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Current Position

S.J.D. (completion expected November 2025) | Harvard Law School

- Lecturer, **Comparative AI Governance** with Martha Minow (Spring 2025)
- Affiliate, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society

Education

Machine Learning (Python/TensorFlow) | Eastern Bloc artist-run center, May 2021

LL.M. (degree waived, Dean's Scholar Prize) | Harvard Law School, May 2020

J.D./ B.C.L. | (semester abroad at the University of Barcelona) | McGill University, May 2012

B.F.A. Computation Arts (with Distinction and Graduation Prize, Co-op program) | Concordia University, May 2007

Teaching and Research Interests

- Primary Interests: Law & Technology, Equality and Non-Discrimination, Legislation and Regulation
- Secondary Interests: International Human Rights Law, Labor and Employment Law, Criminal Law

Peer-reviewed and Law Review Publications

- Smoke and Mirrors? Corporate Power and AI Regulation (forthcoming, University of Illinois Journal of Law, Technology & Policy, prepared for job talk) 2024
- Analog Privilege (NYU Journal of Legislation & Public Policy)
- Stem Cell Research Funding Policies and Dynamic Innovation: A Survey of Open Access and Commercialization Requirements | Stem Cell Reviews and Reports, Springer, New York, first author, with Jihyun Rosel Kim, Rosario Isasi, Bartha Maria Knoppers, Aurora Plomer and Yann Joly 2014
- (Im)Mobile Nation | Mobile Nation Anthology Riverside Architectural Press, Toronto, first author, with Jason E. Lewis 2008
- Cityspeak: Reconfiguring Public Media Space | Wi journal, Mobile Digital Commons Network, Montreal, with Jason E. Lewis and Lucie Bélanger 2007

Judicial Clerkship

Quebec Court of Appeal, Montreal

Clerk for the Chief Justice and legal counsel to the Court, 2013-2015

- Prepared legal memoranda on civil and criminal cases before the Court
- Assisted with drafting reasons, publications and speaking engagements
- Assisted the court in the transition to the new Code of Civil Procedure

Select Professional Experience

Canadian Foreign Service Institute, Ottawa

Course facilitator, 2021 – 2023

- Designed and co-delivered 3-day course on the geopolitical dimensions of new technologies (six iterations)

Global Affairs Canada (Foreign Policy Dpt), Ottawa

Policy Analyst, 2018; Senior Policy Analyst, 2019

- Drafted departmental AI foreign policy and strategy
- Led multistakeholder and interdepartmental consultations on AI
- Advised policymakers on the implications of AI for foreign policy
- Community liaison in AI events and meetings, including with High Commissioner for Human rights

Inquiry Commission on the Protection of Confidential Journalists' Sources, Montreal

Criminal Intelligence Analyst, 2017

- Drafted legal memoranda on electronic surveillance warrants and criminal law procedure
- Designed and implemented protection measures for confidential evidence; negotiated with attorneys

Quebec Administrative Labor Tribunal, Montreal

Attorney, 2016-2017

- Represented the tribunal on judicial review
- Researched and drafted legal memoranda on labor and employment matters

McGill University Centre of Genomics and Policy, Montreal

Research Assistant, 2012

- Researched intellectual property matters in stem cell commercialization

Select Merit-based Scholarships and Academic Prizes

- Doctoral Research Grant – (first rank) | Quebec Society & Culture Research Fund 2021-
- Doctoral Fellowship – (additional offer for ranking among best applications) | Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
- Dean’s Scholar Prize (awarded to top students for extraordinary work) | Fairness & Privacy Seminar 2019
- Macdonald Travelling Scholarship | McGill University Faculty of Law 2018
- Scholarship for re-entering the Research Community | Quebec Society & Culture Research Fund
- John Peters Humphrey scholarship | Canadian Council on International Law
- Travel grant for Media Arts Professional | Canada Council for the Arts 2008
- Computation Arts cohort prize | Concordia University 2007

Select Presentations, Media and Other Publications

- Will AI make us stupid, and what can we do about it? | Simons Institute, UC Berkeley 2024
- DemocraCIA | Luminare / Civic Compass Buenos Aires
- The Future is Analog (If You Can Afford It) | Tech Policy Press
- Comparative AI Governance | Law & Society Annual Meeting Denver
- Democracy, AI & Human Rights | Organization of American States Permanent Council Washington 2023
- AI Governance | CIGI Digital Policy Hub Waterloo
- Multistakeholder AI governance | Francophonie / UN Digital Global Compact NYC
- (De)Generative AI | AI+Society with Kristen Thomasen Ottawa
- AI in the legal practice | Canadian Bar Association Insolvency Law Conference Montreal
- Co-creating a shared human rights agenda for AI regulation and the digital welfare state | NYU Center for Human Rights and Global Justice / Amnesty Algorithmic Accountability Lab NYC
- Disclosing the use of AI in law | Canadian Bar Association Magazine interview
- Co-Designing Generative Futures | Global Network of Internet & Society Centers (panel co-moderator) Cambridge US
- Expert Consultation on the Declaration on Information Integrity Online | University of Ottawa
- Analog Privilege | AmnestyTech; BKC; Harvard Fairness & Privacy Seminar; Law & Society Annual Meeting (Law and Political Economy Collaborative Research Network) London UK; Cambridge US; San Juan Porto Rico ([presentation](#))
- Before worrying about AI’s threat to humankind, here’s what else Canada can do | CBC interview
- AIDA or Beta? Discussing Canada’s New Artificial Intelligence and Data Act and Beyond | Concordia University
- AI Regulation Should Not Be a Blank Cheque for Government | CIGI, with Florian Martin-Bariteau
- Governance and rights protection in the digital era | Modern Law Podcast, Canadian Bar Association 2022
- Risk-related approaches to AI governance | ADM+S symposium Australia ([presentation](#))
- Scoping AI Governance: A Smarter Tool Kit for Beneficial Applications | CIGI report 2021
- Privacy concerns in AI-powered emotional tracking | Freedom Online Coalition Ottawa
- AI and Foreign Policy | MILA Research Institute Montreal 2020
- AI Emotion Recognition | York University Privacy & Surveillance Seminar Toronto ([presentation](#))
- Artificial Intelligence and Diplomacy | New York University
- Regulatory Frameworks Relating to Data Privacy and Algorithmic Decision Making in the Context of Emerging Standards on Algorithmic Bias | NeurIPS Conference Proceedings

Select Civic Engagement

- Brief to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Industry and Technology on proposed AI and Data Act 2024
- Co-chair | Data for Policy Special Track : critical global perspectives on the governance of AI datasets 2023-24
- Invite-only consultations on Quebec artificial intelligence (AI) regulation | Quebec Innovation Council
- Informal consultation on responsible AI | Inter-American Development Bank Lab 2022
- Invite-only consultations on the Digital Charter, draft AI bill and Code of Practice on generative AI | Federal Canadian government
- Brief on COVID contact-tracing applications | Quebec Legislative Assembly 2020
- Administrative assistance to asylum claimants | Maison d'Haïti 2015-16
- Volunteer legal counsel | Lawyers Without Borders, Port-au-Prince, Haiti 2014
- Translator | Canadian Council for Refugees
- Member of the Board of Directors of digital artist-run center and collective | ATSA 2014-17
- Fundraiser for local free legal clinics | McGill Christie Memorial Bike Ride 2010-16
- Member of the Board of Directors of digital artist-run center and collective | StudioXX 2008-09
- Research psychological harassment & temporary agencies regulation | Au Bas de l'Échelle 2008
- Logistical and administrative support to asylum claimants | YMCA 2001

Memberships and Affiliations

- AI Governance Working Group Co-organizer, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society 2022-
- Senior Fellow, Center for International Governance Innovation 2020-
- Working Group member, Indigenous AI, Abundant Intelligences
- Legal section participant, IEEE Algorithmic Bias technical standard 2019-20
- Licensed to Practice Law, Quebec Bar 2012-

Languages Native French, fluent Spanish and Portuguese, basic Haitian Creole, Catalan and Arabic

References

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