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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Columbia Law School, New York, NY

- Associate Professor of Law, 2022—

NYU School of Law, New York, NY

- Furman Fellow, 2020—2022
- Fellow, Engelberg Center for Innovation Law & Policy, 2018—2021

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT

- Visiting Fellow, Information Society Project, 2019—2021

EDUCATION

New York University, New York, NY

- Ph.D., Philosophy, 2014—2022
Dissertation: *The Fruits of Authorship: A Theory of Copyright*
Advisors: Liam Murphy, Samuel Scheffler, Jeremy Waldron

NYU School of Law, New York, NY

- Juris Doctor, *summa cum laude*, 2015—2018
Furman Academic Scholarship for academics with exceptional promise

Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA

- B.A., Philosophy & Minor, Symbolic Systems, 2010—2014
Thesis: *Stalnakerian Semantics and Impossible Worlds*

RESEARCH AREAS

- **Primary:** Intellectual Property, Law & Philosophy, Torts, Property
- **Secondary:** Privacy, Technology, Moral & Political Philosophy, Jurisprudence, Applied Ethics, Bioethics, Defamation, Speech, Aesthetics

WRITTEN WORKS

Academic Publications

- *The Living, the Dead, and Our Afterlife Interests: Reimagining Law Across Generations*, in FESTSCHRIFT HONORING SAMUEL SCHEFFLER (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2024) (invited & peer-reviewed)
- *Personhood Theories of Authorial Rights*, CAMBRIDGE VOLUME ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & PRIVATE LAW (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2023) (invited & peer reviewed).
- *Understanding Intellectual Property: Expression, Function, and Individuation*, 70 JOURNAL OF THE COPYRIGHT SOCIETY OF THE USA (forthcoming 2023) (peer reviewed).
- *Intellectual Property, Independent Creation, and the Lockean Commons*, 12 UC IRVINE LAW REVIEW 747 (2022).
- *Lockean Copyright versus Lockean Property*, 12 JOURNAL OF LEGAL ANALYSIS 136 (2020) (peer reviewed).
- *Minds, Machines, and the Law: The Case of Volition in Copyright Law*, 119 COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW 1887 (2019) (with Jeanne Fromer).
- *Conceptual Separability as Conceivability: A Philosophical Analysis of the Useful Articles Doctrine*, 93 NYU LAW REVIEW 558 (2018) (student note).

Academic Works-in-Progress

- THE FRUITS OF AUTHORSHIP: A THEORY OF COPYRIGHT (monograph; draft book proposal).
- *The Extended Self: A Framework for Information Rights* (draft available upon request).
- *What's So Bad About Perfect Prediction?* (with Erick Sam).
- *Minds, Machines, and the Law: Toward a General Theory* (with Erick Sam).

TEACHING

- **Intellectual Property Law**, Columbia Law School in Amsterdam Program, Summer 2023
- **Law & Philosophy**, Columbia Law School, Spring 2023—
- **Legal Theory Seminar: Intellectual Property, Technology, and Information Law**
Columbia Law School, Spring 2023—
- **Torts**, Columbia Law School, Fall 2022—
- **Furman Scholars Seminar**, NYU School of Law, Fall 2020—Spring 2022

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Honorable Robert D. Sack, US Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit, New York, NY
Law Clerk, 2019-2020 Term
- Durie Tangri, LLP, San Francisco, CA
Summer Law Associate, Intellectual Property Litigation, July-August 2018
- Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, New York, NY
Summer Law Associate, Litigation & Intellectual Property, June-August 2017

HONORS

- *summa cum laude*: highest honor of law school, awarded to the very few students (if any in a particular year) who compiled a truly outstanding academic record
- Furman Academic Scholar: for exceptionally promising future legal academics
- Maurice Goodman Prize: outstanding academic achievement & scholarship
- John Bruce Moore Award: highest excellence in law & philosophy
- Bradley Fellowship: for scholarly achievement in free speech
- Order of the Coif: national society of law students with GPA in top 10%
- Pomeroy Scholar: top ten students after first year of law school
- Butler Scholar: top ten students after second year of law school

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Joseph Raz Tribute Conference Organizing Committee, New York, 2022-present
- Honorary Alumni of Color Committee, Columbia Law School, 2022-present
- Annual Ambedkar Lectures Committee, Columbia Law School, 2022-present
- Committee for Careers in Law Teaching, Columbia Law School, 2022-present
- Climate Committee, NYU Department of Philosophy, 2018-2019
- Reviewer, *Law & Philosophy* and Oxford University Press, ongoing

PRESENTATIONS

The Extended Self: A Framework for Information Rights (in progress):

- Faculty Workshop, Columbia Law School, May 2nd, 2023
- USC Center for Law & Philosophy Workshop, USC Gould School of Law, April 11th, 2023 (invited)
- NYC Workshop on Intellectual Property & Philosophy, March 31st, 2023 (invited)
- Junior Faculty Workshop, Columbia Law School, March 22nd, 2023
- Faculty Workshop Series, University of Connecticut School of Law, April 4th (invited)
- North American Private Law Theory Workshop, UCLA School of Law, February 24th-25th, 2023 (invited)
- Yale-Toronto Private Law Theory Workshop, February 18th, 2023 (invited)
- Annual Intellectual Property Law Scholars Conference (IPSC), Stanford Law School, August 11-12th, 2022

Understanding Intellectual Property: Expression, Function, and Individuation, 70 Journal of the Copyright Society of the USA (forthcoming 2023) (peer reviewed):

- Harvard Law & Philosophy Workshop, October 12th, 2022 (invited)
- Annual IP & Innovation Conference, Suffolk Law School, October 1st, 2022 (invited)
- Michigan Law School Legal Theory Workshop, September 20th, 2022 (invited)
- NYC Workshop on Intellectual Property and Philosophy, May 5th, 2022 (invited)

- Annual Intellectual Property Law Scholars Conference (IPSC), Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, August 5th, 2021
- Philosophical Methods in IP Colloquium, Classical Liberal Institute, NYU School of Law, July 20th 2020 (invited)
- Tristate Region Intellectual Property Workshop, Engelberg Center on Innovation Law & Policy, NYU School of Law, January 20th 2020 (invited)
- Furman Academic Scholars Seminar, NYU School of Law, October 18th, 2019 (invited)
- NYU Philosophy Department: Washington Square Circle Workshop, May 8th, 2019

***Intellectual Property, Independent Creation, and the Lockean Commons*, 12 UC Irvine Law Review 747 (2022):**

- Furman Academic Scholars Seminar, NYU School of Law, October 15th, 2020
- Copyright Scholarship Roundtable, University of Pennsylvania School of Law, June 21st-June 22nd, 2019 (invited)
- Theories of Intellectual Property Law Seminar, NYU School of Law, February 12th, 2019 (invited)
- Works-in-Progress Intellectual Property (WIPIP) Colloquium, University of Houston Law Center, February 9th, 2019
- Furman Academic Scholars Seminar, NYU School of Law, Fall 2017 and Spring 2018

***Lockean Copyright versus Lockean Property*, 12 Journal of Legal Analysis 136 (2020) (peer reviewed):**

- NYC Workshop on Intellectual Property and Philosophy, December 2nd, 2021 (invited)
- Furman Academic Scholars Seminar, NYU School of Law, Spring 2018
- NYU Department of Philosophy: Lunch Talk Series, November 2nd, 2018 (invited)

***Minds, Machines, and the Law: The Case of Volition in Copyright Law*, 119 Columbia Law Review 1887 (2019) (with Jeanne Fromer):**

- Ipse Dixit: A Podcast on Legal Scholarship, May 29th, 2019 (invited)
- Engelberg Center for Innovation Law & Policy, Faculty Workshop, NYU School of Law, April 16th, 2019

- *Columbia Law Review* Symposium: “Common Law in the Age of AI”, April 5th, 2019 (invited)
- Yale Law School, Information Society Project: Ideas Lunch, April 4th, 2019 (invited)
- Works-in-Progress Intellectual Property (WIPIP) Colloquium, University of Houston Law Center, February 8th, 2019

***Conceptual Separability as Conceivability: A Philosophical Analysis of the Useful Articles Doctrine*, 93 NYU Law Review 558 (2018) (note):**

- Annual Intellectual Property Law Scholars Conference (IPSC), UC Berkeley School of Law, August 9th, 2018
- Tristate Region Intellectual Property Workshop, Engelberg Center on Innovation Law & Policy, NYU School of Law, January 12th, 2018 (invited)
- Furman Academic Scholars Seminar, NYU School of Law, Fall 2016 and Spring 2017

Invited Contributions & Commentaries:

- Conference on Intellectual Property and Private Law, University of Cambridge, July 6th-7th, 2023 (co-organizer of conference & invited contributor/co-editor of volume)
- University of Houston Intellectual Property & Information Law Symposium, Santa Fe, New Mexico, June 2nd-3rd, 2023 (invited commentator)
- Conference and Festschrift in Honor of Samuel Scheffler, UC Berkeley Department of Philosophy, May 27th-28th 2023 (invited contributor to volume of essays)
- Tristate Region Intellectual Property Workshop, Engelberg Center on Innovation Law & Policy, NYU School of Law, January 13th, 2023, Commentary on *Anti-Intellectualism in Intellectual Property* by Sepehr Shahshahani
- Copyright Scholarship Roundtable, Columbia Law School, June 21st-22nd, Commentary on *Fighting Image Piracy or Copyright Trolling?* by Melissa Eckhaus
- Tristate Region Intellectual Property Workshop, Engelberg Center on Innovation Law & Policy, NYU School of Law, January 18th, 2019, Commentary on *Jefferson’s Taper* by Jeremy Sheff