

David Morar

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EDUCATION

- Schar School, George Mason University – PhD, Public Policy** 2012-2018
Areas: Internet and Emerging Tech Governance, Private and Global Governance, Privacy
- Bellisario College of Communications at Penn State** 2011-2012
Doctoral classes in Mass Communications
- Penn State School of International Affairs – M.A., International Affairs** 2008-2010
Graduate Minor in Science Technology & Society
- University of Bucharest, College of Political Science – B.A., Political Science** 2005-2008
B.A., Political Science (taught in English; thesis received highest grade: 10)
Thesis: “Romanian Political Parties and the European Union: Words vs. Actions”

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Various, New America’s Open Technology Institute** Sep. 2022-present
Currently a Senior Policy Analyst (prev. Policy Fellow), managing or co-managing portfolios on AI, data privacy & protection, and platform governance & accountability; leading PrivacyNOW Coalition to support passing of federal comprehensive privacy legislation; drafting regulatory comments (FTC, NTIA, OMB), op-eds (SF Examiner, TechPolicyPress), blogposts and more; managing policy fellows, research associates, and interns; maintaining engagement with government, industry and civil society stakeholders; building and executing international strategy (EU, UK); assisting with hiring.
- Visiting Scholar, Schar School** Sep. 2022-present
Visiting GMU, centralizing and revitalizing its Science & Technology Policy work, working to increase GMU visibility in this area through events, publications and global strategic partnerships; Co-teaching course on Social Media, Privacy and Innovation.
- Visiting Professor, FGV Law School, Center for Tech & Society** Sep. 2022-present
Visiting FGV, lecturing on governance structures, data protection and privacy, collaborating with others in the 2022 cohort on research, and events.
- Fellow, Hans Bredow Institute** Jan. 2021-Jan. 2023
Collaborating with Prof. Dr. Kettemann on private ordering and speech regulations research
Leading the launch of the *Private Ordering Observatory (PrObs)* as Project Manager
Creating global scholarly event series (deplatforming, disinformation, governance)
- Managing Fellow, Digital Interests Lab** Jul. 2020-present
Managing the research collective, under Directorship of Prof. Anne L. Washington.
Responsible for [Governing Conversations](#) event series
Leading working group on AI Ethics
Providing research assistance for US Congress on data policy issues
- Postdoctoral Data Policy Fellow, NYU Steinhardt** Dec. 2020-Sep. 2022

Researching data policy with a focus on governance and ethics in speech and AI, as part of a National Science Foundation CAREER grant for Prof. Anne L. Washington, PI
Authored several scholarly and opinion pieces on platform governance

Research Sprint Fellow, Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society Aug.–Nov. 2020

Participating in the *Ethics of Digitalization* project as an inaugural AI and Content Moderation Research Sprint Fellow, with a final output of a white paper on AI auditing in content moderation

Visiting Scholar, Digital Trade and Data Governance Hub Jun. 2019–Dec. 2022

Visiting GWU, assisting with research guidance and promoting the Hub through op-eds, panels and conferences, creating a functional strategy for Hub outputs (trainings, events, papers), while also consulting on issues related to content, direction and future plans, and providing expert insights to industry and government actors.

Policy Manager, Data for Democracy Oct. 2018–Jun. 2019

Worked alongside Policy Director, Renee DiResta, focusing primarily on disinformation, data science ethics, and algorithmic accountability, by providing research and policy guidance, as well as drafting op-eds and internal white papers. Maintained the D4D presence in Washington DC, with participation in panels and workshops, and interfacing with other civil society organizations.

Curator, Diplo Digital Watch Observatory Oct. 2018–Jun. 2019

Wrote short updated on digital policy events and news, as well as just-in-time reporting from internet policy events (WSIS Forum, IGF, ICANN), and performed various research and writing assignments.

Google Policy Fellow, Global Network Initiative Jun. 2017–Mar. 2018

Tasked primarily with writing internal memos/briefs for the GNI Policy Committee and general membership, while also planning and executing GNI events (Board Meeting, Public Learning Forum etc.).

Google Policy Fellow, Internet Education Foundation Jun. 2016–Mar. 2017

Planned and executed congressional briefings, including moderating briefing on government hacking, co-created cross-IEF Snowden Effect Series, served as Project Manager for State of The Net 2017 with primary responsibility for two panels, and as needed, provided research, and editing support.

Research Fellow, Future of Privacy Forum Jun.–Nov. 2015

Primarily wrote an internal white paper on biometric technologies and their privacy implications within the educational space, while also providing further research, editing support, and grant writing insights, and as needed, assisted FPF events, particularly planning and organizing National Science Foundation workshop on Privacy Review Boards.

Graduate Assistant, George Mason University Aug. 2012–Aug. 2018

Employed as a Research Assistant to Dr. Anne L. Washington for 6 years, with a wide range of tasks and responsibilities:

- primary assistant for PoliInformatics, National Science Foundation Grant [#1243917](#) dealing with open government data providing research and administrative assistance, as webmaster, setting up a Wordpress website, maintaining the social media presence,

organizing two workshops, conference calls, and a Steering Committee face-to-face meeting;

- secondary author on successful grant application for National Science Foundation Grant [#1635449](#), Open Data Suppliers, and worked as primary assistant in a research capacity.
- research support for Dr. Washington's in various stages of work such as journal runs, literature reviews, data collection, qualitative interpretation of data, data visualization and conclusions.
- responsible for an institutional technology transition from Sharepoint 2007 to Sharepoint 2010, in all stages, such as planning and preserving copies of various sites and subsites in the general architecture of the servers.
- assisted Dr. Washington's teaching through BlackBoard CMS for *Culture Organizations and Technology*, *Collaborative Technologies for Knowledge Sharing* and other classes.

Employed as a Teaching Assistant to Dr. Janine Davidson between August 2012 and December 2013, performing various administrative and teaching duties for "US National Security" and "US Foreign Policy" classes, including assisting with guest lecturers (Assistant Secretary of Defense Paul Stockton; Gen. David Petraeus).

Co-founder, Fawnders Co. Aug. 2008-Aug. 2014

Responsible for product innovation and editorial content for Romanian startup focused on online discussion and social networks, piloting several products in beta testing.

Social Media Manager, OnwardState.com Aug. 2011-Aug. 2012

Worked as Social Media Manager and Editorial Board member, responsible for long-term social media strategy and daily management of accounts of the most read student news media outlets in the country at the time (60k+ likes on Facebook, 70k+ followers on Twitter). Grew website and social media accounts organically from a local media challenger to a nationally known and trusted brand delivering Penn State-centric news, delegated responsibilities to a larger team, while co-managing accounts and occasionally wrote articles about comedy or related topics.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Pennsylvania State University Aug. 2011-May 2012

Employed as a Teaching Assistant to Dr. Michael Elavsky, with primary responsibilities to assist lectures and grade discussions for 100-level Media and Democracy course and 300-level Comparative Media Systems course. Also researched, created, and delivered lecture on Social Media and Democracy, and held weekly office hours for one-on-one conversations with students

Graduate Research Assistant, Pennsylvania State University Jan. 2009-May 2010

Employed as a Research Assistant to Dr. John Kelmelis, with primary responsibilities in finding class resources for Science Policy and International Affairs graduate class, and also various research tasks on science and technology topics.

Research Assistant, The United Nations Mar. 2009-May 2010

Worked as a Research Assistant to Dr. Iulia Motoc, Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Bioethics - Human Genome and member of The United Nations Human Rights Committee, supporting Dr. Motoc on research topics related to bioethics and human rights.

Freelance Journalist/Collaborator, Academia Catavencu Jan. 2004-Aug. 2010

As a Foreign News Collaborator, wrote quirky news feature, "Foreigner's Week", co-authored recurring short international world stage articles, and was responsible for American elections coverage

Freelance Journalist/Collaborator, *Cotidianul* Jan. 2005-Aug. 2009

As a Foreign Media Collaborator, created and wrote international television news column for the second half of 2005, while also occasionally authoring full-length features on major networks, general social trends in American television.

Intern, Wilson Center Jun.-Aug. 2009

As an Intern for Project on Emerging Nanotechnology, primarily conducted research at various stages of key projects related to nanotech and synthetic biology, while also attended numerous congressional meetings including on National Nanotechnology Initiative, crafting preliminary focus group script for research, and also reviewing and updating nanotech consumer products inventory database and website.

Editor, *Inpolitics.ro* Jan. 2007-Jun. 2008

Worked as an early employee and managed portal-wide news content, while also screening blog content to ensure accuracy/timeliness and serving as advisor on brand image consolidation and general future content in pre-launch phase.

Communications Intern, Office of the President of Romania Mar.-May 2008

Primarily responsible for preparing daily press briefings, analyzing press coverage of the President, and also piloting and implementing a streamlined mass media monitoring process.

Administrative Assistant/Adjunct Instructor, Romanian Cultural Institute Jan.-Apr. 2008

Assisted with administration and operational duties, while also acting as a substitute for regular instructors on occasion.

Front Office Agent, Ritz Carlton Key Biscayne Jun.-Sep. 2008

Operated the call center and assisted department managers with their duties, while also taking first action, made first-hand decisions with guests' requests and issues. Served as front line contact ensuring guests' satisfaction and return business.

CONSULTING

Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania Jul. 2022-Mar. 2023

R Street Institute Mar. 2020-Mar. 2023

New America Public Interest Technology Dec. 2020-Mar. 2021

Better Business Bureau Sep.-Nov. 2020

POPULAR PRESS

1. Morar, D. (2024). *To Combat Online Harms, Congress Needs to Shift the Focus Away from Section 230*. OTI Blog. <https://www.newamerica.org/oti/blog/to-combat-online-harms-congress-needs-to-shift-the-focus-away-from-section-230/>

2. Morar, D. (2024). The realities of Compromise. in *Experts Provide Early Analysis of the American Privacy Rights Act*. Tech Policy Press. <https://www.techpolicy.press/experts-provide-early-analysis-of-the-american-privacy-rights-act/>
3. Morar, D. (2024). *On the AI Act's Passage and Lessons for US Policymakers*. Tech Policy Press. <https://www.techpolicy.press/ai-acts-passage-and-lessons-for-us-policymakers/>
4. Morar, D. (2023). *Making the Internet Work for Everyone: Preserving Section 230's Critical Protections*. New America's The Thread. <https://www.newamerica.org/the-thread/internet-section230/>
5. Morar, D. (2023). *What Should U.S. Policymakers Know about the AI Act (So Far)?* OTI Blog. <https://www.newamerica.org/oti/blog/what-should-us-policymakers-know-about-the-ai-act-so-far/>
6. Morar, D., Trivedi, P. (2023). *How Tech Companies Can Make Recent AI Commitments Count*. Tech Policy Press. <https://techpolicy.press/how-tech-companies-can-make-recent-ai-commitments-count/>
7. Trivedi, P., Morar, D. (2023). *SCOTUS Rules in Favor of Platforms — What's Next for Platform Accountability?* OTI Blog. <https://www.newamerica.org/oti/blog/scotus-rules-in-favor-of-platforms-whats-next-for-platform-accountability/>
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9. Morar, D. (2023). *Privacy Is a Right. Protecting It Is Not Extreme*. OTI Blog. <https://www.newamerica.org/oti/blog/privacy-is-a-right-protecting-it-is-not-extreme/>
10. Morar, D. (2022). *The US Finally Has A Chance For A Federal Privacy Law. It Should Take It*. Techdirt. <https://www.techdirt.com/2022/12/09/the-us-finally-has-a-chance-for-a-federal-privacy-law-it-should-take-it/>
11. Morar, D., Santos, B. (2022). *Is the DSA a New Dawn of Legislating Platform Governance?*. Lawfare Institute. <https://www.lawfareblog.com/dsa-new-dawn-legislating-platform-governance-globally>
12. Morar, D. (2022). *Make Privacy Legislation a Lame Duck Priority*. Tech Policy Press. <https://techpolicy.press/make-privacy-legislation-a-lame-duck-priority/>
13. Morar, D. (2022). *California should not get in the way of federal data privacy legislation*. San Francisco Examiner. https://www.sfexaminer.com/our_sections/forum/california-should-not-block-federal-data-privacy-legislation/article_9f9dc834-5bc1-11ed-af4f-8bd8b7468846.html
14. Morar, D. (2022). *Section 230 faces a reckoning*. Context. <https://www.context.news/big-tech/opinion/section-230-faces-a-reckoning>
15. Morar, D. (2022). *Change Is Coming to Internet Platforms. The Supreme Court May Lead the Charge*. Barron's. <https://www.barrons.com/articles/supreme-court-230-tech-companies-internet-twitter-51665779309>
16. Morar, D. (2022). *Tech Firms Take First Step Toward Self-Regulation on Trust & Safety*. Tech Policy Press. <https://techpolicy.press/tech-firms-take-first-step-toward-self-regulation-on-trust-safety/>

17. Morar, D. (2022). *The Digital Services Act's lesson for U.S. policymakers: Co-regulatory mechanisms*. Brookings Institution TechTank Blog. <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/techtank/2022/08/23/the-digital-services-acts-lesson-for-u-s-policymakers-co-regulatory-mechanisms/>
18. Morar, D., Nystrom, M., Kay, S. (2022). *Artificial Intelligence at a Crossroads: Compliance as Ethics*. Responsible AI Institute. <https://www.responsible.ai/post/artificial-intelligence-at-a-crossroads-compliance-as-ethics>
19. Lucena, C., Morar, D. (2021). *O dilema das pesquisas das redes*. Estadão. Brazil <https://politica.estadao.com.br/blogs/fausto-macedo/o-dilema-das-pesquisas-das-redes/>
20. Morar, D. (2021). *Trump deplatforming decision highlights the impotence of Facebook's Oversight Board*. Brookings Institution TechTank Blog. <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/techtank/2021/05/07/trump-deplatforming-decision-highlights-the-impotence-of-facebooks-oversight-board/>
21. Morar, D. (2021). *Facebook's Oversight Board makes an imperfect case for private governance*. Brookings Institution TechTank Blog. <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/techtank/2021/02/23/facebooks-oversight-board-makes-an-imperfect-case-for-private-governance/>
22. Morar, D. (2021). *The Ethical Considerations of Public Interest Technology* <https://www.newamerica.org/pit-un/blog/ethical-considerations-public-interest-technology/>
23. Santos, B., Morar, D. (2021). *Four lessons for U.S. legislators from the EU Digital Services Act*. Brookings Institution TechTank Blog. <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/techtank/2021/01/06/four-lessons-for-u-s-legislators-from-the-eu-digital-services-act/>
24. Morar, D., Santos, B. (2020). *The push for content moderation legislation around the world*. Brookings Institution TechTank Blog. <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/techtank/2020/09/21/the-push-for-content-moderation-legislation-around-the-world/>
25. Morar, D. (2020). Don't break up Facebook, make it more transparent. *Humboldt Institute Digital Society Blog*. <https://www.hiig.de/en/dont-break-up-facebook-make-it-more-transparent/>
26. Morar, D. (2020). Content Moderation and Human Nature. *TechDirt*. <https://www.techdirt.com/articles/20200818/15424345138/content-moderation-human-nature.shtml>
27. Morar, D., Santos, B. (2020). *Online content moderation lessons from outside the US*. Brookings Institution TechTank Blog. <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/techtank/2020/06/17/online-content-moderation-lessons-from-outside-the-u-s/>
28. Morar, D. (2020). Facebook's Oversight Board Can't Intervene, So Stop Asking. *TechDirt*. <https://www.techdirt.com/articles/20200602/00290044624/facebooks-oversight-board-cant-intervene-so-stop-asking.shtml>
29. Morar, D. (2019). Facebook's Oversight Board: A toothless Supreme Court?. *Internet Governance Project*. <https://www.internetgovernance.org/2019/10/02/facebooks-oversight-board-a-judiciary-with-no-constitution/>

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31. Aaronson, S. Morar, D. (2019). A leader in profiting from data, America lags in protecting our information. *San Francisco Chronicle*. <https://www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/openforum/article/Open-Forum-A-leader-in-profiting-from-data-14086845.php?psid=c2le4>
32. Tomson, D., Morar, D. (2018). A Better Way to Regulate Social Media. *Wall Street Journal*. <https://www.wsj.com/articles/a-better-way-to-regulate-social-media-1534707906>

PUBLICATIONS & REGULATORY FILINGS

1. Morar, D., Trivedi, P. (2023). *New America's Open Technology Institute Comments to the Office of Management and Budget's Request for Comments on Advancing Governance, Innovation, and Risk Management for Agency Use of Artificial Intelligence 2023-0020*. https://newamericadotorg.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/Open_Technology_Institute_Comments_on_OMB_Docket_No._2023-0020.pdf
2. Morar, D. (2023). *Enforcement as a Necessity in Platform Councils*. In Kettemann, Matthias C.; Schulz, Wolfgang (eds.) (2023): *Platform://Democracy – Perspectives on Platform Power, Public Values and the Potential of Social Media Councils*. Hamburg: Verlag Hans-Bredow-Institut.
3. Morar, D. (2023). *New America's Open Technology Institute Comments to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Request for Comments on Privacy, Equity, and Civil Rights 230103-0001*. https://newamericadotorg.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/OTI_NTIA_Comments.pdf
4. Morar, D., Sarkesian, L. McHale, B. (2022). *New America's Open Technology Institute Comments on Commercial Surveillance to the Federal Trade Commission's Advanced Notice for Proposed Rulemaking R111004*. https://newamericadotorg.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/OTI_FTC_Comments_on_Commercial_Surveillance_and_Data_Security.pdf
5. Riley, C., Morar, D. (2021). *Legislative efforts and policy frameworks within the Section 230 debate*. Brookings Institution TechStream. <https://www.brookings.edu/techstream/legislative-efforts-and-policy-frameworks-within-the-section-230-debate/>
6. Riley, C., Morar, D. (2021). *Applying Multi-Stakeholder Internet Governance to Online Content Management*. R Street Institute. <https://www.rstreet.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Multi-stakeholder-Internet-Gov-Report-RSI-Sept.-2021.pdf>
7. Morar, D., Riley, C. (2021). *A guide for conceptualizing the debate over Section 230*. Brookings Institution TechStream. <https://www.brookings.edu/techstream/a-guide-for-conceptualizing-the-debate-over-section-230/>
8. Bloch-Wehba, H., Fernandez, A., Morar, D. (2020). *Making Audits Meaningful [Policy Brief]*. *Research Sprint on AI and Content Moderation*. Retrieved from <https://graphite.page/policy-brief-audits>

9. Morar, D., Washington, A.L. (2020). *How a compliance mindset undermines antitrust reform proposals*. Brookings Institution TechStream. <https://www.brookings.edu/techstream/how-a-compliance-mindset-undermines-antitrust-reform-proposals/>
10. Giandana, F., Morar, D. (2019). *Latin America. Global Information Society Watch 2019 - Artificial Intelligence: Human Rights, Social Justice And Development*. Berlin, Germany. https://giswatch.org/sites/default/files/gisw2019_web_latinam.pdf
11. Corcoran, C., DiResta R., Morar, D., Dhamani, N., Honke, G., Sullivan, D., Gleason, J., Azunre, P., Kramer, S., & Ruppel, R. (2019). *Disinformation: Detect to Disrupt. Proceedings of the Conference of Truth and Trust Online 2019*. (In Publication) London, United Kingdom.
12. Washington, A. L., & Morar, D. (2017). Open Government Data and File Formats: Constraints on Collaboration. *Proceedings of the 18th Annual International Conference on Digital Government Research*, 155–159. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3085228.3085232>
13. Morar, D. (2017). The Internet Association. In A. L. Schintler, & C.L. McNeely (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Big Data*. New York: Springer.
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15. Morar, I.T., Morar D. (2012). The Second Hat: Romanian Mass Media from Party Loudspeaker to the Voice of the Oligarchs. In V. Tismaneanu. & B. Iacob (Eds.), *The End and The Beginning: The Revolutions of 1989 and the Resurgence of History* (pp. 419-436). New York: CEU Press.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. **Data as Commons: An evaluation of data trust models for governing the Smart City**. Lauren McCarthy, David Morar. 2020 North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International. November 2020. San Diego, CA.
2. **Disinformation: Detect to Disrupt**. Craig Corcoran, Renee DiResta, David Morar, Numa Dhamani, Garrett Honke, David Sullivan, Jeffrey Gleason, Paul Azunre, Steven Kramer, & Rebecca Ruppel. Comparative Approaches to Disinformation Workshop 2019 at the Berkman Klein Center, Harvard University. October 2019, Cambridge, MA.
3. **Multi-stakeholder Governance for Platform Tech and Content Moderation? A Discussion of Principles, Opportunities and Learnings** David Morar, Danielle Tomson. Creator Governance: Platforms, Policies, Rights, And Regulation; International Communication Association 2019 Post-Conference. May 2019, Washington, DC.
4. **Open Data: Audit Audiences or Engaged Publics?** Anne L. Washington, David Morar. Data for Policy 2017. September 2017, London, United Kingdom.
5. **Open Government Data & File Formats: Constraints on Collaboration**. Anne L. Washington, David Morar. dg.o 2017: 18th Annual International Conference on Digital Government Research. June 2017, City University of New York, College of Staten Island Staten Island, New York.
6. **Open Data Repositories: Intimating Data Publics Through File Formats**. Anne L. Washington, David Morar. Data Publics Conference. April 2017, Lancaster University, Lancaster, UK.

7. **NGOs in Global Multi-Stakeholder CSR: An Empirical Analysis of UN Global Compact.** Poster. Kyung-Min Lee, Lokesh Dani, David Morar and Kyoung Cheon Cha. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall 2016 Conference. November 2016, Washington DC.
8. **Safeguarding Privacy While Sharing: The Prospects of an Autonomous Fleet.** Poster. Lauren N. McCarthy, David Morar. Automated Vehicles Symposium 2016. July 2016. San Francisco, CA.
9. **Enhancing Governance Risk Profiles Through Leveraging National Political Institutions for Transnational Nanotechnology Governance.** (Accepted as Part of a Panel) David Morar, Alexander Smith. Jonah Bea-Taylor. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall 2015 Conference. Science and Technology Policy Area. November 2015, Miami, FL.
10. **Stakeholder- Vs Evidence-Based Modes of Internet Governance.** Roxana Radu, David Morar. (Accepted as a Poster) Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall 2015 Conference. November 2015. Miami, FL.
11. **Global Governance for Nanotech? An Analysis of Institutional Risk Factors** David Morar, Alexander Smith. Jonah Bea-Taylor. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2015. Technology and Environmental Policy Division. August 2015, San Francisco, CA.
12. **Different Channel, Same Strategy? Filling Empirical Gaps in Congress Literature** Andreu Casas, David Morar. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2015. Information Technology and Politics Division. August 2015, San Francisco, CA.
13. **Using Institutional Risk Factors to Focus Transnational Efforts on Improving Nanotechnology Governance.** David Morar, Alexander Smith. Jonah Bea-Taylor. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall 2014 Conference. Science and Technology Policy Area. November 2014, Albuquerque, NM. (nominated for Best Comparative Paper Award)
14. **Analyzing 2012 Presidential Election: What is the correlation between Twitter, Polls and Popular Vote?** Anne L. Washington, Jason B. Thatcher, David Morar, Kyle LePrevost. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Presidents and Executive Politics Division. August 2013, Chicago II. https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2566441
15. **Issues with US Nanotechnology Policy.** David Morar. Transatlantic Policy Consortium's Transatlantic Perspectives in Public Affairs: Technology, Safety, Security Conference. May 2013, The Hague, NL.

LEADERSHIP/SCHOLARLY SERVICE

Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life (CITAP) at the University of North Carolina
Affiliated Scholar Jul. 2022–present

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers Non-Commercial Stakeholder Group
Executive Committee member Nov. 2020–present

Journal of Communication Technologies
Associate Editor Sep. 2020–May 2024

Georgetown University Center for Security and Emerging Technologies
Foretell Ambassador Board Member Jun. 2020–Feb. 2021

Third AAAI/ACM Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society <i>Program Committee Member</i>	Feb. 2020
Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review <i>Peer Reviewer</i>	Oct 2019–present
Big Data Science Lab; West University of Timisoara <i>Associate Researcher</i>	Jun. 2019–present
Center for Advanced Studies in Public Policy, Governance; Paraiba State University <i>Associate Researcher</i>	Jul. 2019–present
Cyber South School on Internet Governance (CYBERSSIG) <i>Fellow - inaugural edition of the CYBERSSIG in Washington, DC</i>	May 2018
At-Large North American Graduate Students (NAGS) <i>President</i>	Mar. 2018-Mar. 2020
Co-founder of an At-Large Structure within ICANN, representing North American students.	
North American School of Internet Governance (NASIG) <i>Fellow - inaugural edition of NASIG, in San Juan, Puerto Rico</i>	Mar. 2018
Community-driven Principles for Ethical Data Science <i>Moderator Data Ownership and Provenance Working Group</i>	Nov. 2017–Mar. 2018
Set agenda, facilitate conversation and help prod the conversation along with guiding questions. Drafted principles related to Data Ownership and Provenance. Moderated groups at the 2018 Data 4 Good Exchange.	
American Political Science Association (APSA) <i>Executive Committee, Information Technology and Politics</i>	Aug. 2017–Aug. 2019
Elected for a two-year term at the 2017 Annual Meeting, Section Business meeting.	
International Association of Privacy Professionals <i>Global Privacy Summit 2016 Scholarship</i>	Mar. 2016
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) <i>International Conference Program Committee Co-Chair</i>	2019
Co-Chaired National Security and Emerging Technologies Area Led the review of paper and poster submissions.	
<i>Fall 2019 Conference Program Member</i>	2019
Peer-reviewed papers and poster submissions for Emerging Technologies Area	

Policy Council Member Jan. 2016-Jan. 2018
 Appointed for a two-year term APPAM's highest level.
 Member of the Membership Committee.

Chair of Student Advisory Committee Jan. 2015-Jan. 2016
 Lead a group of 6 students in helping APPAM determine how best to serve the needs of its student members through activities and programs.

Student Advisor to the Strategic Planning Committee Jan. 2015-Jan. 2016
 Acted as an advisor to the process of crafting a 2016-2019 strategic plan, voicing the opinion of students, to ensure the needs of students are represented in the final strategic plan for APPAM.

PhD Student Professional Development Workshop Organizing Committee Nov. 2013
 Organized the first ever PhD workshop for APPAM, alongside other DC-area graduate students, securing topics and speakers for the daylong event as part of a yearlong team effort.

STGlobal Conference
Vice Chair for Communications May 2014-May 2015
Vice Chair for Social Media May 2013-May 2014
Organizing Committee Member Oct. 2012-May 2013
 Helped run, a record three years in a row, a graduate student conference on Science & Technology topics, rising from a committee member, to being Vice Chair.

GMU Center for Science and Technology Policy
Affiliated Scholar Aug. 2012-Aug. 2018

Romanian Youth Parliament
Culture Committee Feb. 2007-Jul. 2008
Parliament Media Director Mar. 2008-Jul. 2008

Add Litteram Student Organization
Co-Founder/Co-President Oct. 2005-Feb. 2007
 Founded, ran alternative student organization at the University of Bucharest: events, workshops, social gatherings, enriching student body experience; Created conference series "Politics&"

FELLOWSHIPS

Internet Law and Policy Foundry
Fellow Mar. 2022-present

ICANN
ICANN58 Fellow Mar. 2017
ICANN61 Fellow Mar. 2018
ICANN64 Fellow Mar. 2019

Highly-regarded, competitive Fellowship program supporting the next generation of involved Internet community members – a "fast track" experience of engagement, contribution and networking opportunities. Intensive program extending beyond the meeting: focused

cooperation between fellows, and with Staff & Community of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names & Numbers. Rep of the Academic Community, as both an Eastern European native and a graduate student in the US.

George Mason University

Presidential Scholarship

2012-2014

A prestigious, competitive university-wide scholarship, 3 years in a row

The Pennsylvania State University

Robert W. Graham Endowed Fellowship

Aug. 2011

An admissions fellowship awarded to highly sought-after applicants

SPECIALIZED EXPERTISE

Governance Structures

Multistakeholderism

Data Governance

Privacy, Security, and Transparency; Content Moderation; Social Impact of Information Communication Technologies, Open Government Data; Misinformation and Disinformation; Big Data Policy, Social and Ethical Implications; Social Media Policy and Politics; Social, Ethical and Governance Implications of Emerging Technologies (Nanotechnology, AI); Global Governance; Qualitative + Mixed-Methods Research.

SPECIAL SKILLS

Language: Romanian - Native Proficiency

English - Fluent (writing, speaking, reading, and listening)

French - Proficient (speaking, reading, and listening)

Spanish and Italian - Working Knowledge

Technical: HTML, Final Cut, Photoshop, video and photo production, Microsoft Office suite, Wordpress, social media strategy (Twitter and Facebook for business/professional use), working knowledge of STATA, BlackBoard and Angel Educational CMS; & Sharepoint.

Editorial: Write and amend articles and reports, qualitative and mixed methods research, creative writing abilities, copyediting.

Hobbies: Comedy (stand-up and improv), Photography.

MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication

Sep. 2020–present

International Association of Privacy Professionals

Apr. 2016–present

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

Sep. 2013–present

American Political Science Association

Jul. 2013–present

Penn State Blue & White Society

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