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ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

NYU SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

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

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 talent and 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: Stanford Students for Reason, Founding President

Dualist Undergraduate Philosophy Journal, Editor-in-Chief

Undergraduate Philosophy Association, President

RESEARCH AREAS

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Intellectual Property, Law & Philosophy

AREAS OF INTEREST:

Torts (Defamation & Privacy), Property, Information Privacy, Free Speech, Ethics/Applied Ethics/Bioethics, Jurisprudence, Aesthetics, 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.

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.

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.

“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.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, San Francisco, CA

Legal Research Intern, June 2011-September 2011

Intern for attorney general Kamala Harris; special focus on compiling research relating to people and corporations in Silicon Valley, the technology industry, and related issues such as privacy and intellectual property.

WRITTEN WORKS

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

Machines, Volition, 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).

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): *Machines, Volition, and the Law* (with Jeanne Fromer).

Works-in-Progress Intellectual Property (WIPIP) Colloquium, University of Houston Law Center, February 8th-9th, 2019: *Intellectual Property, Independent Creation, and the Lockean Commons.*

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 (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 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, 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.

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

REFERENCES

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

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

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

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

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

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

Professor Samuel Scheffler, NYU Department of Philosophy (ss4090@nyu.edu)

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

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