated Faculty, Philosophy Department

JOHN S. AND JAMES L. KNIGHT FOUNDATION, 2021.

Knight Visiting Scholar (curated research and convened symposium on the Internet and democracy)

UNIVERSITY OF NAVARRA, PAMPLONA, SPAIN, Fall 2013.

Visiting Professor. Subject: U.S. Criminal Law

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL, 2008 - 2010.

Bigelow Fellow and Lecturer in Law; Faculty Affiliate, Center for Gender Studies

THE SAB NEGOTIATION GROUP, 2007 - 2009. Senior Consultant and Trainer

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Fall 2005 - June 2008

Lecturer, Dept. of Social Studies; Teaching Fellow, Government, Philosophy, and English Depts

DEBEVOISE AND PLIMPTON, NEW YORK, 2006. Summer Associate

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC), THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS, Summer 2005.

Law Clerk/Visiting Professional, Office of the Prosecutor (Investigations Division)

QUINCY COLLEGE, MASSACHUSETTS, 2004 -2005. Adjunct Faculty, Department of Humanities

Subjects: Ethics, Introduction to Philosophy, World Religions

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, JD, 2007 (CUM LAUDE)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY, OXFORD, ENGLAND, DPHIL., MPhil. (DISTINCTION)

Rhodes Scholar, Louisiana and Wadham 1999

- *D. Phil., Modern Languages and Literature*, January 2004
Examination Fields: Continental philosophy (ethics), psychoanalytic theory, gender theory
- *M. Phil., European Literature (French and German)*, June 2001.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS, B.A., MAY 1999 (SUMMA CUM LAUDE)

Philosophy and English Literature double major, Classics minor

AREAS OF SPECIALTY

First Amendment (free speech), law and technology, image-based sexual abuse, Section 230, criminal law & procedure, Second Amendment, family law.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

FEARLESS SPEECH: BREAKING FREE FROM THE FIRST AMENDMENT, Bold Type Books (Hachette Book Group) (2024)

Finalist for the 2026 Bech-Loughlin First Amendment Center Excellence in Free Speech Scholarship Award

THE CULT OF THE CONSTITUTION: OUR DEADLY DEVOTION TO GUNS AND FREE SPEECH, Stanford University Press (2019, paperback 2020)

Winner of the 2020 Independent Publisher Book Award Gold Medal, the 2020 Association of American Publishers PROSE Excellence Award in Social Sciences, and the AAP 2020 PROSE Award in Legal Studies.

Book Chapters

1. *Little Fascists Everywhere: The National Socialist Playbook of Trump's War on Universities*, ACADEMIC FREEDOM IN THE ERA OF TRUMP (Lee Bollinger and Geoffrey Stone, eds, Oxford Univ. Press, forthcoming 2026).
2. *Shouting FIRE in a Crowded Classroom: Fueling the Threat to Academic Freedom While Claiming to Fight It*, CONTROLLING IDEAS: ACADEMIC FREEDOM, GOVERNANCE, AND PUBLIC LIFE IN US HIGHER EDUCATION (Barrett Taylor, Timothy Reese Cain, Demetri L. Morgan, eds, Rutgers Univ. Press, forthcoming 2026).
3. *The Criminalization of Non-consensual Pornography in the U.S.* in CRIMINALISING INTIMATE IMAGE ABUSE (Gian Marco Caletti & Kolis Summerer, eds., Oxford Univ. Press) (2024).
4. *The Free Speech Industry*, in SOCIAL MEDIA, FREEDOM OF SPEECH, AND THE FUTURE OF OUR DEMOCRACY (Lee Bollinger & Geoffrey Stone, eds., Oxford Univ. Press, 2022).
5. *The Crime of "Revenge Porn"* in APPLIED ETHICS IN CRIMINAL LAW (Lawrence Alexander & Kimberly Ferzan, eds., Palgrave Macmillan, 2019).

6. *A Thousand and One Stories: Mythology and the #MeToo Movement* in #METOO AND THE POLITICS OF SOCIAL CHANGE (Bianca Fileborn & Rachel Loney-Howes, eds., Palgrave Macmillan, 2019).
7. *Beyond 'Free Speech for the White Man': Feminism and the First Amendment*, in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON FEMINIST JURISPRUDENCE (Cynthia Bowman & Robin West, eds., Elgar's Legal Theory Research Encyclopedia Series, 2019).
8. *Not Where Bodies Live: The Abstraction of Internet Expression*, in FREE SPEECH IN THE DIGITAL AGE (Susan Brison & Katharine Gelber, eds., Oxford Univ. Press, 2019).
9. *Injury Inequality*, in INJURY AND INJUSTICE: THE CULTURAL POLITICS OF HARM AND REDRESS (Anne Bloom et al, eds., Cambridge Univ. Press, 2018).
10. *How to Stop Online Harassment*, in MEDIATING MISOGYNY: GENDER, TECHNOLOGY, AND HARASSMENT (Palgrave, 2018).
11. *How Stand Your Ground Laws Hijacked Self-Defense*, in GUNS AND CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY: THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF FIREARMS AND FIREARM POLICY, VOL. 3 (ABC-CLIO, 2015).
12. *Where the Law Lies: The Costs of Constitutional Fictions*, in LAW AND LIES: DECEPTION AND TRUTH-TELLING IN THE AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM (Austin Sarat, ed., Cambridge Univ. Press, 2015).
13. *Real Men Advance, Real Women Retreat: Stand Your Ground, Battered Women's Syndrome, and Violence as Male Privilege*, in WOMEN AND THE LAW (Tracy A. Thomas, ed., Thomson Reuters, 2015)
14. *An-aesthetic Theory: Adorno, Sexuality, and Memory*, in FEMINIST INTERPRETATIONS OF ADORNO (Penn State Press, 2006).
15. *(Porno)Graphic Depictions: Manufacturing an Erotics of Identity*, in IMAGE INTO IDENTITY (Rodopi, 2006).
16. *Von Sex und Andere Akte (Of Sex and Other Acts)*, in ÜBER ZIZEK: PERSPEKTIVEN UND KRITIKEN (Turia + Kant, 2004).
17. *Controlled Exposure: Gustave Courbet's 'L'origine du monde' and the Woman-Thing*, in EXPOSURE: REVEALING BODIES, UNVEILING REPRESENTATIONS (Peter Lang, 2004).
18. *Obscene Undersides: Women and Evil between the Taliban and the US*, in FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY AND THE PROBLEM OF EVIL (Indiana Univ. Press, 2007) (originally published in the peer-reviewed journal HYPATIA: A JOURNAL OF FEMINIST PHILOSOPHY 18:1, 2003).
19. *Obscene Supplements, or, what we talk about when we talk about death*, in POSTMODERN PRODUCTIONS (Lit Verlag, 2001).

Articles and Essays

1. *First They Came for the Students: The Authoritarian Repression of Campus Protest*, GEO. WASH. L. REV. (forthcoming 2026)
2. *Free Speech Coalition v. Paxton: The Supreme Court Pretends to Think of the Children*, GEO. WASH.

- L. REV. ON THE DOCKET, July 31, 2025.
3. *US v. Rahimi*, Originalism’s Loaded Weapon, and the Lost Boys of the Supreme Court, 22 OHIO ST. J. CRIM. L. 187 (2025).
 4. *United States v. Rahimi*: Resisting the “Suicide Pact” For Now, GEO. WASH. L. REV. ON THE DOCKET, Aug. 13, 2024 (with Joan Meier).
 5. *The Supreme Court as Death Panel: The Necropolitics of Bruen and Dobbs*, 98 NYU L. REV. 1881 (2023).
 6. *How Stalking Became Free Speech*: Counterman v. Colorado and the Supreme Court’s Continuing War on Women, GEO. WASH. L. REV. ON THE DOCKET (July 28, 2023).
 7. *How Law Schools Can Fight for Fearless Speech*, 51 HOFSTRA L. REV. 613 (2023).
 8. *The Lost Cause of Free Speech*, 2 J. OF FREE SPEECH LAW 327 (2023).
 9. *Freedom From Speech*, 20 GEO. J. L. & PUB. POL’Y 865 (2022).
 10. *Speaking of Women: Feminism and Free Speech*, SIGNS: JOURNAL OF WOMEN IN CULTURE AND SOCIETY (*Feminist Frictions: Key Concepts and Controversies* series, 2022)
 11. *Beyond the Public Square: Imagining Internet Democracy*, 131 YALE L. J. F. 427 (2021).
 12. *Book Talk: The Cult of the Constitution*, 13 CONLAWNOW 33 (2021).
 13. *The Internet as a Speech Machine and Other Myths Confounding Tech Policy Reform*, 2020 U. CHI. LEGAL F. 45 (2020) (with Danielle Keats Citron).
 14. *The Second Amendment’s Safe Space, or The Constitutionalization of Fragility*, 83 LAW & CONTEMP. PROBS. 137 (2020).
 15. *How the Internet Unmakes the Law*, 16 OHIO STATE TECH. L. J. 10 (2020).
 16. *The Miseducation of Free Speech*, 105 VA. L. REV. ONLINE 218 (2019) (Symposium issue: Speech Inside the Schoolhouse Gates: 50 Years After *Tinker v. Des Moines*).
 17. *Witch Hunts: #MeToo, Free Speech, and the Fear of Women’s Words*, 2019 U. CHI. LEGAL F. 123 (2019)
 18. *Sex, Lies, and Videotape: Deep Fakes and Free Speech Delusions*, 78 MARYLAND L. REV. 892 (2019) (with Ari Waldman).
 19. *Fearless Speech*, 17 FIRST AMEND. L. REV. 294 (2019).
 20. *Revenge Porn Reform: A View from the Front Lines*, 69 FLA. L. REV. 1251 (2018).
 21. *The Desert of the Unreal: Inequality in Virtual and Augmented Reality*, 51 U. C. DAVIS L. REV. 499 (2017).
 22. *Democratic Surveillance*, 30 HARV. J.L. & TECH 425 (2017).

23. *Men, Women, and Optimal Violence*, 3 U. ILL. L. REV. 929 (2016).
24. *Real Men Advance, Real Women Retreat: Stand Your Ground, Battered Women's Syndrome, and Violence as Male Privilege*, 68 MIAMI L. REV. 1099 (2014) (11th Circuit issue).
25. *I Am/I Am Not: On Angela Harris's Race and Essentialism in Feminist Legal Theory*, 102 CAL. L. REV. 1053 (2014) (Festschrift for Angela Harris).
26. *Criminalizing Revenge Porn*, 49 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 345 (2014) (with Danielle Keats Citron)
27. *How to Feel Like a Woman, or, Why Punishment is a Drag*, 61 UCLA L. REV. 566 (2014).
28. *Sexual Harassment 2.0*, 71 MARYLAND L. REV. 655 (2012).
29. *When Bad Speech Does Good*, 43 LOY. CHI. L. J. 395 (2012) (Symposium issue).
30. *Lies, Damned Lies, and Judicial Empathy*, 51 WASHBURN L. J. 61 (2011) (response to Susan Bandes's Foulston Siefkin Lecture).
31. *Unwilling Avatars: Idealism and Discrimination in Cyberspace*, 20 COLUM. J. GENDER & L. 224 (2011); excerpted in INTERNET LAW: CASES AND PROBLEMS (James Grimmelman, ed.).
32. *The Banality of Cyber Discrimination, or, The Eternal Recurrence of September*, 87 DU PROCESS 5 (2010) (symposium issue).
33. *Remote Locutions: Mediation, Alienation, and Superfluity in Cyberspace Ideology*, JANUS HEAD: J. OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES IN LITERATURE, CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY, PHENOMENOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY, & THE ARTS (Duquesne University, peer-reviewed journal) 1:3 (1999).

Selected Short Essays, Op-eds, Online Symposia

1. *From Watchdogs to Lapdogs: Selling Out the Fourth Estate for Scraps at Trump's Table*, Balkinization, June 23, 2025.
2. *Curating Cyberspace: Rights, Responsibilities, and Opportunities*, Just Security, May 14, 2025.
3. *The Witch Hunts of the 1600s Never Really Ended*, Ms. Magazine, Oct. 18, 2024.
4. *In U.S. v. Rahimi, Domestic Violence Victims Live to Die Another Day*, Ms. Magazine, June 21, 2024.
5. *Idaho's EMTALA Challenge Has Got Women Dead to Rights*, Ms. Magazine, April 19, 2024.
6. *The Abortion Pill and the Hypocritical Oath*, Ms. Magazine, March 28, 2024.
7. *The Constitution as a Homicide Pact*, Ms. Magazine, Dec. 5, 2023.
8. *The Supreme Court Just Legalized Stalking*, Slate, July 6, 2023.
9. *Chief Justice John Roberts' Mockery of Stalking Victims Points to a Deeper Problem*, Slate, April 21, 2023.

10. *Who Pays for Cheap Speech?* Balkinization Symposium on Richard L. Hasen's CHEAP SPEECH, April 10, 2022.
11. *Redo the First Two Amendments*, BOSTON GLOBE, Dec. 2021.
12. *Section 230 and the Anti-Social Contract*, LAWFARE, Feb. 2021.
13. *Reforming Section 230 and Platform Liability*, Cyber Policy Recommendations for the New Administration, STANFORD CYBER POLICY CENTER, Jan. 27, 2021.
14. *The End of Philanthropy*, KNIGHT/KETTERING SERIES ON DEMOCRACY AND CIVIC LIFE: What is the Long Game for Philanthropy? Nov. 2020.
15. *A Dangerous Form of Unanswerable Speech*, BOSTON GLOBE, Oct. 12, 2020.
16. *The Utter Incoherence of Trump's Battle with Twitter*, THE ATLANTIC, May 30, 2020.
17. *Cyber Civil Rights in the Time of Covid-19*, HARV. L. REV. BLOG, May 14, 2020 (with Danielle Keats Citron).
18. *Constitutional Reckoning*, BALKINIZATION, Dec. 10, 2019.
19. *Congress Failed Katie Hill*, NEWSWEEK, Nov. 4, 2019.
20. *Katie Hill's Staffer Deserves Better Than This*, SLATE, Oct. 31, 2019.
21. *Nude Photos of Katie Hill Had Nothing to Do with Her Conduct*, WASH. POST, Oct. 30, 2019
22. *Our Collective Responsibility for Mass Shootings*, NEW YORK TIMES, Oct. 9, 2019.
23. *The Free Speech Black Hole: Can the Internet Escape the Gravitational Pull of the First Amendment?* KNIGHT FIRST AMENDMENT INSTITUTE, Aug. 2019.
24. *Evaluating New York's 'Revenge Porn' Law: A Missed Opportunity to Protect Sexual Privacy*, HARV. L. REV. BLOG (April 23, 2019) (with Danielle Keats Citron).
25. *The Free Speech Fraternity*, FIRST AMENDMENT NETWORK, Concurring Opinions (Sept. 2018).
26. *Moral Hazard on Stilts: 'Zeran's' Legacy*, THE RECORDER, Law.com (Nov. 10, 2017).
27. *The Conversation We Need to Have About Revenge Porn*, REFINERY29, March 30, 2017.
28. *Revenge Porn is not free speech*, PROVIDENCE JOURNAL, Dec. 21, 2016.
29. *It's Time for Congress to Protect Intimate Privacy*, HUFF. POST, July 18, 2016.
30. *Fears of attack on free speech are groundless*, PROVIDENCE JOURNAL, June 10, 2016.
31. *Why Hulk vs. Gawker is not About Privacy vs. Free Speech*, HUFF. POST, March 23, 2016.
32. *Unequal Exposure*, CONCURRING OPINIONS ONLINE SYMPOSIUM on Bernard Harcourt's *Exposed:*

Desire and Disobedience in the Digital Age, March 18, 2016.

33. *Censoring Women*, BOSTON U. L. REV. ANNEX: Online Symposium on Danielle Citron's *Hate Crimes in Cyberspace*, Oct. 2015.
34. *Who's Afraid of "Hot Girls"?* HUFF. POST, June 26, 2015.
35. *How to Defeat Revenge Porn: First, Recognize It's About Privacy, Not Revenge*, HUFF. POST, June 22, 2015.
36. *Supreme Court May Have Made Online Abuse Easier*, TIME, June 3, 2015 (with Soraya Chemaly).
37. *The ACLU's Frat House Take on "Revenge Porn."* HUFF. POST, April 1, 2015.
38. *Why Nonconsensual Porn Should be a Sex Crime*, DAILY DOT, Oct. 9, 2014.
39. *The Need for Sexual Privacy Laws*, BROOKINGS INSTITUTION, Sept. 9, 2014.
40. *Precautions and Privacy*, NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, Sept. 3, 2014
41. *The Internet's Privacy Hypocrisy*, DAILY DOT, Sept. 3, 2014.
42. *The Many Ways Twitter is Bad at Responding to Abuse*, THE ATLANTIC, Aug. 14, 2014.
43. *Presumed Unworthy*, HUFF. POST, Aug. 13, 2014.
44. *Does California's "Revenge Porn" Law Pass Muster?* DAILY JOURNAL, May 6, 2014.
45. *It's Simple: Criminalize Revenge Porn, Or Let Men Punish Women They Don't Like*, THE GUARDIAN, April 17, 2014 (with Danielle Citron).
46. *Stand Your Ground's Woman Problem: Laws Expanding Self-Defense Raise Questions about Gender as Well as Race*, HUFF. POST, March 3, 2014.
47. *Why Revenge Porn Must be a Crime*, NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, Feb. 26, 2014.
48. *We Need New Laws to Put a Stop to Revenge Porn*, THE INDEPENDENT, Feb. 23, 2014.
49. *Free Speech Elitism: Harassment is not the Price 'We' Pay for Free Speech*, HUFF. POST, Jan. 23, 2014.
50. *The Lawless Internet? Myths and Misconceptions about CDA Section 230*, HUFF. POST, Dec. 18, 2013.
51. *More Thoughts on the Dangerous Fragility of Men*, CONCURRING OPINIONS, March 4, 2013.
52. *The Dangerous Fragility of Men*, CONCURRING OPINIONS, Feb. 28, 2013.
53. *Why We Need a Federal Criminal Law Response to Revenge Porn*, CONCURRING OPINIONS, Feb. 15, 2013.
54. *Why You Can't Punch a Boxer in the Face When He Asks You for Directions: Consent, Context, and*

Humanity, CONCURRING OPINIONS, Feb. 9, 2013.

55. *Adventures in Victim Blaming: Revenge Porn Edition*, CONCURRING OPINIONS, Feb. 1, 2013.
56. *The Normative Jurisprudence of Creepshots* (contribution to symposium on Robin West's NORMATIVE JURISPRUDENCE), CONCURRING OPINIONS, Oct. 22, 2012.
57. *The Sext Wars: Consent, Secrecy, and Privacy*, CONCURRING OPINIONS, March 31, 2011.
58. *For the Love of Hate: Why We Have Little to Fear From the Westboro Baptist Church*, CONCURRING OPINIONS, March 8, 2011.
59. *That Obscure Object of Concern: Selective Feminism and the Rise of Anti-Sharia Laws*, CONCURRING OPINIONS, Feb. 16, 2011.
60. *There are No Children in Afghanistan*, CONCURRING OPINIONS, Feb. 4, 2011.
61. *A Philosopher and a Psychoanalysis Walk into a Classroom, Redux*, PRAWFSBLAWG, Jan. 31, 2011.

Book Reviews

1. *For the NRA's leaders, lives of privilege and private security* (Reviewing Tim Mak, MISFIRE: INSIDE THE DOWNFALL OF THE NRA) WASH. POST, Dec. 23, 2021.
2. *Unpoliced* (Reviewing Barry Friedman, UNWARRANTED: POLICING WITHOUT PERMISSION) 53 NEW ENG. L. REV. 217 (2019).
3. *Justice Beyond Dispute* (Reviewing Ethan Katsh & Orna Rabinovich-Einy, DIGITAL JUSTICE: TECHNOLOGY AND THE INTERNET OF DISPUTES) 131 HARV. L. REV. 1374 (2018).
4. *What's Left of Pleasure?* (Reviewing Janet Halley, SPLIT DECISIONS: HOW AND WHY TO TAKE A BREAK FROM FEMINISM) 30 HARV. J. L. & GENDER 257 (2007).
5. *Guantánamo Forever: U.S. Sovereignty and the Unending State of Exception* (Reviewing Brandt Goldstein, STORMING THE COURT: HOW A BAND OF YALE LAW STUDENTS SUED THE PRESIDENT-AND WON) 1 HARV. L. & POL'Y REV. 259 (2007).

LEGISLATIVE, ADVOCACY, AND CONSULTING WORK

Legislation and Advocacy

Advisor to members of Congress on legislation relating to online privacy, interstate threats, sexually explicit digital forgeries ("deepfakes"), doxing, Section 230 reform, stalking, and sexual extortion, including:

- *Tools to Address Known Exploitation by Immobilizing Technological Deepfakes on Websites and Networks (TAKE IT DOWN) Act*, signed into law on May 19, 2025.
- *Stopping Harmful Image Exploitation and Limiting Distribution (SHIELD) Act* (bipartisan federal criminal legislation to prohibit the unauthorized distribution of private intimate imagery)
- *Preventing Deepfakes of Intimate Images Act of 2024* (bipartisan federal legislation establishing criminal and civil penalties for the unauthorized distribution of sexually explicit digital forgeries)

Drafted first model U.S. criminal statute on the unauthorized distribution of intimate images (non-consensually

distributed intimate imagery, sometimes called “revenge porn”) in 2013, which became the template for multiple U.S. state and federal laws (2013).

Assisted legislators in 30+ states and the District of Columbia in drafting, evaluating, or testifying regarding legislation against non-consensual distribution of intimate images (2013-present).

Drafted model statute on digital forgeries (also known as “deepfakes,” or digitally manipulated audio-visual material) used as a template for Illinois HB2123, the Digital Forgeries Act (introduced Feb. 2023).

Uniform Law Commission (ULC), Study Committee on Deepfakes, Observer (2023-2024).

Uniform Law Commission (ULC) Enactment Committee for the 2018 *Uniform Civil Remedies for the Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act*, Member (Aug. 2018-present).

Uniform Law Commission (ULC) Reporter, 2018 *Uniform Civil Remedies for the Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act*. (2016-18).

Amicus Briefs (primary drafter)

1. *U.S. v. Rahimi* (U.S. Supreme Court, 2023) (urging acknowledgement that *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Org.* (2022) requires the conclusion that no text, history, or tradition supports an individual constitutional right to gun possession and thus both *NYSRPA v. Bruen* (2022) and *D.C. v. Heller* (2008) must be overruled).
2. *Counterman v. Colorado* (U.S. Supreme Court, 2023) (First Amendment Scholars’ brief supporting Colorado’s objective intent test for stalking convictions).
3. *Gonzalez v. Google* (U.S. Supreme Court, 2022) (urging overruling of existing lower-court caselaw that mistakenly interprets 47 U.S.C. § 230 as granting technology companies virtually limitless immunity).
4. *Indiana v. Katz* (Indiana Supreme Court, 2021) (defending constitutionality of state nonconsensual pornography statute).
5. *AFT Michigan v Project Veritas* (Michigan Supreme Court, 2021) (supporting all-party consent interpretation of Michigan eavesdropping law).
6. *Dababneh v. Lopez* (Third Appellate District, Cal. App. 2020) (supporting First Amendment rights of sexual assault survivors against retaliatory defamation suits).
7. *Minnesota v. Casillas* (Minnesota Supreme Court, 2020) (defending constitutionality of state nonconsensual pornography statute).
8. *Daniel v. Armslist* (U. S. Supreme Court, 2019) (supporting plaintiff’s petition for United States Supreme Court certiorari, arguing that Section 230 does not immunize online firearms marketplace for the design of its website).
9. *Illinois v. Bethany Austin* (Illinois Supreme Court, 2019) (defending constitutionality of state nonconsensual pornography statute).
10. *Daniel v. Armslist* (Wisconsin Supreme Court, 2019) (supporting lower court ruling that Section 230 does not offer complete immunity to online firearms marketplace).

11. *Ex parte Jordan Bartlett Jones* (Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, 2019) (defending constitutionality of state nonconsensual pornography statute).
12. *Vermont v. Rebekah S. VanBuren* (Vermont Supreme Court, 2017) (defending constitutionality of state nonconsensual pornography statute).

Governmental Hearings, Briefings, Panels, and Convenings

Federal

U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Hearing on the “Censorship Industrial Complex,” March 26, 2025 (in-person and written testimony).

White House States Convening on AI-Generated Non-Consensual Intimate Imagery, Dec. 12, 2024.

U.S. House of Representatives Small Business Committee Hearing, “Under the Microscope: Examining the Censorship-Industrial Complex and its Impact on American Small Businesses,” June 26, 2024 (in-person and written testimony).

White House Convening on the One-Year Anniversary of National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence, May 15, 2024.

U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology Hearing, “Where Are We Now: Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act of 1996,” April 11, 2024 (in-person and written testimony).

U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation Hearing, “Addressing Real Harm Done by Deepfakes,” March 12, 2024 (written testimony).

White House Roundtable on AI Safety & Solutions for Image-Based Sexual Abuse, Nov. 13, 2023.

White House Cross-Cutting Priorities in Tech Stakeholders Convening, National Economic Council, May 11, 2023.

White House Task Force to Address Online Harassment and Abuse State Legislative Convening on Non-Consensual Intimate Image Abuse, April 26, 2023.

Non-Government Advisor to the U.S. Delegation to the 67th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York City, March 6-17, 2023.

U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law Hearing, “Platform Accountability: *Gonzalez* and Reform,” Washington D.C., March 8, 2023 (in-person and written testimony).

White House Task Force to Address Online Harassment and Abuse Inaugural Meeting, June 16, 2022.

U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, April 2022 (written statement).

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Department of State, Shorenstein Center at Harvard University, & Office of the Director of National Intelligence: *Counter Disinformation Webinar*, Feb. 22, 2022.

U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology Hearing, “Holding Big Tech Accountable: Targeted Reforms to Tech’s Legal Immunity,” Washington D.C., Dec. 1, 2021 (in person and written testimony).

U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Hearing, “Social Media Platforms and the Amplification of Domestic Extremism & Other Harmful Content – Part I,” Washington D.C., Oct. 28, 2021 (in person and written testimony).

Department of Justice (Office of Civil Rights), “Confronting Hate,” Oct. 25, 2021.

Independent Review Commission (IRC) Expert Briefing on Sexual Assault in the Military on Cyber Sexual Abuse, April 8, 2021.

Department of Justice Section 230 Workshop, “Nurturing Innovation or Fostering Unaccountability?” FBI Headquarters, Washington DC, Feb. 19, 2020.

Congressional Bipartisan Task Force to End Sexual Violence Roundtable on Cyber Violence and Harassment, Washington, D.C., April 3, 2019.

Office of Congresswoman Yvette Clarke: Symposium on “Deep Fake” Technology, Washington D.C., March 6, 2019.

Department of Justice (Criminal Division), & Georgetown Law Center Cybercrime Symposium 2020, “Legislating Future Crimes: Will New Prosecutorial Tools Be Necessary? Revisiting the Future of Online Crime and Investigations, Washington, DC, Nov. 2018.

Department of Justice (Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section) & University of Maryland Law School Cybercrime Symposium 2017, “When Cybercrime Turns Violent and Abusive,” Baltimore, MD, Sept. 2017.

Congressional Bipartisan Task Force to End Sexual Violence Briefing on Online Violence & Harassment, Washington D.C., July 14, 2017.

Congressional Internet Caucus Advisory Committee Congressional Briefing on Technology and Sexual Privacy, Washington D.C., Nov. 2014.

State

Testified in favor of Bill 25-484, the Uniform Civil Remedies for Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act of 2024, before the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, Council of the District of Columbia, June 17, 2024.

Testified in favor, with amendments, of New Jersey Bills 1892 and 3540 (creating criminal and civil liability for sexually explicit “deepfakes” and for the creation and disclosure of a broader category of harmful digital forgeries), March 4, 2024.

Testified in favor of Maryland House Bill 555 (creating criminal and civil liability for “doxing,” or the unauthorized disclosure of personally identifying information), Annapolis, MD, Feb. 13, 2024.

Testified in favor of Illinois Senate Bill 1392 and House Bill 2123 (amending existing civil remedy for “revenge porn” to extend to “deepfake” porn), March 8, 2023 (became law July 28, 2023).

New York City Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence: *"Revenge Porn": Emerging Law and Technology*, New York, NY, Jan. 2016.

Testified against Florida Senate Bill 68 (expanding concealed-carry to college campuses), Tallahassee, FL, Oct. 2015 (defeated).

Advising, Consulting, Working Groups

Freedom of Information (IFG) Project International Fellows Group, 2025-present.

American Association of University Professors' (AAUP) Center for the Defense of Academic Freedom (Faculty Fellow), 2024-present.

American Bar Association Standing Committee on Gun Violence, 2024-present.

Council for Responsible Social Media, 2022-present; Co-Chair, Section 230 Reform Project 2024-present.

Everytown Center for the Defense of Gun Safety Advisory Board, 2023-present.

Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) Advisory Board, 2023-present.

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Scientists and Engineers in Exile or Displaced (SEED) Advisory Committee, 2023-present.

White House Task Force to Address Online Harassment and Abuse, 2022-2024 (Expert Advisor).

White House Gender Policy Council, 2022-2024 (Advisor).

Pew Research Center Report on The Metaverse in 2040, June 2022 (Expert).

Harvard Kennedy School Democracy and Internet Governance (DIGI) Initiative Working Group, 2022 (Member).

Knight-Ipsos Report on Free Expression in America Post-2020, Jan. 2022 (Contributor).

Aspen Commission on Information Disorder Final Report, Nov. 2021 (Expert Advisor).

PEN America, No Excuse for Abuse Report, 2021 (Expert).

(Former) California Attorney General Kamala Harris's Working Group on Cyber Exploitation, 2015-2016 (Member).

Hot Girls Wanted, Emmy-nominated documentary on the "professional amateur" pornography industry, 2014 (Co-producer and Legal Expert).

SELECTED INVITED LECTURES

1. Keynote Address, Privacy+Security Forum, Washington, DC, May 2026.
2. *First They Come for the Students*, University of California Berkeley Kadish Center for Morality, Law, & Public Affairs, Oct 27, 2025.

3. *The Promise of the Constitution*, University of Southern Mississippi Constitution Day Lecture, Sept. 17, 2025.
4. Rhodes Scholars' Library Series: *Mary Anne Franks on 'Fearless Speech'*, July 23, 2025.
5. *Book Talk: Dr. Mary Anne Franks' Fearless Speech* (with Robert Corn-Revere), Brooklyn Law School, April 17, 2025.
6. *Fearless Speech under Fascism: A Book Talk with Mary Anne Franks*, Washington and Lee University, April 3, 2025.
7. *Fearless Speech: Breaking Free from the First Amendment*, Connecticut College, March 27, 2025.
8. *Fearless Speech: A Book Talk*, DC Coalition to End Sexual Violence, March 12, 2025.
9. *Book Talk: Fearless Speech* (with Alex Abdo) Fordham Law School, Jan. 30, 2025.
10. *Fearless Speech: Breaking Free from the First Amendment-A Book Talk with Mary Anne Franks*, Yale Information Society Project's Tuesday Law & Technology Speaker Series, Jan. 28, 2025.
11. *Author Event! Mary Anne Franks' "Fearless Speech,"* Symposium Books, Providence, RI, Dec. 18, 2024.
12. *Dr. Mary Anne Franks + Ali Velshi: Fearless Speech*, The Strand Bookstore, Nov. 25, 2024.
13. *"Fearless Speech": A Conversation With Mary Anne Franks*, University of Virginia Law School LawTech Center, Nov. 14, 2024.
14. *Fearless Speech* Author Event (Mary Anne Franks in conversation with Mark Joseph Stern), Politics & Prose, Washington, DC. Nov. 2, 2024.
15. *Fearless Speech: Breaking Free from the First Amendment* (with Alex Abdo), Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, First Amendment Salon, Oct. 29, 2024.
16. *Fearless Speech: Breaking Free from the First Amendment*, Harvard University Berkman Klein Center (Rebooting Social Media Speaker Series) Oct. 23, 2024.
17. *Image-Based Sexual Abuse: Progress & Challenges in the Law*. 2024 Continuing Legal Education and Training Program of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, Antonin Scalia Law School, May 2024.
18. *Selling Out Free Speech*. Inaugural Ann S. Bowers College of Computing and Information Science Distinguished Speaker on Free Expression, Cornell University, Dec. 2023.
19. *Selling Out Free Speech*. Susan and James Wright Lecture on Computation & Just Communities, Dartmouth College, Oct. 2023.
20. *The Free Speech Industry: How the Internet Commodifies Freedom*. Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life (CITAP), University of North Carolina, Feb. 2022.
21. *What is Image-Based Abuse and Why Does it Matter?* (Keynote Address). Center for Media at Risk,

- Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, Dec. 2021.
22. *The Faithless Constitution*. Tresolini Lecture in Law, Lehigh University, September 2021.
 23. *Rewriting the Code: Changing the Law, Technology, and Culture of Abuse* (Keynote Address). Virtual Technology Symposium, Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance & Jane Doe Inc., Jan. 2021.
 24. *The Cult of the Constitution*. Constitution Day Lecture, Washington and Lee University, Sept. 2020.
 25. *The Constitution and Free Speech Fundamentalism*. Muhlenberg College, Sept. 2020.
 26. *White Man's Constitution?*⁹ University of Akron Regula Lecture at the Center for Constitutional Law, Sept. 2020.
 27. *The Cult of the Constitution* (in conversation with Prof. Danielle Keats Citron). Books and Books, Miami, FL, Jan. 2020.
 28. *All the World's a University: The Real Campus Speech Crisis* (Keynote Address). Faculty Research Network National Symposium, Miami, FL, Nov. 2019.
 29. *How the Internet Undoes the Law*. Ohio State Technology Law Journal Distinguished Lecture on the State of Internet Law, Ohio State Moritz College of Law, Sept. 2019.
 30. *Free Speech for the Last Girl*. Fordham University School of Law, Sept 2019.
 31. *The Cult of Free Speech*. Constitutional Law Series, University of Pennsylvania Law School, March 2019.
 32. *The Cult of the Internet*. Law & Technology Speaker Series, Information Society Project, Yale Law School, Nov. 2018.
 33. *The Last Girl: The Intersection of Technology & Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment*. Facebook Mental Health Summit, Palo Alto, CA, Oct. 2018.
 34. *The Cult of the Internet*. Hibbert R. Roberts Lecture, Illinois State University, Sept. 2018.
 35. *Telling Stories* (Keynote Address). From #MeToo to #NowWhat: The Role of Law in Responding to the #MeToo Social Media Campaign, Brandeis School of Law, Feb. 2018.
 36. *First Amendment in a New Media Environment*. Allen L. Poucher Lecture, University of Florida Levin College of Law, Nov. 2017.
 37. *Free Speech Elitism*. Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA, Nov. 2017.
 38. *Equality by Design: Race, Gender, and Technology*. Microsoft Latin America Corporate & Legal Affairs Summit 2017, Miami, FL, Aug. 2017.
 39. *First Amendment Fanaticism*. Yale Law School, April 2017.
 40. *Guns, Speech, and Sex: The Rise of Constitutional Extremism*. Constitution Day Lecture, Drake University Law School, Des Moines, IA, Sept. 2016.

41. *Fighting Revenge Porn in the US* (Keynote Address). More than Revenge: Developing Effective Law Reform to Address the Harms of "Revenge Pornography," Melbourne, Australia, Feb. 2016.
42. *Fighting Fundamentalism*. Skepticon 8, Springfield, MO, Nov. 2015.
43. *Women's Online Equality*. International Conference on the 100 Years' Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland, Oct. 2015.
44. *Privacy and Privilege* (Keynote Address). International Congress on Privacy, University of Passau, Germany, Oct. 2015.
45. *Shutting Down "Revenge Porn": Progress and Challenges*. Talks-at-Google, Google Headquarters, Mountain View, CA, June 2015.
46. *Challenging the Gospel: "Revenge Porn" Reform and Its Critics*. Regulation of Family, Sex, and Gender Workshop, University of Chicago Law School, April 2015.
47. *Combating Nonconsensual Pornography*. Google Headquarters, Mountain View, CA, Dec. 2014.
48. *The Other Chilling Effect: Equality, Online Abuse, and Free Expression*. Facebook's Safety Speaker Series, Facebook Headquarters, Menlo Park, CA, Dec. 2014.
49. *Internet Rights and Wrongs*. 2014 Washington Superior Court Judges' Spring Program, Stevenson, WA, April 2014.
50. *Non-Consensual Pornography and the Law*. Google Headquarters, Mountain View, CA, Sept. 2013.
51. *Equal Protection and the Internet*. Washington 55th Annual Judicial Conference, Wenatchee, WA, Sept. 2013.
52. *How to Feel Like a Woman*, Regulation of Family, Sex, and Gender Workshop, University of Chicago Law School, April 2010.
53. *Unwilling Avatars: Idealism and Objectification in Cyberspace*. Regulation of Family, Sex, and Gender Workshop, University of Chicago Law School, April 2009.
54. *Love Your Neighbor (To Death): Freud on Love, Sex, and Death*. Harvard University, April 2008.
55. *Nothing to see here: Sex, Sight, and the Body in Ingeborg Bachmann and Jean Baudrillard*. Institut für Wissenschaft und Kunst (Institute for Arts and Sciences) Feministische Theorie und Frauenforschung (Feminist Theory & Women's Studies Lecture Series). Vienna, Austria, April 2001.

DEBATES

1. *Was Dobbs Correctly Decided?* Georgetown University Law Center Chapter of the Federalist Society Daniel Webster Debate Series with Prof. Elizabeth Kirk, Georgetown Law Center, Feb. 22, 2026.
2. *Are Contemporary Understandings of the First Amendment the Best Way to Protect Free Expression in the 21st Century?* Cato Free Speech Debate with Robert Corn Revere, Cato Institute, Oct. 21, 2025.
3. Book Talk and Debate with Jonathan Turley, *Free Speech at the Crossroads: The Future of Expression on Campus and Social Media*, George Washington Law Review Symposium, Oct. 10,

2025.

4. Should Abortion be Legal? Debate with Lila Rose (Founder of LiveAction), Georgetown University, Jan. 24, 2025.
5. What are the Limits of Free Speech? Debate with Nadine Strossen (Former president of the ACLU). Yale University Buckley Institute's 14th Annual Conference, Nov. 8, 2024.
6. "Be it resolved, universities are failing to provide a culture of free speech and open inquiry." Debate with Ilya Shapiro (Manhattan Institute), Steamboat Institute Campus Liberty Tour, Cornell University, April 2024.
7. *Free Speech and Censorship*: Debate with Nadine Strossen. University of Miami School of Law Federalist Society, Sept. 2018.
8. *Free Speech and Academic Freedom*: Debate with Charles Murray (Co-author of *The Bell Curve*). Sponsored by the University of Miami School of Law Federalist Society, March 2018.
9. *Come Heller High Water: The Second Amendment Fight*. Debate with Alan Gura, Esq. (Counsel in *D.C. v. Heller* and *McDonald v. Chicago*). University of Miami School of Law Federalist Society, Feb. 2018.
10. *Hobby Lobby: According to the Constitution* (Constitution Day Event). Debate with Matt Bowman (Senior Legal Counsel, Alliance Defending Freedom), University of Miami School of Law American Constitution Society & Federalist Society, Sept. 2014.
11. *Revenge Porn: A Constitutional Debate*. Debate with Jeanne Baker (Chair, Greater Miami Chapter of ACLU), University of Miami Law School ACLU Chapter, Aug. 2014.
12. *A Constitutional Debate: Original Intent v. A Living Constitution* (Constitution Day Event). Debate with Krisanne Hall (Tea Party activist). University of Miami School of Law American Constitution Society & Federalist Society, Sept. 2013.
13. *High Capacity: Guns, Gun Rights, and School Violence*. Debate with Alan Gura, Esq. (counsel in *D.C. v. Heller* and *McDonald v. Chicago*). University of Miami School of Law Constitution Society, Federalist Society, and Child Advocacy & Family Law Society, April 2013.
14. *The Future of Guantánamo*. Debate with Prof. Eric Posner. University of Chicago ACLU Chapter. March 2009.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, PANELS, & COMMENTARIES

1. Mapping Boundaries: Technology-Facilitated Wrongs Against the Person and Criminal Law Theory, Max Planck Institute, June 2026.
2. Section 230 Theory and Practice, Annual Central District of California Judicial Conference, Santa Barbara, March 2026.
3. Rahimi and the Shifting Second Amendment, Pepperdine Law Review Symposium on The Second Amendment After Bruen and Rahimi, Pepperdine Law School, Malibu, CA, March 2026.
4. Content Moderation and Free Speech, Richmond Law Journal of Law and Technology Symposium

- on Platform Power: The Rise of Private Governance in Tech, Richmond Law School, Feb. 2026.
5. Gender Justice, Bodily Control, and Identity Under Siege, Harvard Journal of Law & Gender Symposium, Harvard Law School, Feb. 2025.
 6. Digital Colonization and the Collapse of Collective Life, Georgetown Law Technology Review Symposium on Data, Power, and Authoritarianism, Jan. 30, 2026.
 7. Freedom of Expression, Human Consciousness and AI: A Book Workshop for Alexander Tsesis, Georgetown Center for the Constitution, Jan. 13, 2026.
 8. Book Talk with Brian Soucek, The Opinionated University, Politics and Prose, Jan. 24, 2026.
 9. Hot Topics in Communications Law: Issues Involving Section 230 and Digital Media, Practising Law Institute (PLI) Communications Law in the Digital Age 2025, New York City, Nov. 7, 2025.
 10. Nixon Peabody Cybersecurity and Privacy Law Summit, Boston, MA, Dec. 2025.
 11. Regulating the Internet, Can We Optimize Innovation, Regulate AI, Protect Children and Address Social Media Content at the Same Time? George Mason University, Oct. 30, 2025.
 12. Free Speech in Crisis & the Limits of the First Amendment, Yale Law School Information Society Project's Spring 2025 Conference, March 28-29, 2025.
 13. Regulating the Information Environment, NYU Stern Center for Business and Human Rights, *Just Security*, and *Tech Policy Press* Conference, March 19, 2025.
 14. The Constitution and its Culture Wars, Journal of Gender, Social Policy, and the Law, American University Washington College of Law, Feb. 28, 2025.
 15. *Free Speech and Fearless Speech: Paradigms of First Amendment Thinking*, Knight Media Forum, Miami, FL, Feb. 18, 2025.
 16. *How Tech Regulates Government*, Emory Law School Randolph W. Thrower Symposium, Feb. 6, 2025.
 17. Ending Tech Industry Immunity, Project Liberty Summit on the Future of the Internet, Nov. 22, 2024.
 18. 2024 National First Amendment Summit, National Constitution Center, Oct. 22, 2024.
 19. 2024 Annual Supreme Court Review, National Constitution Center, July 10, 2024.
 20. Constitutional Challenges in the Age of AI Town Hall, National Constitution Center, May 15, 2024.
 21. Free Speech and Social Media; What to Take Down and Why, Aspen Ideas Festival, June 2023.
 22. Q&A: Section 230 is at the Supreme Court. Here's Why that Matters for Free Expression, Freedom House, May 2023.
 23. The Second Amendment: Gun Rights and Regulation Roundtable, Duke University School of Law, May 2023.

24. Plenary: Robert Post and Jack Balkin on “The Freedom of Speech Today” (moderator and commentator), Yale Law School Information Society Project’s Free Expression Scholars Conference 11, April 2023.
25. IP at the Supreme Court Series: *Gonzalez v. Google LLC*, American University Washington College of Law, Feb. 2023.
26. Gonzalez v. Google Live Analysis, Harvard University Berkman Klein Institute for Rebooting Social Media, Feb. 2023.
27. Free Expression at American Law Schools, Hofstra Law School Symposium, Feb. 2023.
28. Safety in the Digital Public Square, Informed: Conversations on Democracy in the Digital Age, Knight Foundation, Miami, FL, Nov. 2022.
29. Controlling the Supreme Court, Wisconsin Law Review Symposium, Oct. 2022.
30. Gun Rights and Regulation after *Bruen*, Duke Center for Firearms Law and New York University Law Review, Sept. 2022.
31. 12th Annual Supreme Court Term in Review, University of California Irvine School of Law, July 2022.
32. Global Summit to Address Online Harms and Misinformation, Center for Countering Digital Hate, Washington DC, May 2022.
33. The Mind of the Censor and the Eye of the Beholder, ABA Forum on Communications Law, April 2022.
34. Social Media, Freedom of Speech, and the Future of our Democracy, University of California National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement, April 2022.
35. The Free Speech Industry, Non-Governmental Restrictions on Free Speech Symposium, Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law, March 2022.
36. The Promise & Limits of Our First Amendment, Fordham Law School, Jan. 2022.
37. Lessons from the First Internet Ages, Knight Foundation Symposium, Nov. 2021 (co-organized with Prof. Eric Goldman).
38. Guns v. Speech: Does the 2nd Amendment Threaten the 1st?, Brennan Center for Justice, Sept. 2021.
39. Textual Challenges of Section 230, Federalist Society, June 2021.
40. Free Speech and Compelled Speech: First Amendment Challenges to a Marketplace of Ideas, Federalist Society, June 2021.
41. Regulating Hate Speech (with Nadine Strossen and Geoffrey Stone), Chicago Humanities Festival, May 2021.
42. Section 230 and the First Amendment - Disinfo Discussions: Mary Anne Franks & Jeff Kosseff, Aspen Institute, May 2021.

43. Harms to Individuals: Hate Speech, Violence, Harassment, and Bullying, Section 230 Protections, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine’s Committee on Science, Technology and Law Workshop. April 2021.
44. The Second Amendment and the Courts, Brady, April 2021.
45. Reimagining Section 230: A Conversation with Senator Warner (Expert Panel Discussion), Protocol, March 2021.
46. Section 230: Government, Technology, and Free Speech virtual webinar (with David French), SkepTech, McCandlish Phillips Journalism Institute, Feb 2021.
47. Where Do We Go from Here With Section 230? SLATE, Dec. 2020 (with Jeff Kosseff, Mike Godwin, and Andrés Martinez).
48. Firearms Litigation: Liability, Regulation, and the Constitution, New York University School of Law Center on Civil Justice, Dec. 2020.
49. Technology-Assisted Sex Harassment: An Introduction to the Issues and Guidance for Litigating Attorneys, Legal Network for Gender Equity and the TIME’S UP Legal Defense Fund, Nov. 2020.
50. Pandemic, Protest, and Power, Salzburg Academy on the Media and Global Change, Nov. 2020.
51. Everything You Need to Know About Section 230, Lawfare, July 2020.
52. The Harm in Online Speech, Knight Foundation, VISION: The Future of Democracy, July 2020.
53. Showdown: Free Speech and the Internet, The Aspen Institute, June 2020.
54. Guns, Torts, and Market Regulation, Duke Center for Firearms Law, March 2020.
55. Combatting Cyber Sexual Predators, RSA IT Security Conference, San Francisco, CA, Feb. 2020.
56. The Miseducation of Free Speech, Virginia Law Review Online Symposium, Speech Inside the Schoolhouse Gates: Fifty Years After *Tinker v. Des Moines*, Jan. 2020.
57. The Freedom to Restrict Firearms: *Halleck* and the Future of the Second Amendment, American Association of Law Schools, Washington, DC, Jan. 2020.
58. The Second Amendment: Past, Present, and Opportunities for the Future, Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, Center for American Progress, Washington, DC, Dec. 2019.
59. Not Your Father’s First Amendment, Drexel Law Review, Nov. 2019.
60. The Digital First Amendment: Internet Platforms, Service Providers, and the New Frontiers of Free Speech, Stanford Law School, May 2019.
61. Deepfakes: Emerging Threats to Individual Safety and Democracy, Screen Actors’ Guild (SAG), Los Angeles, CA, May 2019.
62. Free Speech for the Last Girl, Yale Law School 7th Annual Freedom of Expression Scholars

- Conference, April 2019.
63. *The Free Speech Black Hole: Can the Internet Escape the Gravitational Pull of the First Amendment?* Knight First Amendment Institute Convening, Columbia Law School, April 2019.
 64. *The Limits of the Constitution: Harper's Magazine Forum*, NYU Law School, Feb. 2019.
 65. *Protest vs. Speech: When Does Protest Infringe on Other Students' Free Speech? Tinker at 50*, University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law Symposium, Jan. 2019.
 66. *Law in the Era of #MeToo*, University of Chicago Legal Forum, Nov. 2018.
 67. *Gender Equality and the First Amendment*, Fordham Law School, Nov. 2018.
 68. *Sex and the First Amendment*, First Amendment Law Review Symposium, University of North Carolina School of Law, Nov. 2018.
 69. *The Politics of Sexual Privacy*, 62nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women, Inter-Parliamentary Union of the United Nations, March 2018.
 70. *Cyber Confidential: The Challenge of Revenge Porn*. Microsoft Digital Crimes Consortium, Honolulu, HI, March 2017.
 71. *Augmented Inequality*. University of California Davis Law Review 50th Anniversary Symposium, Jan. 2017.
 72. *Intersectional Privacy*. University of Maryland Law Review Cyberlaw Symposium, Feb. 2017.
 73. *"Revenge Porn" Reform in the United States*. International Conference on Revenge Porn, Taipei Women's Rescue Foundation, Taipei, Taiwan, Oct. 2016.
 74. *Trolls, Threats and Online Free Speech* (sponsored by PEN America). RightsCon 2016, San Francisco, CA, April 2016.
 75. *Is A Safer, Saner & Civil Internet Possible?* South by Southwest (SXSW) Interactive Online Harassment Summit, Austin, TX, March 2016.
 76. *The Summit on Pornography, Youth, and Sexual Socialization* (moderated by Rashida Jones). Indiana University, June 2015.
 77. *The Democratization of Surveillance*. Privacy Law Scholars Conference, Berkeley, CA, June 2015.
 78. *Cross Industry Best Practices Summit on Revenge Porn*. Facebook Headquarters, Menlo Park, CA, Feb. 2015.
 79. *Where the Law Lies: Constitutional Fictions and Their Discontents*. Symposium: Law and Lies, University of Alabama Law School, Tuscaloosa, AL, Oct. 2014.
 80. *Injury Inequality*. Injury as Cultural Practice Symposium, Loyola Law School Los Angeles, Sept. 2014.
 81. *On Angela Harris's "Race and Essentialism in Feminist Legal Theory."* Festschrift Symposium in Honor of Angela Harris, University of California Berkeley School of Law, Sept. 2013.

82. Protecting Sexual Privacy in the Internet Age: The Rise of Revenge Porn and How to Stop It. Washington State Supreme Court Gender & Justice Commission, Olympia, WA, April 2014.
83. The Unequal Burden of Cyber Discrimination. Power and Reach of the Internet, National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) Annual Conference, Miami, FL, Nov. 2012.
84. The Merits of Overreaction: Responding to Aggregate Asymmetries of Force. International Conference on the Victims of Crime in the Public and Legal Arenas, Bar Ilan University, Tel Aviv, Israel, March 2012.
85. Believing Our Eyes: U.S. Policy on Women's Rights in Iraq and Afghanistan. Panel on Women and International Armed Conflict. University of Chicago Law Women's Association, University of Chicago Law School, Oct. 2008.
86. Fates Worse Than Death? Race, Gender, and Genocide in Gujarat and Rwanda. Society for the Philosophical Study of Genocide and the Holocaust, Memphis, TN, Oct. 2004.
87. Desire, Despair - The Language is Leaving: Of Masters, Masochists, and Neighbors. Fifth Annual University of South Carolina Comparative Literature Conference: The Desire of the Analysts: Psychoanalysis and Cultural Criticism in the New Millennium, Feb. 2003.
88. Of Sex and Other Acts: Violence and Resistance in Slavoj Zizek and Judith Butler. International Philosophical Seminar (IPS) XII: Reading Slavoj Zizek's *Ticklish Subject*. Alto Adige/Südtirol, Italy, July 2002.
89. Sex/Marks/Bodies: Death and the Maiden in South Africa and Afghanistan. InterMedialities, International Association of Philosophy & Literature (IAPL) Conference. Rotterdam, the Netherlands, June 2002.
90. Woman Does Not Exist: Fantasy, Otherness, and the Taliban Regime in Afghanistan. Society for the Philosophical Study of Genocide and the Holocaust (SPSGH), American Philosophical Association, (APA Eastern) New York City, NY, Dec. 2000.
91. Crimes of Anti-Memory: Women, Rape Warfare, and Genocide. American Philosophical Association (APA Eastern), Boston, MA, Dec. 1999.

GRANTS & RECOGNITION

Principal Investigator, National Science Foundation grant project, "COVID-19 and sexual cyberviolence: Impact on general users and vulnerable populations," 2020-2024.

Knight Foundation Grant, 2020.

University of Miami Dean's Distinguished Scholar, 2019-2021.

University of Miami Provost's Award for Scholarly Activity (2019-2020).

Miami Herald's 50 Most Influential Florida Leaders 2018.

University of Miami Law Women Mary E. Doyle Award, 2017.

“Women Making History” Award, Miami-Dade Florida Association of Women Lawyers, 2015.

Miami New Times People of the Year, 2013.

PROFILES, INTERVIEWS, REVIEWS

AAUP Academic Freedom on the Line, Piercing the Propaganda, April 15, 2025.

Boston Globe, Hateful. Vile. Obscene. Protected. What does the First Amendment cost us? Mary Anne Franks says: sometimes, too much (Review of *Fearless Speech*) Dec. 26, 2024.

Above the Law’s The Jabot, You Have To Change How You Think About Free Speech, Nov. 5 2024.

UC National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement Book Club, *Fearless Speech*, March 21, 2025.

Tech Policy Press, Breaking Free from the First Amendment: A Conversation with Mary Anne Franks, Oct. 20, 2024.

Jotwell, Reconsidering the Public Square: Review of Mary Anne Franks, *Beyond the Public Square: Imagining Digital Democracy*, Oct. 16, 2023.

Harvard Law Review, Recent Publications: *The Cult of the Constitution*, Feb. 10, 2020.

Law and Politics, Book Review of *The Cult of the Constitution*, Nov. 2019.

Balkinization, Symposium on *The Cult of the Constitution*, Oct. 2019.

Rorotoko, Mary Anne Franks, On her book *The Cult of the Constitution*, Cover Interview, Oct. 30, 2019.

NBC Think, Like the Bible, the Constitution can be a harmful document in the wrong hands, July 2, 2019.

Fast Company, Blind reverence for the U.S. Constitution—on the left and right—is tearing us apart, June 20, 2019.

San Francisco Review of Books, Review of *The Cult of the Constitution*, May 12, 2019.

Kirkus Reviews, *The Cult of the Constitution*, March 17, 2019.

Glamour, Can a Feminist Like Porn? June 2015 (interviewed by Rashida Jones).

CBS Miami, “Women to Watch,” May 20, 2015.

Bitch Magazine, Information Superhighway Patrol: For Mary Anne Franks, Cyber Harassment is a Civil Rights Issue, Spring 2015.

Daily Dot, Meet the Krav Maga-Fighting Law Professor Behind U.S. Revenge Porn Laws, April 15, 2014.

Miami New Times, Mary Anne Franks, *Dangerous Mind*, November 28, 2013.

Concurring Opinions, *Legal Developments in Revenge Porn: An Interview with Mary Anne Franks*, Oct. 10, 2013.

Ocean Drive Magazine, Local Law Professor Promotes Self-Defense, May 28, 2013.

The Rhodes Project, Profile with Mary Anne Franks, 2013.

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES*

TV/Video

1. MSNBC, Velshi, The myth of the ‘marketplace of ideas’— and how it warps free speech, Sept. 28, 2025.
2. MSNBC, Velshi, “Courage can be courageous,” April 19, 2025.
3. C-SPAN Book TV, After Words with David Enrich (interviewed by Mary Anne Franks), April 2, 2025.
4. NBC, Take It Down Act: What to do if someone posts revenge porn or a deepfake of you, May 23, 2025.
5. MSNBC, Velshi, Trump’s Attack on Free Speech, March 16, 2025.
6. MSNBC, Velshi, ‘Asbestos with better PR and a bigger checkbook’: Big tech goes unchecked in U.S., Dec 1, 2024.
7. MSNBC, Velshi, Confronting the First Amendment’s Dark History, Nov. 24, 2024.
8. MSNBC, Velshi, Without Access to the Truth, We Cannot Have a Democracy, Nov. 16, 2024.
9. ABC News, Pornographic deepfakes target women across the country, Feb. 5, 2024.
10. PBS American Experience, Past Forward: Star-Spangled Fascism: Extremists and the First Amendment, Jan. 31, 2024.
11. The Aaron Harber Show (PBS), Jan. 12, 2024.
12. CNN, When a conservative podcaster came to campus, students did not want to listen, April 28, 2023.
13. Anderson Cooper 360, Court Filing: Fox News stars privately trashed Trump’s election fraud claims, Feb. 17, 2023.
14. True Crime Story: Indefensible, Ep. 9, “Stand Her Ground” (premiered on Sundance TV), Nov. 10, 2022.
15. Anderson Cooper 360, Historic Verdict: Alex Jones Should Pay Nearly \$1 Billion to Sandy Hook Families, Oct. 12, 2022.
16. The Price of Freedom (documentary), 2021 (also featured in CNN roundtable discussion following broadcast premiere of film, Sept. 19, 2021).

* Complete list of 500+ documentary, television, radio, and print interviews available upon request.

17. Washington Post Live, Free to State: The New Free Speech, Oct. 7.
18. Matter of Fact with Soledad O'Brien, Deepfake Danger: How Manipulated Videos Could Impact Democracy, June 8, 2019.
19. New York Times, Terror in Real Time: How the New Zealand Gunman Used Social Media, March 17, 2019.
20. Vice News (HBO), Defending Alt-Right Trolls, July 27, 2017.

Radio & Podcasts

1. Academic Campus Podcast, Beware of FIRE (and institutional neutrality) with Mary Anne Franks, Oct. 22, 2025.
2. Speaking Out of Place, Breaking Free from the First Amendment to Make Fearless Speech and Counterpublics: A Conversation with Mary Anne Franks, Oct. 12, 2025.
3. Refuse Fascism, Ep 266: The Freedom to Silence You – Dr Mary Anne Franks on Trump’s War on Dissent, Oct. 6, 2025.
4. Slate, Amicus with Dahlia Lithwick, Free Speech Is the Enemy of Free Speech, Apparently: This Law Professor Saw it Coming, Sept. 20, 2025.
5. Lawfare Daily, Lawfare Daily: Digital Forgeries, Real Felonies: Inside the, TAKE IT DOWN Act, May 6, 2025.
6. The Contrarian, Are the courts fed up? Dr. Mary Anne Franks on the legitimacy of the judiciary, April 24, 2025.
7. Nixon Peabody, “A Little Privacy, Please!” Podcast, April 21, 2025.
8. WBUR Here and Now, Would laws banning TikTok violate the First Amendment? Jan. 10, 2025.
9. University of California National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement SpeechMatters Podcast, The Heroes are the Free Speakers, Not the Law, Dec. 10, 2024.
10. Slate, Amicus with Dahlia Lithwick, Matt Gaetz And the Clown Car Crash Into the Justice Department, Nov. 16, 2024.
11. Slate, Amicus with Dahlia Lithwick, Opinionpalooza: The Supreme Court End-of-Term Breakfast Table, July 6, 2024.
12. Issue One’s Democracy Fix, The High Costs of ‘Free Speech’ in the Digital Age, July 2, 2024
13. National Public Radio, Supreme Court sets new standards for what constitutes 'true threats.' June 27, 2023.
14. National Public Radio’s Throughline: The Freedom of Speech, May 25, 2023.
15. Slate, Amicus with Dahlia Lithwick, John Roberts’ Unfunny Stalking Jokes at SCOTUS, April 22, 2023.

16. National Constitution Center's We the People podcast, Google, Twitter, Section 230 and the Future of the Internet, Feb. 23, 2023.
17. Supreme Myths with Prof. Eric Segall, Episode 55, March 24, 2022.
18. National Public Radio, Homicide Or Self-Defense: The Rittenhouse And Arbery Cases, Nov. 17, 2021.
19. BBC's Documentary Podcast, A Constitutional Conversation, March 23, 2021.
20. The Lawfare Podcast: Mary Anne Franks on Section 230, Feb. 26, 2021.
21. National Public Radio's Innovation Hub, Rethinking the Constitution, Feb. 19, 2021.
22. The Brian Lehrer Show, A Call for a Federal 'Revenge Porn' Law, Nov. 5, 2019.
23. Slate, Amicus with Dahlia Lithwick, The End of an Era, and the Cult of the Constitution, July 20, 2019.

Print

1. Wired, A Landmark Social Media Addiction Case Puts Big Tech on Trial, Feb. 6, 2026.
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