

# David Morar

## Technology Policy PhD

*Data and Technology Governance.* Public policy professional. Current focus: AI governance, data privacy and platform accountability. Former multiple fellow (3x ICANN, 2x Google Policy), skilled writer and researcher, with experience writing and managing grants; interfacing with government & industry stakeholders; and leading civil society coalitions. Working at the intersection of technology and policy, as it impacts democracy and digital civil rights. Previous areas of work include business and human rights, tech ethics, and open data among others.



### Personal Info

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### Languages

English - Bilingual

Romanian - Native

French - Proficient

Spanish - Working Knowledge



### Research Interests

Technology Policy: **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 **AI and**

**Emerging Technologies**; Global

Governance; Qualitative and Mixed-

Methods Research.



### Affiliations

**2022 - present**

Center for Information, Technology, &

Public Life (CITAP) UNC

**2020-09 - present**

Association for Education in Journalism &

Mass Communication (AEJMC)

**2016 - present**

International Association of Privacy

Professionals (IAPP)



### Experience (selected)

**2022-09 -**

**present**

#### Various

*New America - Open Technology Institute*

**Senior Policy Analyst** (March 2023 - present); **Fellow** (Sept 2022 - March 2023)

- Managing/co-managing portfolios on AI, data privacy, and platform governance
- Writing op-eds, regulatory filings, setting up events, managing fellows, associates and interns; maintaining engagement with government/industry stakeholders; building/executing international strategy; assisting with hiring

**2020-12 -**

**2022-09**

#### PostDoctoral Fellow

*NYU Steinhardt*

- NSF-sponsored Data Policy Fellow, working with Dr. Anne L. Washington
- Researched Data Policy, specifically focusing on governance and ethics, related to speech and AI
- Fundraising and Grant-writing for the Digital Interest Lab

**2019-06 -**

**2020-12**

#### Visiting Scholar

*Digital Trade and Data Governance Hub - Elliott School, GWU*

- Provided research guidance
- Created a functional strategy for Hub outputs (trainings, events, papers)
- Consulted on issues related to content, direction and future plans

**2018-08 -**

**2019-06**

#### Policy Manager

*Data for Democracy*

- Maintained D4D presence in Washington DC - events, workshops, panels
- Provided research, policy guidance on issues of disinformation campaigns, data science ethics and algorithmic accountability
- Wrote, and edited, op-eds, white papers and other products
- Assisted Renee DiResta in her work

**2012-08 -**

**2018-08**

#### Research and Teaching Assistant

*George Mason University Schar School of Public Policy*

- Primary Research Assistant, provided research and administrative support for NSF Grant #1243917 on open government data
- Co-author and Primary Research Assistant, providing research support, for NSF Grant #1635449, Open Data Suppliers
- Assisted Dr. Anne Washington with research, teaching, & Dr. Janine Davidson with teaching

**2016-06 -**

**2018-03**

#### Google Policy Fellow

*Various*

- *Global Network Initiative* - June 2017-March 2018
- Wrote internal memos, briefs for Policy Committee and GNI membership
- Planned, executed GNI events
- *Internet Education Foundation* - June 2016-March 2017
- Co-planned State of the Net 2017, ownership of several panels
- Created Snowden Effect Series
- Research, editing support for IEF + planned, executed, moderated Congressional briefings

**2015-06 -**

**2015-11**

#### Research Fellow

*Future of Privacy Forum*

- Researched biometric tech privacy, focusing on education space (white paper).
- Provided research, editing support for FPF products, NSF grant applications and events

## 2013 - present

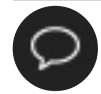
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)

## 2013 - present

American Political Science Association (APSA)

## 2012 - 2018

GMU Center for Science and Technology Policy (GMU CSTP)



## Conferences

**Research Presented at:** Transatlantic Policy Consortium 2013, American Political Science Association (2013, 2015), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (2014, 2015, 2016), Automated Vehicles Symposium 2016, Data Publics 2017, dg.o 2017, Data for Policy 2017, RightsCon 2018, International Communication Association Post-Conference Workshop 2019, Berkman-Klein Comparative Approaches to Disinformation Workshop 2019, Conference of Truth and Trust Online 2019 (further information available upon request)

## Other Experience

Freelance Journalist - 6 years

Fellow Internet Law and Policy Foundry '22

Research Assistant for Dr. Iulia Motoc, Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Bioethics

Internships with: Woodrow Wilson

International Center for Scholars, Office of the President of Romania, Romanian Cultural Institute

Consulting for R Street Institute, New America, Better Business Bureau, Avaaz, University of Pennsylvania.

Graduate Courses in Media Studies; Telecom Policy; Science and Technology Studies

Guest Lectures: NYU Steinhardt; Silicon Flatirons; GMU Schar

Fellow: Humboldt Institute Ethics of Digitalization, 2020 Ai and Content Moderation Research Sprint

Visiting: Fellow - Hans Bredow Institute, 2021-present; Prof. - FGV Center for Tech & Society 2022-present;

Associate Researcher: Big Data Science Laboratory @ West University of Timisoara, RO; Center for Advanced Studies in Public Policy & Governance @ Paraiba State University, BR



## Selected Publications

- 2023-07** 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/>
- 2022-05** Morar, D. (2022). California should not get in the way of federal data privacy legislation. SF Examiner. [https://www.sfexaminer.com/our\\_sections/forum/california-should-not-block-federal-data-privacy-legislation/article\\_9f9dc834-5bc1-11ed-af4f-8bd8b7468846.html](https://www.sfexaminer.com/our_sections/forum/california-should-not-block-federal-data-privacy-legislation/article_9f9dc834-5bc1-11ed-af4f-8bd8b7468846.html)
- 2022-05** Morar, D., Nystrom, M., Kay, S. (2022). Artificial Intelligence at a Crossroads: Compliance as Ethics. Responsible AI Institute. <https://www.responsible.ai/news/artificial-intelligence-at-a-crossroads-compliance-as-ethics>
- 2021-09** 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>
- 2020-06** Morar, D., Santos, B. (2020). Online content moderation lessons from outside the US. Brookings Institution *TechTank*, <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/techtank/2020/06/17/online-content-moderation-lessons-from-outside-the-u-s/>
- 2019-10** Corcoran, C., DiResta R., Morar, D. et al (2019). Disinformation: Detect to Disrupt. *Proceedings of the Conference of Truth and Trust Online 2019*. London, United Kingdom.
- 2019-09** Morar, D. (2019). Facebook's Empty Action on Content Moderation. *San Francisco Chronicle*, <https://www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/openforum/article/Open-Forum-Facebook-s-empty-action-on-content-14471550.php>
- 2018-08** 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>



## Education

- 2012-08 - 2018-08** **George Mason University, Ph.D. in Public Policy**  
*Presidential Scholarship Award (2012-2015)*  
Areas: Internet, Emerging Tech Governance; Private/Global Governance, Privacy
- 2008-08 - 2010-05** **Pennsylvania State University, M.A. International Affairs**  
Graduate Minor in STS  
*Research:* S&T Policy, Ethics; Emerging Tech Governance, Global Governance
- 2005-10 - 2008-07** **University of Bucharest, Bachelor of Political Science**  
in English; thesis received highest grade: 10  
*Thesis:* "Romanian Political Parties and the European Union: Words vs. Actions"



## Leadership and Service

- 2012 - present** **Service**
- Journal of Communication Technology (JoCTEC) - *Associate Editor 2020-2024*
  - Georgetown CSET - *Foretell Ambassador Board Member 2020*
  - AAAI/ACM Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society - *Program Committee 2020*
  - Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review - *Peer Reviewer 2019- present*
  - Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) - *International Conf. Program Committee Co-Chair Emerging Tech Area 2019*
  - Policy Council Student Representative - January 2016 - January 2018*
  - American Political Science Association (APSA) - *Executive Committee Member, Information Technology and Politics Section - August 2017-2019*
  - International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP) - *Global Privacy Summit 2016 Scholarship - March 2016*
- 2016 - present** **Internet Governance**
- Fellow:* ICANN58 2017, ICANN61 2018, ICANN64 2019, CYBERSSIG 2018, NASIG 2018 *Executive Committee:* Non Commercial Stakeholder Group, ICANN 2021-present