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ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

FELLOW

THE ENGELBERG CENTER FOR INNOVATION LAW & POLICY, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
2018 – Present, New York, NY

EDUCATION

PH.D., PHILOSOPHY

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, 2014 – Present, New York, NY

4.0 GPA. All but dissertation.

Dissertation: *The Fruits of Authorship: A Theoretical Dissociation of Copyrights from Property and Patents*

Advisors: Liam Murphy, Jeremy Waldron, Samuel Scheffler

JURIS DOCTOR

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, 2015 – 2018, New York, NY

summa cum laude: awarded to the very few students (if any in a particular year) who, in the judgment of the Executive Committee, compiled a truly outstanding academic record.

Furman Academic Scholar: merit scholarship for outstanding future academics.

3.98 GPA.

Activities: *NYU Law Review*, Executive Editor
Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Society
Jurisprudence & Philosophy Society

B.A., PHILOSOPHY, MINOR IN SYMBOLIC SYSTEMS

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, 2010 – 2014, Palo Alto, CA

Senior Thesis: *Stalnakerian Semantics and Impossible Worlds*

Activities: Stanford Students for Reason, Founding President
Dualist Undergraduate Philosophy Journal, Editor-in-Chief
Undergraduate Philosophy Association, President

HONORS & AWARDS

MAURICE GOODMAN PRIZE: outstanding academic achievement & scholarship, *NYU School of Law*

JOHN BRUCE MOORE AWARD: highest excellence in law & philosophy, *NYU School of Law*

FURMAN ACADEMIC SCHOLAR: merit scholarship for future academics (NYU School of Law)

ORDER OF THE COIF: national society of law students with GPA in the top 10% of their class

POMEROY SCHOLAR: top ten students after first year of law school (NYU School of Law)

BUTLER SCHOLAR: top ten students after second year of law school (NYU School of Law)

BRADLEY FELLOWSHIP: talented student with interest in free speech (NYU School of Law)

MACCRACKEN FELLOWSHIP: PhD fellowship award (NYU Graduate School of Arts & Sciences)

RESEARCH AREAS

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Intellectual Property, Law & Philosophy

AREAS OF INTEREST:

Torts (Defamation & Privacy), Property, Information Privacy,
Free Speech, Aesthetics, Ethics/Applied Ethics, Philosophy
of Technology, Cyberlaw

WORK EXPERIENCE

THE HONORABLE JUDGE SACK, UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR 2ND CIRCUIT, New York, NY
Law Clerk, 2019-2020 term

DURIE TANGRI LLP, San Francisco, CA
Summer Law Associate, July 2018-August 2018
Intellectual property litigation, particularly patent and copyright cases.

DAVIS POLK & WARDWELL LLP, New York, NY
Summer Law Associate, May 2017-August 2017, June 2018-July 2018
General litigation and intellectual property. Focus on legal research. 75+ hours on pro bono matters.

PROFESSOR RICHARD EPSTEIN, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY
Research Assistant, May 2016-August 2017
Researched variety of legal issues; revised academic papers and weekly column for the Hoover Institute.

PROFESSORS SCOTT HEMPHILL & BARTON BEEBE, NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY
Research Assistant, June 2016-September 2016
Research for article on positive relation between trademark strength & scope in likelihood of confusion cases.

PROFESSOR JEANNE FROMER, NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY
Research Assistant, June 2016-September 2016
Intellectual property research, including on fashion copyright/the Useful Articles doctrine for an amicus brief to the Supreme Court & a law review article, and the relationship between IP & inequality for a future colloquium.

“PHILOSOPHY TALK” RADIO SHOW, STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Palo Alto, CA
Researcher, September 2010-September 2012
Designed/researched philosophical shows for general audience; selected/pre-interviewed guests.

WRITTEN WORKS

The Fruits of Authorship: A Theoretical Dissociation of Copyrights from Property and Patents
(dissertation).

Minds, Machines, and the Law, forthcoming in COLUMBIA L. REV. (2019) (with Jeanne Fromer).

Intellectual Property, Independent Creation, and the Lockean Commons, under review.

Conceptual Separability as Conceivability: A Philosophical Analysis of the Useful Articles Doctrine, Note,
93 NYU L. REV. 558 (2018).

Creative Works as Author Individuated, in progress.

Rights and Secrets, in progress (with Erick Sam).

A Philosophical Look at Moral Rights in Visual Art, in progress.

The Extended Self: A Framework for Information Rights, in progress.

Big Data, Free Will, and the Purpose of Punishment, in progress (with Erick Sam).

Against the Idea/Expression Dichotomy, in progress.

Nozick’s Tomato Juice and the Unowned Ocean: Expression-Mixing as Copyright Misuse, in progress.

PRESENTATIONS

Columbia Law Review Symposium: “Common Law in the Age of AI”, April 5th, 2019 (invited presenter): *Minds, Machines, and the Law* (with Jeanne Fromer).

Tristate Region Intellectual Property Workshop, Engelberg Center on Innovation Law & Policy, NYU School of Law, January 18th, 2019 (invited presenter): Commentary on *Jefferson’s Taper* by Jeremy Sheff.

NYU Philosophy Department: Lunch Talk Series, November 2nd, 2018 (invited presenter): *Intellectual Property, Independent Creation, and the Lockean Commons*.

Annual Intellectual Property Law Scholars Conference, UC Berkeley School of Law, August 9th, 2018: *Conceptual Separability as Conceivability: A Philosophical Account of the Useful Articles Doctrine*.

Furman Scholars Seminar, NYU School of Law, Fall 2017 and Spring 2018: *Intellectual Property, Independent Creation, and the Lockean Commons*.

Tristate Region Intellectual Property Workshop, Engelberg Center on Innovation Law & Policy, NYU School of Law, January 12th, 2018 (invited presenter): *Conceptual Separability as Conceivability: A Philosophical Account of the Useful Articles Doctrine*.

Furman Scholars Seminar, NYU School of Law, Fall 2016 and Spring 2017: *Conceptual Separability as Conceivability: A Philosophical Account of the Useful Articles Doctrine*.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Climate Committee, NYU Department of Philosophy, 2018-2019.

Reviewer, *Designing AI with Rights, Consciousness, Self-Respect, and Freedom*, by Eric Schwitzgebel and Mara Garza, chapter in *THE ETHICS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE* (Oxford University Press), Spring 2018.

Co-Organizer & Head of Publicity, NYU LAW REVIEW SYMPOSIUM: THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS PROCESS, NYU School of Law, November 2nd, 2017.

Panelist, “How to Excel in Law School Exams”, South Asian Student Association, NYU School of Law, Fall 2017.

Organizer, Surviving Graduate School Workshop, NYU Department of Philosophy, Spring 2016.

REFERENCES

Professor Liam Murphy, NYU School of Law (liam.murphy@nyu.edu)

Professor Jeanne Fromer, NYU School of Law (jeanne.fromer@nyu.edu)

Professor Jeremy Waldron, NYU School of Law (jeremy.waldron@nyu.edu)

Professor Barton Beebe, NYU School of Law (barton.beebe@nyu.edu)

Professor Scott Hemphill, NYU School of Law (hemphil@nyu.edu)

Professor Barry Friedman, NYU School of Law (barry.friedman@nyu.edu)

Professor Chris Sprigman, NYU School of Law (cjs13@nyu.edu)

Professor Richard Epstein, NYU School of Law (re34@nyu.edu)