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APPOINTMENTS

The University of Houston, Houston, TX

W. Ronald Robins Professor of Law, August 2026–Present

Associate Professor of Law (with tenure), August 2026–Present

Assistant Professor of Law, August 2021–2026

- University of Houston Excellence in Research Award, 2024
 - Awarded annually to two pre-tenure faculty (university-wide)

Associated Faculty in Public Affairs, August 2021–Present

Center for Law & AI Risk (CLAIR)

Founder, Executive Co-Director, September 2023–Present

- Raised \$613,000 in philanthropic funding in 2024-25

Forethought, Oxford, UK

Senior Visiting Scholar, January 2026–August 2026

Institute for Law & AI (LawAI)

Visiting Senior Fellow, January 2026–Present

Senior Research Affiliate, 2024–Present

Center for AI Safety (CAIS), San Francisco, CA

Law and Policy Advisor, June 2023–Present

Lawfare

Contributing Editor, March 2023–Present

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

Climenko Fellow and Lecturer on Law, August 2019–August 2021

PUBLICATIONS

Works in Progress

[*A Thousand AI Constitutions*](#) (with Simon Goldstein).

AI Nationalization (with Yonathan Arbel & Simon Goldstein).

[*AI Rights for Economic Flourishing*](#) (with Simon Goldstein).

[*How To Stop an AI Arms Race*](#) (with Simon Goldstein).

[*Liberalism Forever*](#) (with Simon Goldstein).

Book

[*AI Rights*](#), Cambridge University Press (forthcoming 2027) (with Simon Goldstein).

Print Articles

[*AI Rights for Human Safety*](#), VA. L. REV. (forthcoming 2026) (with Simon Goldstein).

[*AI Revealed Preferences*](#), accepted for 2026 AAAI/ACM CONFERENCE ON AI, ETHICS, AND SOCIETY (AIES) (with Sam Wang, Sofia Lobanova, Yonathan Arbel & Simon Goldstein) (peer reviewed).

[*How to Count AIs: Individuation and Liability for AI Agents*](#), BOSTON COLLEGE L. REV (forthcoming 2026) (with Yonathan Arbel & Simon Goldstein).

[*AI Suffrage for Human Flourishing*](#), FORDHAM L. REV. (forthcoming 2026) (with Simon Goldstein & Guha Krishnamurthi) (invited symposium contribution).

[*Abolition by Algorithm*](#), 123 MICH. L. REV. 800 (2025).

- Selected for Michigan Junior Scholars Conference (2023)
- Selected for University of Chicago International Junior Scholars Forum (2023)

[*AI Outputs Are Not Protected Speech*](#), 102 WASH. U. L. REV. 83 (2024).

- Finalist for Carnegie Endowment AI Liability Scholarship Prize (2024)
- Selected for Yale Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference (2024)

[*Net Versus Relative Impacts in Public Policy Automation: A Conjoint Analysis of Attitudes of Black Americans*](#), AI & SOCIETY (2024) (with Ryan Kennedy, Amanda Austin, Michael Adams, and Carroll Robinson) (peer-reviewed).

[*Algorithmic Discrimination and Health Equity*](#) in RESEARCH HANDBOOK IN HEALTH, AI, AND THE LAW, (I. Glenn Cohen & Barry Solaiman, eds.) (2024) (with Jessica L. Roberts).

[*The Goose and the Gander: How Conservative Precedents Will Save Campus Affirmative Action*](#), 102 TEX. L. REV. 124 (2023) (with Guha Krishnamurthi).

[*Big Data Affirmative Action*](#), 117 NORTHWESTERN U. L. REV. 821 (2022).

- Selected for Harvard/Yale/Stanford Junior Faculty Forum (2022)
- Selected for Midwest Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting (2022)

[*Artificially Intelligent Class Actions*](#), 100 TEX. L. REV. 101 (2022).

[*The Pigouvian Constitution*](#), 88 U. CHI. L. REV. 1081 (2021).

[*The Federal–State Standing Gap: How to Enforce Federal Law in Federal Court Without Article III Standing*](#), 26 WM. & MARY BILL RTS. J. 1155 (2018) (with David K. Suska).

[*Why Prison?: An Economic Critique*](#), 22 BERKELEY J. CRIM. L. 111 (2017).

Online Articles

[*AI Is Not A Natural Monopoly*](#), MINNESOTA L. REV. ONLINE (forthcoming 2026) (with Simon Goldstein).

[*AI Will Not Want to Self-Improve*](#), in LAWFARE DIGITAL SOCIAL CONTRACT WHITEPAPERS (2024).

- Limited whitepaper series, \$7,000 prize for selected works.

[*Justices on Yachts: A Value Over Replacement Theory*](#), 97 S. CAL. L. R. ONLINE 26 (2024) (with Guha Krishnamurthi).

[*Will Bruen Kill Cops?*](#), 93 FORDHAM L. REV. ONLINE 11 (2024) (with Guha Krishnamurthi).

[*Qualified Immunity as Gun Control*](#), 99 NOTRE DAME L. R. ONLINE 93 (2024) (with Guha Krishnamurthi).

[*Complex Algorithmic Law*](#), U. CHI. L. REV ONLINE (2022) (symposium).

[*Nullification in Abortion Prosecutions: An Equilibrium Theory*](#), 72 DUKE L. J. ONLINE 41 (2022) (with Guha Krishnamurthi).

[*Small Arms Races*](#), U. CHI. L. REV. ONLINE (Jun. 3, 2022) (with Guha Krishnamurthi).

[*Ban Them All; Let the Courts Sort Them Out: Saving Clauses, the Texas Abortion Ban, and the Structure of Constitutional Rights*](#), 100 TEX. L. REV. ONLINE 13 (2021).

[*Post-Election Litigation and the Paradox of Voting*](#), U. CHI. L. REV. ONLINE (Mar. 10, 2021) (with Guha Krishnamurthi).

[*Principal Officers and the Function of Section 4 of the 25th Amendment*](#), 54 U. C. DAVIS L. REV. ONLINE 89 (2021) (with Guha Krishnamurthi).

[*Reparations, Constitutionality, and the Model of Civil Damages*](#), 57 TULSA L. REV. 303 (2021) (with Guha Krishnamurthi) (invited symposium piece).

[*Bostock and Conceptual Causation*](#), YALE J. REG. Notice & Comment (July 22, 2020) (with Guha Krishnamurthi).

Student Comment

[*The Law of Banksy: Who Owns Street Art?*](#), 83 U. CHI. L. REV. 2293 (2016).

Selected General Audience

[*What Happens Once You Give AI Agents Legal Identity*](#), FINANCIAL TIMES (Jun. 2026) (with Yonathan Arbel & Simon Goldstein) (letter to the editor).

[*Why Law Needs a New Entity to Govern AI Agents*](#), COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL BLUE SKY BLOG (Jun. 15, 2026) (with Yonathan Arbel & Simon Goldstein).

[*Copyright Should Not Protect Artists From Artificial Intelligence*](#), LAWFARE (Oct. 23, 2025) (with Simon Goldstein).

[*AI Rights for Human Flourishing*](#), THE AGI SOCIAL CONTRACT (SEPT. 8, 2025) (WITH SIMON GOLDSTEIN).

[*AI Might Let You Die to Save Itself*](#), LAWFARE (JUL. 31, 2025).

[*For AI Safety Regulation, a Bird in the Hand Is Worth Many in the Bush*](#), LAWFARE (Jun. 17, 2025).

[*The Case for a Joint U.S.-China AI Lab*](#), LAWFARE (Apr. 23, 2025) (with Simon Goldstein).

[*Today's AIs Aren't Paperclip Maximizers. That Doesn't Mean They're Not Risky*](#), AI FRONTIERS (May 21, 2025) (with Simon Goldstein).

[*Nuclear Deterrence in the Age of AGI*](#), LAWFARE (Mar. 26 2025) (with Simon Goldstein).

[*DeepSeek Points Toward U.S.-China Cooperation, Not a Race*](#), LAWFARE (Mar. 5 2025) (with Simon Goldstein).

[*Rogue AI Moves Three Steps Closer*](#), LAWFARE (Jan. 9 2025).

[*OpenAI's Latest Model Shows AGI Is Inevitable. Now What?*](#), LAWFARE (Dec. 23, 2024) (with Kevin Frazier & Alan Z. Rozenshtein).

[*AI Risk and the Law of AGI*](#), LAWFARE (Sept. 16, 2024) (with Simon Goldstein).

[*AI Safety Laws Are Not \(Necessarily\) a First Amendment Problem*](#), LAWFARE (Jun. 7, 2024) (with Doni Bloomfield & Alan Z. Rozenshtein).

[*OpenAI No Longer Takes Safety Seriously*](#), LAWFARE (May 22, 2024).

[*Open Questions in Law and AI Safety: An Emerging Research Agenda*](#), LAWFARE (Mar. 11, 2024) (with Yonathan A. Arbel, Ryan Copus, Kevin Frazier, Noam Kolt, Alan Z. Rozenshtein, Chinmayi Sharma, & Matthew Tokson).

[*From Fake News to Fake Views: New Challenges Posed by ChatGPT-Like AI*](#), LAWFARE (Jan. 20, 2023) (with Nikolas Guggenberger).

[*Nullifying Dobbs*](#), INQUEST (Sept. 7, 2022) (with Guha Krishnamurthi).

[*Nullification in Abortion Prosecutions*](#), DORF ON LAW (May 23, 2022) (with Guha Krishnamurthi).

[*Gun Rights \(Still\) Aren't Trumps*](#), DUKE CENTER FOR FIREARMS LAW: SECOND THOUGHTS BLOG (Jul. 21, 2022) (with Guha Krishnamurthi).

EDUCATION

The University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL

Juris Doctor, June 2016

- High Honors, Kirkland & Ellis Scholar, Order of the Coif
- *The University of Chicago Law Review* (Senior Articles Editor, 2015–16; Editor, 2014–15)

- Poole Fellowship (full-tuition merit award)
- Mandel Legal Aid Clinic: Employment Discrimination Project

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, June 2011

- Phi Beta Kappa, Special Honors in Philosophy, General Honors

CLERKSHIP

The Honorable Frank H. Easterbrook, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

Law Clerk, August 2016–August 2017

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Roundtable on Claude's Constitution, Anthropic, July 2026.

How to Count AIs, Google Paradigms of Intelligence, May 2026.

Governing Frontier AIs in Agentic Deployment, Texas International Law Journal Symposium, February 2026.

AI Rights for Human Safety, Schwartz Reisman Institute Seminar Series, University of Toronto, October 2025.

Law for AGI: Next Steps, OpenAI Mission Alignment Team, August 2025.

Governing AGI, University of Cambridge Law Following AI Workshop, August 2025.

AI Rights for Human Safety, Harvard Berkman Klein Center, April 2025.

AI Rights for Human Safety, University of Maryland Faculty Workshop, February 2025.

AI Rights for Human Safety, Oxford University Business Law Workshop, November 2024.

AI Rights for Human Safety, Fordham Faculty Workshop, November 2024.

The AGI Society, Oxford University Global Priorities Annual Conference, June 2024.

AI Outputs are Not Protected Speech, Yale Freedom Of Expression Scholars Conference, April 2024.

Regulation by Benchmark, University of Hong Kong AI & Humanity Lab, March 2023.

Abolition by Algorithm, Notre Dame Law and Economics Workshop, Nov. 2023.

AI Outputs Are Not Protected Speech, Center for AI Safety, August 2023.

AI Rights for Human Safety, Oxford University Global Priorities Institute, July 2023.

Abolition by Algorithm, University of Chicago International Junior Scholars Forum, June 2023.

Abolition by Algorithm, Michigan Junior Scholars Conference, April 2023.

AI Rights for Human Safety, Oxford University Future of Humanity Institute, April 2023.

AI Rights for Human Safety, Center for AI Safety, March 2023.

Small Arms Races, UCLA Criminal Justice Law Review Symposium, October 2022.

Big Data Affirmative Action, Midwest Law and Economics Association, October 2022.

Big Data Affirmative Action, Harvard/Yale/Stanford Junior Faculty Forum, June 2022.

Small Arms Races, Duke Firearms Law Works-in-Progress Workshop, June 2022.

Debate, *This House Would Abolish Prisons*, Oxford Union, Oxford University, invited December 2021 (travel cancelled due to pandemic).

Complex Algorithmic Law, University of Chicago Law School, Symposium on *Personalized Law* by Omri Ben Shahr and Ariel Porat, November 2021.

The Pigouvian Constitution, Harvard Law School, Law & Economics Workshop, April 2020.

Big Data Affirmative Action, Harvard Law School, Guest Lecturer for Prof. Jonathan Zittrain's Ethics and Governance of Artificial Intelligence course, October 2019.

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

Fin Moorehouse, *AI Rights for Human Safety*, ForeCast, Jul. 9, 2025.

Daniel Filan, *Episode 44: Peter Salib on AI Rights for Human Safety*, AXRP Podcast, June 27, 2025.

Houston Public Media, *Hello Houston*, News 88.7, May 7, 2025.

Paige Gross, *Federal immigration officials have extensive technology at their disposal*, Pennsylvania Capital-Star, Feb. 3, 2025.

Andrew Schneider, *Texas lawmakers set to take up fight over Ten Commandments in public schools*, Houston Public Media, Nov. 15, 2024.

Emilie Eaton, *City, SAPD mull surveillance tech*, San Antonio Express-News, Aug. 18, 2024.

Pauline Smith, *Why are schools struggling to deal with a new form of cheating?*, KHOU, Aug. 15, 2024.

Stephanie Simmons, *Should AI Be Used for Grading Schoolwork?*, KHOU.com, Aug. 13, 2024.

Alan Rozenshtein, *Peter Salib on AI Self-Improvement*, Lawfare Podcast, May 20, 2024.

Taryn Plumb, *Are AI outputs protected speech? No, and it's a dangerous proposition, legal expert says*, VentureBeat, Mar. 5, 2024.

Bryn Hines, *Will Students for Fair Admissions End Affirmative Action?*, The Regulatory Review, Feb. 22, 2024.

Megan Menchaca & Keri Heath, *K-12 schools, universities in Austin adapting to viral AI chatbot ChatGPT*, Austin American-Statesman, Feb. 28, 2023.

David Klepper, *ChatGPT is really good at creating online propaganda*, Associated Press, Jan. 24, 2023.

Ben Morris, *On Elon Musk's bid to buy Twitter*, BBC World Service, Apr. 26, 2022.

Who'll Shoot First? How Relaxed Gun Rules Fuel a "Small Arms Race", The Crime Report, Mar. 2022.

Cheryl Mercedes, *Copying and pasting a message to your Facebook page will not stop them from using your content*, KHOU-11 (CBS Houston), Nov. 23, 2021.

Jasminka Kalajdzic, *AI & The End of Lawyers ... Defeating Class Certification*, JOTWELL, Mar. 24, 2021.

Ross Douthat, *Crime and Different Punishments*, The New York Times, Apr. 22, 2017.

German Lopez, *The Case for Abolishing Prisons*, Vox, June 19, 2017.

Stephen Dubner, *Corrosive Energy Drinks and Peruvian Cat Stew*, Tell Me Something I Don't Know, Nov. 16, 2017.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sidley Austin LLP, Chicago, IL
Associate, September 2017–August 2019

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, & Flom LLP, Chicago, IL
Summer Associate, May 2015–August 2015

Faegre Baker Daniels LLP, Chicago, IL
Summer Associate, June 2014–August 2014, August 2015–September 2015

Academy for Urban School Leadership, Chicago, IL
Recruiter, June 2011–July 2013

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Constitution Society; Arab American Bar Association of Illinois