Tech Foundations for Government Staff

Day One | Tuesday, August 6 | 10:00 am–4:45 pm | Happy Hour to Follow

10:00-10:30  Registration

10:30–10:40  Welcome remarks and introductions
- Natalie Roisman, Executive Director, Georgetown Law Institute for Technology Law & Policy

10:40–11:00  All AI Is Not the Same

11:00–12:00  Finding the “AI” in Fairness

*Using copyrighted works as AI training data is already presenting legal and ethical issues, and many scholars and practitioners from the Georgetown Law community are encountering both in their justice-oriented work. Copyrighted training data (licensed or unlicensed) raises concerns about competition, equity, and power. How can those be addressed, and how are they being addressed by lawyers now? Through a guided conversation, panelists will expose how AI systems can harm marginalized people, explore how the copyright doctrine of fair use can (and cannot) mitigate some of those harms, and examine the future of lawyers' use of AI in their work.*

- Lindsey Barrett (L'17), Assistant Professor of Law, Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law
- Mariah Johnson (L'24)
- Jessica Tsibidis-Goldberg (L'24)
- Moderated by Amanda Levendowski, Associate Professor of Law and Director, Intellectual Property and Information Policy Clinic, Georgetown University Law Center

12:00–1:00  Lunch and presentation: AI and Election Integrity in the Age of Social Media

*In a world where news and other political information is increasingly shared on social media platforms, concerns about AI’s influence during election cycles is on the rise. During this lunch, we’ll talk about how AI has impacted elections to date and use real-world examples to brainstorm policy solutions.*

- Mary Pat Dwyer, Academic Program Director, Georgetown Law Institute for Technology Law & Policy

1:00–1:30  From Algorithms to Accountability: AI Foresight and Oversight

- Hayden Huang, PhD, Assistant Director for Science, Technology Assessment, and Analytics, US Government Accountability Office
1:30–3:30  Considering a Compulsory Copyright Collective Clearance System in an AI World

New technologies posing possible mass copyright infringement claims, such as music streaming, satellite and cable TV, spurred Congress to create compulsory copyright statutes. Could that paradigm apply to the works used to educate Artificial Intelligence/Large Language Models? If so, should such a compulsory copyright and rights-clearance model be restricted to certain categories of content, such as news, music, or movies/TV? After a briefing on compulsory copyright and rights clearance paradigms, a panel of stakeholders and experts will address these and related questions.

Presentation:
- Kristel García, Anne Fleming Research Professor, Georgetown University Law Center

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- John Bergmayer, Legal Director, Public Knowledge
- Terrica Carrington, Senior Counsel and Director of Law, Policy & International, Motion Picture Association
- Kristel García, Anne Fleming Research Professor, Georgetown University Law Center
- Jon Schleuss, President, NewsGuild-CWA
- Moderated by David Goodfriend (L’97), President, I Street Advocates and Adjunct Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center

3:30–3:45  Break

3:45–4:45  Who’s Responsible When AI Takes the Wheel?

Artificial intelligence is way more than chatbots — it’s used to trade stocks, drive cars, create music, and create new inventions. How should we think about holding AI systems responsible? Corporations are considered “artificial persons” and are held responsible for violations of the law. Should we hold the makers of AI systems responsible for their actions, or the users of those systems, or someone else entirely? If we hold AI systems responsible for their actions, should we take a similar approach to granting rights for AI created works under copyright and patent law?

- Ed Walters (C’92), Chief Strategy Officer, vLex

5:00  Happy hour in conjunction with the monthly Tech Policy Happy Hour

Day Two | Wednesday, August 7 | 9:00 am–3:00 pm

9:00–9:30  Registration

9:30–9:40  Welcome remarks and introductions/recap Day One

9:40–11:00  Law and Tech Primer: A Tour of the Changing AI Landscape

- Paul Ohm, Professor of Law and Chief Data Officer, Georgetown University Law Center
- Tom Goldstein, Volpi-Cupal Endowed Professor, Department of Computer Science, University of Maryland

11:00–11:15  Break

11:15–12:15  AI Around the Globe

- Christabel Randolph (LLM’23), Associate Director, Center for AI and Digital Policy

12:15–1:15  Lunch and presentation: AI and National Security — Machines, Weapons, and Human Judgement

- Mitt Regan, McDevitt Professor of Jurisprudence, Georgetown University Law Center; Senior Fellow, Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership, United States Naval Academy

1:15–2:30  AI and National Security Case Studies

This session will provide an overview of applications of AI for national security and their perceived advantages. Discussion will include lessons learned from an emerging success story: the 18th Airborne’s deployment of Maven Smart System in partnership with industry.

- Emelia Probasco, Senior Fellow, Georgetown Center for Security and Emerging Technology

2:30–3:00  A Competitive View: US v. China

- Sam Bresnick (SFS‘22), Research Fellow, Georgetown Center for Security and Emerging Technology

Day Three | Thursday, August 8 | 9:00 am–2:00 pm

9:00-9:30  Registration

9:30–9:40  Welcome remarks and introductions/recap Day One and Day Two

9:40-10:15  Government as User of AI, Employer of AI Talent, and Procurer of AI Systems

- Danny Hague, Assistant Director of External Affairs and Strategy, Georgetown Center for Security and Emerging Technology
- Natalie Roisman, Executive Director, Georgetown Law Institute for Technology Law & Policy

10:15-11:00  Government Uses of AI

- Alice Cao (L’23), Law Fellow, Georgetown Law Institute for Technology Law & Policy
- John Eagle Miles (L’23), Justice Fellow, Georgetown Law Institute for Technology Law & Policy

11:00–11:15  Break
11:15–11:35 NTIA’s Open Model Weights Report

- Christopher Quarles, PhD, Policy Advisor, Office of Policy Analysis & Development, National Telecommunications & Information Administration

11:35–12:00 Programming TBD

12:00–12:45 Demystifying Algorithms in Social Media

- Alissa Cooper, Executive Director, Knight-Georgetown Institute
- Zander Arnao, Policy Analyst, Knight-Georgetown Institute

12:45–2:00 Lunch and panel discussion: Careers in Tech Policy on Capitol Hill and in Federal Agencies

- Avery Blank (LLM’23), Counsel to Senator Gary Peters, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee
- John Branscome, Director of Public Policy, Meta
- Katy Robinette, Managing Director, Risepoint Search Partners
- C. Sean Spivey, Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP