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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Cleveland State University College of Law, Cleveland, OH

Assistant Professor of Law, August 2026 – Present

Courses: Constitutional Law I; Constitutional Law II; Criminal Procedure I; First Amendment Rights

Service: Curriculum Committee (2026 – Present)

Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, July 2024 – July 2026

Courses: Legal Writing I; Legal Writing II; Free Speech and the Digital Public Sphere

Information Society Project, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT

Resident Fellow & Visiting Clinical Lecturer in Law, November 2022 – June 2024

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, J.D., May 2021

Awards: Charles G. Albom Prize recognizing “excellence in judicial appellate advocacy” for oral argument before First Circuit Court of Appeals

Activities: Student Director, Media Freedom & Information Access Clinic; Articles Editor, Yale Journal of Law and the Humanities; Communications Chair, First Generation Professionals

Youngstown State University, B.A., May 2017

Philosophy & Political Science | *summa cum laude*

Awards: University Scholar (full academic scholarship); PIN Award (one of five graduating seniors recognized for “outstanding leadership, motivation, and creativity in university and community activities”)

ADDITIONAL AFFILIATION

Information Society Project, Yale Law School

Affiliated Fellow, August 2024 – Present

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PUBLICATIONS

Democratic Backsliding and the Limits of First Amendment Legalism, 17 U.C. IRVINE LAW REVIEW (forthcoming)

Against First Amendment Traditionalism, 114 KENTUCKY LAW JOURNAL 217 (2026)

Guaranteeing the Press, 98 ST. JOHN'S LAW REVIEW 903 (2025)

The Press Clause: The Forgotten First Amendment, 5 JOURNAL OF FREE SPEECH LAW 561 (2025) (primary drafter) (with Floyd Abrams, Sandra Baron, Lee Levine, & Isaac Barnes May)

Lyrics in Limine: Rap Music and Criminal Prosecutions, 38 COMMUNICATIONS LAWYER 10 (2023) (with Kelly McGlynn & Jacquelyn Schell)

How Brendan Carr's Not-So-Veiled Threats Could Work in Jimmy Kimmel's Favor, MSNBC (2025) (opinion piece)

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Ballard Spahr, LLP, Media & Entertainment Group, New York, NY

Associate, October 2021 – September 2022

- Assisted journalists across the country access information from federal, state, and local governments
- Defended against defamation suits under state law and the *New York Times v. Sullivan* regime
- Undertook pro bono efforts on behalf of an undocumented journalist facing deportation

Ballard Spahr, LLP, Media & Entertainment Group, New York, NY

Summer Associate, June 2020 – July 2020

Media Freedom & Information Access Clinic, Yale Law School

Summer Fellow, May 2019 – August 2019

Media Freedom & Information Access Clinic, Yale Law School

Member & Student Director, January 2019 – May 2021

- Delivered oral argument in *Lepore v. United States*, 27 F.4th 84 (1st Cir. 2022)
- Contributed to Abrams Institute amicus brief in *Rucho v. Common Cause*, 588 U.S. 684 (2019) (arguing political gerrymandering violates First Amendment)

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SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Democratic Backsliding and the Limits of First Amendment Legalism

Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference, Yale Law School (2026)

Faculty Workshop, Chicago-Kent College of Law (2026)

Constitutional Law Colloquium, Loyola Chicago School of Law (2025)

Ideas Lunch, Yale Law School Information Society Project (2025)

Against First Amendment Traditionalism

Junior Scholars Conference, Northeastern University School of Law (2025)

Journalism and the Press Clause

Law & Technology Series, Yale Law School Information Society Project (2025) [[video](#)]

Democracy, the Constitution, and the American Press

Youngstown Press Club, Youngstown, Ohio (2023)

ADMISSIONS

New York Bar (2022)