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## ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

**NYU SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, NY

*Fellow, Engelberg Center for Innovation Law & Policy*, 2018 – Present

Member of & participant in NYU Law's community of intellectual property, privacy, and technology law scholars.

## EDUCATION

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY**, New York, NY

**PH.D., PHILOSOPHY**, 2014 – Present

4.0 GPA. All but dissertation.

MacCracken Dissertation Fellowship Award

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

Advisors: Liam Murphy, Jeremy Waldron, Samuel Scheffler

**NYU SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, NY

**JURIS DOCTOR**, 2015 – 2018

Honors: *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: scholarship for exceptionally promising future legal academics.  
Maurice Goodman Prize: outstanding academic achievement & scholarship.  
John Bruce Moore Award: highest excellence in law & philosophy.  
Order of the Coif: national society of law students with GPA in the top 10% of class.  
Pomeroy Scholar: top ten students after first year of law school.  
Butler Scholar: top ten students after second year of law school.  
Bradley Fellowship: for scholarly achievement in free speech.

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

**STANFORD UNIVERSITY**, Palo Alto, CA

**B.A., PHILOSOPHY, MINOR IN SYMBOLIC SYSTEMS**, 2010 – 2014

Thesis: *Stalnakerian Semantics and Impossible Worlds*

Activities: *Dualist* Undergraduate Philosophy Journal  
Undergraduate Philosophy Association

## RESEARCH AREAS

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:**

**AREAS OF INTEREST:**

Intellectual Property, Law & Philosophy  
Torts (Defamation/Privacy), Property, Information  
Privacy, Free Speech, Jurisprudence, Moral Philosophy,  
Political Philosophy, Applied Ethics/Bioethics, Aesthetics,  
Philosophy of Technology, Cyberlaw

## WRITTEN WORKS

*The Fruits of Authorship: A Theoretical Dissociation of Copyrights from Property and Patents* (Philosophy PhD dissertation; 70,000-word monograph).

*Minds, Machines, and the Law: The Case of Volition*, 119 COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 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 LAW REVIEW 558 (2018).

*Copyrights and Property Rights*, in progress.

*The Metaphysics of Expression and Innovation*, in progress.

*Artificial Authors*, 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).

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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

DURIE TANGRI LLP, San Francisco, CA  
*Summer Law Associate*, *Intellectual Property Litigation*, July 2018-August 2018

DAVIS POLK & WARDWELL LLP, New York, NY  
*Summer Law Associate*, *Litigation & Intellectual Property*, May 2017-August 2017, June 2018-July 2018

PROFESSORS SCOTT HEMPHILL & BARTON BEEBE, NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY  
*Research Assistant*, *Trademark Law*, June 2016-September 2016

PROFESSOR JEANNE FROMER, NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY  
*Research Assistant*, *Copyright Law/IP & Inequality*, June 2016-September 2016

PROFESSOR RICHARD EPSTEIN, NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY  
*Research Assistant*, May 2016-August 2017

“PHILOSOPHY TALK” RADIO SHOW, STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Palo Alto, CA  
*Researcher*, September 2010-September 2012

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, San Francisco, CA  
*Legal Research Intern*, *IP, Privacy, and Technology*, June 2011-September 2011

## PRESENTATIONS

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

Engelberg Center for Innovation Law & Policy, Faculty Workshop, NYU School of Law, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019: *Minds, Machines, and the Law: The Case of Volition* (with Jeanne Fromer).

Theories of Intellectual Property Law Seminar, NYU School of Law, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (invited presenter): *Intellectual Property, Independent Creation, and the Lockean Commons*.

Works-in-Progress Intellectual Property (WIPIP) Colloquium, University of Houston Law Center, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019: *Intellectual Property, Independent Creation, and the Lockean Commons*.

**Works-in-Progress Intellectual Property (WIPIP) Colloquium, University of Houston Law Center, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** *Minds, Machines, and the Law: The Case of Volition* (with Jeanne Fromer).

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

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

**Annual Intellectual Property Law Scholars Conference (IPSC), 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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,** 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.

**Panelist,** "How to Excel in Law School Exams", NYU School of Law, Fall 2017.

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

**Social Committee,** NYU Department of Philosophy, 2014-2015.

## **REFERENCES**

**Professor Liam Murphy**  
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**Professor Jeanne Fromer**  
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NYU Department of Philosophy  
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**Professor Barry Friedman**  
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**Professor Richard Epstein**  
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