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## CURRENT ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

### **Head, Department of Journalism: 2022-Present**

College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Georgia

### **Associate Professor (Communication Law): 2020-present**

College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Georgia

### **Affiliate Professor (Media Law): 2017-present**

School of Law, University of Georgia

## CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### **Member: 2023-present**

Panel of Experts on Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and Association, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and its Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR). The panel serves as an advisory body to the OSCE and its 57 participating countries in Europe, Asia, and North America.

### **Media Law Consultant/Trainer: 2010-present**

Clients have included the United Nations Development Programme; the United States Agency for International Development; the Vienna-based Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe; the Warsaw-based Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights; the Hague-based European Center for Not-for-Profit Law; the London-based International News Safety Institute; and many U.S.-based news and nonprofit organizations, most recently the American Civil Liberties Union, the Student Press Law Center, the radio show “This American Life,” and the podcast “Serial.” I have also testified in litigation as an expert witness about journalism practices and media law.

### **Freelance Writer: 2003-present**

Markets have included *Vanity Fair*, *Esquire*, *Wired*, *The Atlantic*, *Columbia Journalism Review*, *The Nation*, *Slate*, CNN, NBC News, *Nieman Reports*, *The Columbus Dispatch*, and *The Plain Dealer*.

## PAST ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

### **Assistant Professor (Media Law): 2017-2020**

College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Georgia

### **Assistant Professor (Media Law): 2014-2017**

William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications, University of Kansas

### **Affiliated Research Faculty (Internet Governance and Privacy): 2014-2017**

Information and Telecommunication Technology Center, University of Kansas  
Surveillance Studies Research Center, University of Kansas

### **Assistant Professor (Journalism): 2013-2014**

Department of Communication, University of Dayton

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D., Journalism, University of Missouri**, Columbia, Missouri (2013)

**J.D., Ohio State University**, Columbus, Ohio (2010)

**B.S., Journalism, Ohio University**, Athens, Ohio (2007)

## BOOK

WILLIAM E. LEE, DAXTON R. STEWART AND JONATHAN PETERS, *THE LAW OF PUBLIC COMMUNICATION*.

- 13<sup>th</sup> Edition (Routledge 2024).
- 12<sup>th</sup> Edition (Routledge 2022).
- 11<sup>th</sup> Edition (Routledge 2020).
- 10<sup>th</sup> Edition (Routledge 2019 Update).

## RESEARCH

### Journal Articles

Jonathan Peters, *“Possessed by a person reasonably believed to have a purpose” to do journalism: The need to modernize the Privacy Protection Act*, 71 VILLANOVA LAW REVIEW \_\_ (2025)(in press).

Jonathan Peters and Skylar Bandoly, *Applying the Public Forum Doctrine to Public Official and Campaign Social Media Accounts*, 27 VANDERBILT JOURNAL OF ENTERTAINMENT AND TECHNOLOGY LAW \_\_ (2024)(in press).

Leslie Klein and Jonathan Peters, *“Change is Inevitable”: How the First Amendment Safety Valve Theory Can Expand Protections for Student Expression*, 13 INDIANA JOURNAL OF LAW AND SOCIAL EQUALITY \_\_ (2024)(in press).

Sonja R. West, Jonathan Peters, and Lefteris Jason Anastasopoulos, *All the News That's Fit to Be Identified: Facilitating Access to High-Quality News Through Internet Platforms*, 21 COLORADO TECHNOLOGY LAW JOURNAL 1 (2023).

Leslie Klein and Jonathan Peters, *Mahanoy Area School District v. B.L. and Regulating Off-Campus Student Expression: The Good News for College Student Journalists* 21 FIRST AMENDMENT LAW REVIEW 40 (2023).

Gregory Perreault, Jonathan Peters, Brett Johnson, and Leslie Klein, *How Journalists Think About the First Amendment Vis-à-Vis Their Coverage of Hate Groups*, 15 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF COMMUNICATION 4129 (2021).

Jonathan Peters, *Reimagining Access Rights Under the First Amendment*, 63 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY JOURNAL OF LAW AND POLICY 135 (2021).

Jonathan Peters, *The Modern Fight for Media Freedom in the United States*, 18 FIRST AMENDMENT LAW REVIEW 60 (2020).

Jonathan Peters, *Sexual Content and Social Media Regulation*, 59 WASHBURN LAW JOURNAL 469 (2020).

Jonathan Peters, *“I also consider myself a First Amendment lawyer,”* 18 VIRGINIA SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW JOURNAL 109 (2019).

Jonathan Peters, *Seeking clarity: European press rights at peaceful assemblies*, 30 FLORIDA JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 167 (2018).

Laveda Peterlin and Jonathan Peters, *Teaching Journalism Ethics Through “The Newsroom”: An Enhanced Learning Experience*, 74(1) JOURNALISM & MASS COMMUNICATION EDUCATOR 44 (2018).

Nina Brown and Jonathan Peters, *Say this, not that: government regulation and control of social media*, 68 SYRACUSE LAW REVIEW 521 (2018).

Jonathan Peters, *The “Sovereigns of Cyberspace” and State Action: The First Amendment’s Application (or Lack Thereof) to Third-Party Platforms*, 32 BERKELEY TECHNOLOGY LAW JOURNAL 1 (2018).

Jonathan Peters, Genelle Belmas, and Peter Bobkowski, *A Paper Shield? Whether State Privilege Protections Apply to Student Journalists*, 27 FORDHAM INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT LAW JOURNAL 763 (2017).

Jonathan Peters and Breanna McCarthy, *Student Journalists v. School Administrators: A Structured Way To Resolve Editorial Disputes*, 15 FIRST AMENDMENT LAW REVIEW 437 (2017).

Jonathan Peters and Brett Johnson, *Conceptualizing Private Governance in a Networked Society*, 18 NORTH CAROLINA JOURNAL OF LAW AND TECHNOLOGY 17 (2016).

Jonathan Peters, *Institutionalizing Press Relations at the Supreme Court: The Origins of the Public Information Office*, 79 MISSOURI LAW REVIEW 985 (2014).

Edson C. Tandoc, Jr., and Jonathan Peters, *One Journalist, Two Roles: What Happens When Journalists Also Work as Media Coordinators?* 15(1) JOURNALISM: THEORY, PRACTICE AND CRITICISM 324 (2014).

Jonathan Peters and Charles N. Davis, *When Open Government and Academic Freedom Collide*, 12 FIRST AMENDMENT LAW REVIEW 295 (2013).

Jonathan Peters and Edson C. Tandoc, Jr., *“People who aren't really reporters at all, who have no professional qualifications”:* *Defining a Journalist and Deciding Who May Claim The Privileges*, 2013 N.Y.U. JOURNAL OF LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY 34 (Online), [perma.cc/YE7C-9BDL](https://perma.cc/YE7C-9BDL)

Jonathan Peters, *WikiLeaks Would Not Qualify To Claim Federal Reporter’s Privilege In Any Form*, 63 FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS LAW JOURNAL 667 (2011).

Jonathan Peters, *WikiLeaks, the First Amendment, and the Press*, 2011 HARVARD LAW & POLICY REVIEW 1 (Online), [perma.cc/G8N4-RPGF](https://perma.cc/G8N4-RPGF)

## Encyclopedia Articles

Jonathan Peters, *European Press Regulation*, in ENCYCLOPEDIA OF JOURNALISM (Gregory A. Borchard, ed., Sage 2022, 2d ed).

Jonathan Peters, *How Libel Law Applies to Automated Journalism*, in OXFORD RESEARCH ENCYCLOPEDIA OF COMMUNICATION (Jon F. Nussbaum, ed., Oxford 2021).

Jonathan Peters, *Free Speech and Free Press*, in INTERNATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF JOURNALISM STUDIES (Tim P. Vos and Folker Hanusch, eds., Wiley-Blackwell 2019).

## Book Chapters

Jonathan Peters, *Legal and Policy Issues Affecting Journalism Practice*, in *THE INSTITUTIONS CHANGING JOURNALISM: BARBARIANS INSIDE THE GATE* (Patrick Ferrucci and Scott Eldridge, eds., Routledge 2022).

Taylor Voges and Jonathan Peters, *Consumer Criticism and Crisis: Online Reviews, Litigation, and Ethics*, in *SOCIAL MEDIA AND CRISIS COMMUNICATION* (Lucinda Austin and Yan Jin, eds., Routledge 2022, 2d ed).

Joseph Watson, Jamie Firth, and Jonathan Peters, *Law and (Lack of) Order in Complex Crises*, in *ADVANCING CRISIS COMMUNICATION EFFECTIVENESS* (Yan Jin, Bryan H. Reber & Glen J. Nowak, eds., Taylor & Francis 2020).

Jonathan Peters, *Considering and Constraining the Power of Content Hosts*, in *ETHICS FOR A DIGITAL AGE* (Bastiaan Vanacker and Don Heider, eds., Peter Lang 2015).

Jonathan Peters, *All the News That's Fit to Leak*, in *TRANSPARENCY 2.0: DIGITAL DATA AND PRIVACY IN A WIRED WORLD* (Charles N. Davis and David Cuillier, eds., Peter Lang 2014).

## Short Essays and Book Reviews

Jonathan Peters, "Free Speech in the United States. Zechariah Chafee, Jr." 100 *JOURNALISM & MASS COMMUNICATION QUARTERLY* 1007 (2023).

Jonathan Peters, "Protests and Press Rights," in *PRINCIPLES OF AMERICAN JOURNALISM* (Stephanie Craft and Charles N. Davis, Routledge 2021, 3d ed).

Jonathan Peters, *Balkin, Jack M.*, 25 *COMMUNICATION LAW & POLICY* 336 (2020).

Jonathan Peters, "WikiLeaks and the First Amendment," in *PRINCIPLES OF AMERICAN JOURNALISM* (Stephanie Craft and Charles N. Davis, Routledge 2013).

## Works in Progress

Jonathan Peters, Skylar Bandoly, and Olivia McCubbins, *What media lawyers think of their work and the media* (law journal article) (research is done, now writing).

Jonathan Peters and Hanna Esserman, *Covering executions: Government transparency (or lack thereof) in processes and protocols* (law journal article) (conducting research).

## Scholarly Presentations

Jonathan Peters, "The View From the Bar: How Media Lawyers Perceive Their Work," Law & Policy Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (Washington, D.C., 2023).

Leslie Klein and Jonathan Peters, "*Mahanoy Area School District v. B.L.* and Regulating Off-Campus Student Expression: The Good News for College Student Journalists," Scholastic Journalism Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (Detroit, 2022).

Gregory Perreault, Jonathan Peters, Brett Johnson, and Leslie Klein, "How Journalists Think About the First Amendment Vis-à-Vis Their Coverage of Hate Groups," Newspaper and Online News Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (New Orleans/Virtual, 2021).

Jonathan Peters, "Virtual assemblies: Exploring problems of private spaces and press protections," Law & Policy Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (San Francisco/Virtual, 2020).

Jonathan Peters, "The Modern Fight for Media Freedom in the United States," *First Amendment Law Review* Symposium: The First Amendment and an Informed Society, University of North Carolina School of Law (Chapel Hill, 2019).

Jonathan Peters, "Sexual Content and Social Media Regulation," *Washburn Law Journal* Symposium: The Future of Cyber Speech, Media, and Privacy, Washburn University School of Law (Topeka, 2019).

Jonathan Peters, "I also consider myself a First Amendment lawyer," Law & Policy Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (Toronto, 2019).

Jonathan Peters, "Seeking clarity: European press rights at peaceful assemblies," Law & Policy Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (Washington, D.C., 2018).

Jonathan Peters, "John Oliver, Robert Murray, and the vitality of satire in American life," Symposium: The State of Our Satirical Union: *Hustler Magazine, Inc. v. Falwell* at 30, University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, 2018).

Nina Brown and Jonathan Peters, "Say this, not that: government regulation and control of social media," Law & Policy Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (Chicago, 2017).

Laveda Peterlin and Jonathan Peters, "Teaching Journalism Ethics Through 'The Newsroom': An Enhanced Learning Experience," Media Ethics Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (Chicago, 2017).

Jonathan Peters and Peter Bobkowski, "Shielding Students: Do State Shield Laws Extend to Student Reporters," Scholastic Journalism Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (Minneapolis, 2016).

Jonathan Peters, "Sullivan and Nonmedia Defendants: Is John Doe Different From Brian Williams?" Freedom of Expression Division, National Communication Association, Annual Conference (Chicago, 2014).

Jonathan Peters, "The 'Sovereigns of Cyberspace' and State Action," Law & Policy Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (Montreal, 2014).

Jonathan Peters, "The Internet, Free Speech Chokepoints, and Government Regulation," International Symposium on Digital Ethics, Loyola University Chicago (Chicago, 2014).

Jonathan Peters, “The ‘Sovereigns of Cyberspace’ and State Action,” Law & Policy Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (Montreal, 2014).

Jonathan Peters, “Institutionalizing Press Relations at the Supreme Court: A Contemporary History of the Public Information Office,” American Journalism Historians Association, Annual Conference (New Orleans, 2013).

Jonathan Peters, “Legal Risk and Journalism in the Age of Cloud Computing,” InfoSocial: A Media, Technology & Society Conference, Northwestern University (Evanston, 2013).

Jonathan Peters, “Institutionalizing Press Relations at the Supreme Court: The Origins of the Public Information Office,” History Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (Washington, D.C., 2013).

Edson C. Tandoc, Jr., and Jonathan Peters, “One Journalist, Two Roles: What Happens When Journalists Work as Media Coordinators?” Media Ethics Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (Washington, D.C., 2013).

Edson C. Tandoc, Jr., and Jonathan Peters, “Explicating the Concept of Journalist: How Scholars, Legal Experts, and the Industry Define Who Is and Who Isn’t,” Mass Communication and Society Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (Chicago, 2012).

Jonathan Peters, “Student Journalists v. School Administrators: A More Structured Way To Resolve Disputes,” Scholastic Journalism Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (St. Louis, 2011).

## **CREATIVE ACTIVITY**

### **Amicus Briefs**

Signed and consulted on a First Amendment scholars’ amicus brief in the 2024 matter of *Case Leroy v. Livingston Manor Central School District*, in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (arguing that the First Amendment prohibits the punishment of public student speech by a “heckler’s veto”).

Signed and consulted on a First Amendment scholars’ amicus brief in the 2022 matter of *Animal Legal Defense Fund et al. v. Kimberly K. Reynolds*, in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (arguing that a state law violates the First Amendment because it attempts to censor views critical of animal agriculture facilities).

Signed and consulted on a First Amendment scholars’ amicus brief in the 2022 matter of *Animal Legal Defense Fund et al. v. Kimberly K. Reynolds*, in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (arguing that a state law violates the First Amendment because it attempts to censor views critical of animal agriculture facilities).

Signed and consulted on a First Amendment scholars’ amicus brief in the 2021 matter of *U.S. v. Daniel Everett Hale*, in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (urging the sentencing judge to consider the First Amendment implications of prosecutions for revealing to a reporter information of significant public interest).

Signed and consulted on a First Amendment scholars' amicus brief in the 2021 matter of *PETA v. Stein*, in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (arguing that a state ag-gag law criminalizing newsgathering activity violates the First Amendment).

Signed and consulted on a First Amendment scholars' amicus brief in the 2020 matter of *Gibson's Bakery v. Oberlin College*, in the Ohio Ninth District Court of Appeals (arguing that the trial court departed from numerous well-developed First Amendment and libel principles).

Signed and consulted on a GFAF amicus brief in the 2020 matter of *McBrayer v. Governors Ridge Property Owners Ass'n, Inc.*, in the Georgia Court of Appeals (arguing that the trial court erred by awarding money damages for a nuisance claim against an abortion clinic, chiefly because of the actions of protestors against the clinic).

Signed and consulted on a First Amendment scholars' amicus brief in the 2020 matter of *Michael D. Cohen v. William Barr et al.*, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (arguing that Cohen's return to prison was retaliation for his book on President Trump, in violation of the First Amendment).

Signed and consulted on a First Amendment scholars' amicus brief in the 2019 matter of *PEN American Center, Inc., v. Donald J. Trump*, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (arguing that the First Amendment provides relief based on President Trump's pattern and practice of retaliation against the press).

Signed and consulted on a First Amendment scholars' amicus brief in the 2019 matter of *Animal Legal Defense Fund v. Kimberly K. Reynolds*, in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (arguing that ag-gag law criminalizing newsgathering violates the First Amendment).

Signed and consulted on an EFF amicus brief in the 2017 matter of *In re National Security Letter, Under Seal v. Jefferson B. Sessions III*, in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (in support of a petition for rehearing en banc about the proper scope of prior restraints).

Lead author of an ACLU amicus brief in the 2016 matter of *Cruz, et al. v. English Nanny and Governess School, Inc., et al.*, in the Ohio Eighth District Court of Appeals (in support of attorney appealing imposition of sanctions for exercising First Amendment right to speak to the press).

Lead author of an ACLU amicus brief in the 2015 matter of *Murray, et al. v. Ciocia, et al.*, in the Ohio Eighth District Court of Appeals (in support of First Amendment activists facing a strategic lawsuit against public participation filed by a wealthy businessman).

## Special Reports/Projects

*Guide on digitally-mediated assemblies and how to monitor them* (2022). As a consultant for the European Center for Not-for-Profit Law, I drafted a guide and set of methodologies to collect data about digitally-mediated assemblies in order to provide greater understanding of how they take place and the extent to which they are enabled, facilitated, and protected by governmental and private actors.

*All the news that's fit to be identified: Facilitating access to high-quality news through internet companies, platforms* (2021). I coauthored (with Sonja R. West and Lefteris Jason Anastasopoulos) a white paper for the Knight Foundation exploring the public interest in high-quality news available through Internet companies like Twitter and Facebook. This was part of a \$25,000 grant from Knight.

*Research Evaluation of the City of Columbus' Response to the 2020 Summer Protests* (2021). I served as a member of the advisory team for the after-action review (AAR) of the response of the City of Columbus (OH) to the 2020 protests following the murder of George Floyd. I provided a First Amendment perspective for the data-gathering process and for the report co-drafted by the team leaders: former U.S. Attorney Carter Stewart and Dean Trevor Brown of the John Glenn College of Public Affairs at Ohio State University.

*Guidelines on Freedom of Peaceful Assembly* (3rd edition, 2019). As a consultant for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, I drafted the media-rights section of the guidelines, later adopted by the Council of Europe.

*Putin, Politics, and the Press*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (2017). I prepared a 14K-word report published by CJR and presented at Columbia University about news coverage of hacked emails during the 2016 presidential election, focusing on legal/ethical propriety of reporting on the emails as stolen materials.

## Letters and Memoranda

Signed and consulted on a joint letter in 2024, with other First Amendment scholars, sent to the Department of Justice to attest that the Espionage Act charges against Julian Assange pose a major threat to the First Amendment.

Submitted written guidance in 2020 to the U.N. Human Rights Committee to inform its drafting of General Comment No. 37 on Article 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. I discussed how Article 21, which guarantees the right of peaceful assembly, might be interpreted to protect virtual assemblies.

Signed and consulted on a joint letter in 2020, with other First Amendment scholars, sent to the California Highway Patrol to object to its ban on all protests on state property during the covid-19 pandemic.

## News Columns and Stories

Jonathan Peters, *Sued for Doing Journalism*, NIEMAN REPORTS (Nov. 11, 2022)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Dominion's Lawsuit Is No Slam Dunk—But Neither Is Fox News' Defense*, VANITY FAIR (Sept. 22, 2022)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Dominion's MyPillow and Smartmatic's Fox News election suits put 'disinformation' on trial*, NBC NEWS (Feb. 24, 2021)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *The legal landscape for frontline student journalists*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Oct. 20, 2020)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *What the lawyers who sue the press think of the press, and media law*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (July 30, 2020)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Explaining a police consultancy's lawsuit over a Central Park Five miniseries*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Oct. 29, 2019)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Public Officials: Beware Blocking Critics on Social Media*, NEWS & DEVELOPMENTS, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (July 22, 2019) (web column).



Jonathan Peters and Jared Schroeder, *Here's how to stop thin-skinned bullies suing the media constantly*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (April 29, 2019)(web column).

Jonathan Peters et al., *Hot Topics Roundtable: Sandmann v. The Washington Post*, MEDIA LAW RESOURCE CENTER (April 2019) (web feature).

Jonathan Peters, *Case against Bloomberg a rare one under 'hot news' doctrine*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Feb. 18, 2019)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Encryption efforts in Colorado challenge crime reporters, transparency*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Jan. 22, 2019)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *What's at stake in the CNN suit against the White House?*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Nov. 13, 2018)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *How the law protects hate speech on social media*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Nov. 2, 2018)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Libel law is having a moment*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Oct. 23, 2018)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Protesting on the Supreme Court's Front Porch*, HARVARD LAW REVIEW BLOG (Oct. 23, 2018) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Lawsuits over journalist Twitter accounts may become more common*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Sept. 10, 2018)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Homeland Security photography alert is 'a seed of fear'*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (July 12, 2018)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *For journalists covering prisons, the First Amendment is little help*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (July 3, 2018)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *In dossier lawsuit, BuzzFeed's 'fair-report' defense survives*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (June 6, 2018)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Q&A: Lawyer behind Hannity revelation at Cohen hearing speaks*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (April 18, 2018)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *The Oregonian has a lien on a former public official's house. How strange is that?*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (April 6, 2018)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Seth Rich lawsuit against Fox News stands on unusual legal ground*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (March 22, 2018)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *The time is right for the Journalist Protection Act. But we need a federal shield law*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Feb. 9, 2018)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *What some reporters get wrong about the First Amendment*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Feb. 5, 2018)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Trump Twitter spreadsheet tracks “a perpetual campaign against the press”*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Dec. 21, 2017)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *New guide helps whistleblowers and journalists work together*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Dec. 14, 2017)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *The newspaper ad that changed everything*, CNN (Nov. 20, 2017) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *If Trump White House is meddling in AT&T deal, it wouldn't be unprecedented*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Nov. 13, 2017)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Reimagining access rights under the First Amendment*, QUILL MAGAZINE (Nov. 2, 2017) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Put the camera down*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Oct. 16, 2017)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *When a journalist is arrested covering a protest, what should the news outlet do?*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Oct. 2, 2017)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Journalists bristle at a new police policy in Vermont*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Sept. 8, 2017)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *CJR partners with journalism groups to launch the US Press Freedom Tracker*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Aug. 2, 2017)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Journalist skirmish in the Senate: What you should know*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (July 26, 2017)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *10 overlooked press freedom groups that deserve support*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (July 14, 2017)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Media opposes right-of-publicity bill: ‘an attack on the First Amendment’*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (June 26, 2017)(web column).

Jonathan Peters et al., *Local news’s scattershot approach to covering the Russia allegations*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (June 7, 2017)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Trump and trickle-down press persecution*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Spring 2017 print issue).

Jonathan Peters, *Press freedom group to deploy \$1M Bezos gift, its largest ever, on local level*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (May 24, 2017)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *What Government Employees Need to Know About Their Speech Rights*, NEWS & DEVELOPMENTS, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (April 25, 2017) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *TV viewers have been sending ‘fake news’ complaints to the FCC*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (April 12, 2017)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *How Kansas high school journalists exposed a principal’s puffed-up resume*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (April 6, 2017)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Why are the feds searching more cellphones at the border? A new suit seeks answers*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (March 29, 2017)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *'Always appeal,' and more pro tips from a dozen FOIA experts*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (March 17, 2017)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Let the sunshine in: Usable data, open government, and more Freedom of Information successes*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (March 15, 2017)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Journalists arrested in DC inauguration protests have law on their side*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (January 26, 2017)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Student journalists especially vulnerable to Trump's press-as-enemy rhetoric*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (January 23, 2017)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Unintended consequences of new crime victims' bill of rights*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (December 12, 2016)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *What Trump could (and couldn't) do to restrict press freedom if elected*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (October 27, 2016)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Social media feud leads to public records fight in Miami Beach*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (October 17, 2016)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Just launched: A tool that will make life easier for FOIA reporters*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Oct. 3, 2016)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Survey: Less trust in media on historically black campuses*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Sept. 22, 2016)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Is a police officer a 'public official'? The Supreme Court could decide soon*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Sept. 9, 2016)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Shield laws and journalist's privilege: The basics every reporter should know*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Aug. 22, 2016)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *How one paper filed a FOIA request in Michigan—and got sued by the county*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Aug. 2, 2016) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *How some recent FOIA news could help—and limit—access to government records*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (July 25, 2016) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Could Facebook Live change the way courts think about privacy law?*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (July 14, 2016 (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Expect some 911 recordings from the Orlando massacre to be released—but it's not clear when*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (June 30, 2016) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *How an Ohio judge's ruling threatens journalists' ability to cover the court system*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (June 27, 2016) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *State court rules that local agencies can use a classic CIA tactic to evade FOI requests*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (June 8, 2016) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *How California's new copyright bill could chill public debate*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (June 2, 2016) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Knight, Columbia commit \$60 million to launch digital-era First Amendment center*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (May 17, 2016) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Why open-government advocates are feeling good about the news from Ohio*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (May 6, 2016) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Survey: Editors see media losing ground as legal advocate for 1st Amendment*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (April 21, 2016) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *More than 20 months after Ferguson, Ryan Reilly and Wesley Lowery are still facing charges in St. Louis County*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (April 19, 2016) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *How two court rulings involving universities breathe new life into the right to know*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (March 23, 2016) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Three FOI successes to celebrate during Sunshine Week*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (March 17, 2016) (web column).

Chava Gourarie and Jonathan Peters, *Why private-college police forces are a new front in the fight over public records*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Feb. 29, 2016) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *How a new campaign is trying to strengthen the rights of student journalists*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Feb. 19, 2016) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Why student journalists at University of Kansas filed a federal lawsuit*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Feb. 10, 2016) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *The 'journalism registry' bill isn't the only bad media legislation of the new year*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Jan. 21, 2016) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Government secrecy was the biggest threat to a free press in 2015. Will this year be better?*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Jan. 8, 2016) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Examining a journalist's right of access to college and university campuses*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Dec. 1, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Reporting on press threats? Keep these 4 ideas in mind*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (November 23, 2016)(web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Why journalists have the right to cover the University of Missouri protests*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Nov. 10, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Can I say that? A legal primer for journalists*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Nov. 9, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Can I do that? A legal primer for journalists*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Oct. 29, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *The Timothy McVeigh case and its impact on media law*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Oct. 21, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Someday the Blue Jackets may learn from their mistakes*, SPORTS ILLUSTRATED (Oct. 21, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *California libel protection now covers online publications*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Oct. 2, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Can I use that? A legal primer for journalists*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Oct. 1, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *The Reporters Committee and US media groups join the fight over 'right to be forgotten' rules*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Sept. 17, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *A pair of court decisions bring good news for FOIA users*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Sept. 9, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Nice try, government officials, but this time the law is on the citizen's side*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Aug. 27, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Why the charges against Wesley Lowery and Ryan Reilly in Ferguson are absurd*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Aug. 13, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Why unpublishing a story without explanation doesn't work*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (July 29, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *When governments sue public-records requesters*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (June 30, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Removal of faculty advisers sparks concern about independence of student publications*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (June 22, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Why the First Amendment didn't save a Mississippi blogger*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (June 15, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *A new project offers legal guidance to digital startups in New Jersey*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (June 1, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *A pair of lawsuits highlight libel law's complexity*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (May 19, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *In Baltimore, a tale of two transparencies*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (May 5, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Why Ohio's new 'Sunshine Audits' could be important*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (April 23, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Why Larry Flynt's latest court victory is good for the media*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (April 9, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *The huge FCC fine against a Virginia station is a sign we need to rethink broadcast indecency rules*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (March 26, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *It's Sunshine Week—but some states have a funny way of celebrating*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (March 19, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Inside The Blade's settlement with the US government*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (March 10, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Why Jan Brewer is sounding like James Risen*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Feb. 25, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Why five police officers can sue the Chicago Sun-Times*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Feb. 10, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Grand-jury leaks shouldn't get shield law protection, says grand jury*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Jan. 29, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *How to fight restrictions on access to court cases*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Jan. 14, 2015) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *What Ferris Bueller can teach us about who counts as the media*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Dec. 22, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *An Ohio court urges lawmakers to defend freedom of the press*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Dec. 16, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Connecticut paper challenges a prior restraint order*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Dec. 5, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *How two Florida reporters 'watchdogged' misuse of the state's open-records law*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Nov. 19, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Why you can't get strippers' names with public records requests-records law*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Nov. 6, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *The biggest threat to press rights may be a failure to understand them*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Oct. 24, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Why this news nonprofit is crowdfunding a police shootings database*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Oct. 10, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Will journalists get fined for photographing trees?*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Oct. 1, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *The Reporters Committee is about to start suing people to help journalists*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Sep. 16, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Can news organizations be sued for just linking to those hacked nude photos? Maybe. There's one way to find out*, ESQUIRE (Sept. 5, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Why California's smartphone 'kill switch' law should concern journalists*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Sep. 4, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *There's no undo button: Seven things you should know about sexting*, DAYTON CITY PAPER (Aug. 26, 2014) (newspaper column).

Jonathan Peters, *Journalists in Ferguson: Know your rights*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Aug. 21, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Can Ferguson police legally withhold the officer's name?*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Aug. 14, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *After murders raise questions about parole supervision, LA Times sues for records*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Aug. 1, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *What's the matter with South Carolina?*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (July 29, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Free Press takes its transparency dispute with the University of Michigan to court*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (July 18, 2014) (web column).

Sara Gregory and Jonathan Peters, *What the SCOTUSblog credential ruling gets wrong*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (June 24, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Local cops can track your phone, and the government doesn't want you to know how*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (June 20, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Allowing police to shoot someone without creating a record you can see*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (June 12, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Survey: One in five journalists has had a credential request denied*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW. June 5, 2014 (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *GA Supreme Court Upholds Death Penalty Secrecy Law*, NEWS & DEVELOPMENTS, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (June 2, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *States need to be less secretive about executions*, THE BRECHNER REPORT, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA COLLEGE OF JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATIONS, Vol. 38, Number 6, June 2014.

Jonathan Peters, *A coal magnate's latest lawsuit was tossed—but Ohio can do more to defend free expression*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (May 28, 2014) (web column).

Susannah Nesmith and Jonathan Peters, *AG whose office tried to force student to unpublish records had a rep as FOI hero*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (May 21, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *The First Amendment argument against lethal-injection secrecy laws*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (May 12, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Why can't SCOTUSblog get a credential?*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Apr. 29, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *What law did the Toledo Blade break? The Army won't say*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Apr. 16, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Toledo Blade lawsuit alleges military guards detained journalists, deleted photos*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Apr. 7, 2014) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Why Defining a Journalist Is Messy, But Crucial*, PBS MEDIASHIFT (Oct. 22, 2013) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *And You Call Yourself a Journalist!?*, NEWS & DEVELOPMENTS, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (Sept. 9, 2013) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Finally: A Guide for Journalists to Navigate Fair Use of Copyrighted Material*, PBS MEDIASHIFT (June 10, 2013) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Hawaii Bill Would Protect Narrow Class of Traditional Outlets*, NEWS & DEVELOPMENTS, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (April 29, 2013) (web column).

Jonathan Peters and Frank LoMonte, *College Journalists Need Free Speech More Than Ever*, THE ATLANTIC (March 1, 2013) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Piers Morgan and the First Amendment*, HARVARD LAW & POLICY REVIEW BLOG (December 27, 2012) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *To Promote Online Free Expression*, HARVARD LAW & POLICY REVIEW BLOG (Sept. 29, 2012) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Does Europe Understand the First Amendment Better Than We Do?*, THE ATLANTIC (July 24, 2012) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *The Supreme Court Leaks*, SLATE (July 6, 2012) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Massachusetts town plans to cite people for public profanity. Here's why it won't work*, HARVARD LAW & POLICY REVIEW BLOG (June 13, 2012) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *When journalists refuse to name their sources*, HARVARD LAW & POLICY REVIEW BLOG (May 22, 2012) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Updating the Privacy Protection Act for the Digital Era*, COLUMBIA JOURNALISM REVIEW (Jan. 30, 2012) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *FAQ: What Are the Rights of Reporters Covering Protests?*, THE NATION (Jan. 4, 2012) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Changing Media Landscape Could Topple FCC's Indecency Rules*, PBS MEDIASHIFT (Nov. 30, 2011) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Forecast: Chance of sunshine at Guantanamo Bay*, HARVARD LAW & POLICY REVIEW BLOG (Oct. 6, 2011) (web column).



Jonathan Peters, *Are Social Media Good for Democracy?*, HARVARD LAW & POLICY REVIEW BLOG (Sept. 21, 2011) (web column).

Charles N. Davis and Jonathan Peters, *Police tactics for video deserve fierce resistance*, THE IRE JOURNAL, Summer 2011.

Jonathan Peters, *NJ Supremes Take Narrow View Defining Journalists Online*, PBS MEDIASHIFT (June 10, 2011) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *WikiLeaks Shows Need for a Legal Watchdog Privilege*, WIRED (May 20, 2011) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Tasini Lawsuit Against Huffington Post Has No Merit*, PBS MEDIASHIFT (April 20, 2011) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Will U.S. Gov't Crack the Whip on Online Privacy?*, PBS MEDIASHIFT (Feb. 7, 2011) (web column).

Jonathan Peters, *Top 3 New Media Legal Battles of 2010*, PBS MEDIASHIFT (Dec. 28, 2010) (web column).

**Also:** From 2011-2013, I conducted an interview series for the HARVARD LAW & POLICY REVIEW with lawyers and scholars who have made a mark on the First Amendment, among them: William Bennett Turner, Rodney Smolla, Martin Garbus, David Goldberger, Anthony Lester, Lee Bollinger, Floyd Abrams, Geoffrey Stone, Eugene Volokh, Alan Isaacman, Jack Balkin, and Lee Levine.

## Invited Presentations

Panelist: "Special Protections for Journalists," Symposium of the *Villanova Law Review*, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law (Villanova, PA, 2025).

Moderator: "In Conversation with Chief Justice Michael Boggs, of the Supreme Court of Georgia," Georgia Bar, Media & Judiciary Conference, hosted by the State Bar of Georgia and Georgia First Amendment Foundation (Atlanta, 2025).

Presentation: "International and comparative work in media law and policy," International Law Society, University of Georgia School of Law (Athens, GA, 2025).

Moderator: "Knight Election Law Forum: Georgia," Knight Foundation and American Bar Association (Atlanta/Virtual, 2024).

Panelist: "Social and Policy Impact: Combating Disinformation Across Federal, State, and Local Levels," U.S. Department of State's Edward R. Murrow Program for Journalists, hosted at University of Georgia (Athens, GA, 2024).

Presentation: "The First Amendment and New Media," Georgia Scholastic Press Association, University of Georgia (Athens, GA, 2024).

Moderator: "In Conversation with Chief Justice Michael Boggs, of the Supreme Court of Georgia," Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Georgia (Athens, GA, 2024).

Moderator: “New York Times v. Sullivan in 2024: Its Impact of 60 Years on Free Speech in the US and Abroad,” Law & Policy Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (Philadelphia, 2024).

Panelist: “Prison Journalism: For, By and about the Incarcerated. Who Gets to Tell Their Stories?,” Law & Policy Division and Community Journalism Interest Group, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (Philadelphia, 2024).

Panelist: “Looking Back at Our Field’s Books to Look Forward,” Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (Philadelphia, 2024).

Presentation: “Media Freedom at Peaceful Assemblies,” Meeting of the Panel of Experts on Freedom of Assembly for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (Warsaw, 2024).

Moderator: “The Georgia Open Records Act at 65: Challenges and Opportunities, Both New and Old,” Georgia Bar, Media & Judiciary Conference, hosted by the State Bar of Georgia and Georgia First Amendment Foundation (Atlanta, 2024).

Presentation: "How and Why Judges Use Social Media," Multi-Class of Court: Judicial Ethics in the Age of Social Media, Institute of Continuing Judicial Education, University of Georgia School of Law (Athens, GA, 2023).

Lecture: "Contemporary Issues in Media Freedom," Mandela Washington Fellowship Program, Young African Leaders Initiative, in partnership with UGA’s Fanning Institute for Leadership Development, Office of Global Engagement, and African Studies Institute (Athens, GA, 2023).

Presentation: “Media Freedom at Peaceful Assemblies,” Meeting of the Panel of Experts on Freedom of Assembly for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (Warsaw, 2023).

Panelist: “Art with a Capital A(i),” Symposium of the *Journal of Intellectual Property Law*, University of Georgia School of Law (Athens, 2023).

Moderator: “Reporting on the Courts: A New Frontier?” Georgia Bar, Media & Judiciary Conference, hosted by the State Bar of Georgia and Georgia First Amendment Foundation (Atlanta, 2023).

Panelist: “Sunshine Week: A Discussion of Freedom of Information,” Special Collections Libraries, University of Georgia (Athens, 2023).

Presentation (with Prof. Clare Norins): "Open Government and Social Media Essentials for Public Officials," Government Communicators Conference, Georgia Municipal Association (Athens, 2023).

Presentation: “The First Amendment and New Media,” Georgia Scholastic Press Association, University of Georgia (Athens, GA, 2023).

Panelist: “Legal Challenges and Opportunities in Broadcasting,” National Association of Broadcasters and Georgia Association of Broadcasters (Athens, 2023).

Presentation: “The Public Scholar or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Angry Tweets from People With Handles Like @LordButtSnorkel420,” College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Georgia (Athens, 2023).

Panelist: “Faculty and Students,” New Dawgs Event, Office of Undergraduate Admissions, University of Georgia (Athens, 2023).

Lecture: “Media Responsibility in an Age of Disinformation,” U.S. Department of State’s Edward R. Murrow Program for Journalists, hosted at University of Georgia (Athens, 2022).

Chair: 20th Annual Charles L. Weltner Freedom of Information Celebration, Georgia First Amendment Foundation (Atlanta, 2022).

Moderator: “Top Paper Panel,” Law & Policy Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (Detroit, 2022).

Presentation: “The Freedoms of Speech and Press, in Theory and Practice,” Georgia Council for International Visitors and the U.S. State Department (Athens, GA, 2022) (this was for a delegation of Pakistani journalists and editors visiting the United States).

Co-Moderator (with Prof. Clare Norins): “Disinformation and Polarization: Is Libel Law a Cause and/or a Cure?” Georgia Bar, Media & Judiciary Conference, hosted by the State Bar of Georgia, the Georgia First Amendment Foundation, and the Atlanta Press Club (Virtual, 2022).

Presentation: “The First Amendment and New Media,” Georgia Scholastic Press Association, University of Georgia (Athens, GA, 2022).

Moderator: “Back to the Future: Immigrant Speech Rights Yesterday and Tomorrow,” *Georgia Law Review* Symposium: Immigrants and the First Amendment: Defining the Borders of Noncitizen Free Speech and Free Exercise Claims, University of Georgia School of Law (Athens, GA, 2022).

Moderator: “Coffee with Counsel,” Winter Institute, Georgia Association of Broadcasters (Athens, GA, 2022).

Presentation: “The Freedoms of Speech and Press, in Theory and Practice,” Georgia Council for International Visitors and the U.S. State Department (Athens, GA, 2022) (this was for visiting Korean scholars, journalists, and government officials in residence at UGA's Business and Public Communication Fellows Program).

Panelist: “Freedom of Assembly in a Digital Age: Monitoring Online Assemblies,” European Union Technical Assistance to Civil Society Organisations in the Western Balkans and Turkey (TACSO) and the European Center for Not-for-Profit Law (North Macedonia/Virtual, 2021).

Presentation: “Training on digitally-mediated assemblies,” European Center for Not-for-Profit Law and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (The Hague/Virtual, 2021).

Presentation: "Open Government and Social Media Essentials for Public Officials," Government Communicators Conference, Georgia Municipal Association (Athens, GA, 2021).

Presentation: "International and comparative work in media law and policy," International Law Society, University of Mississippi School of Law (Oxford, MS/Virtual, 2021).

Panelist: "Reclaiming the Narrative: Defamation Lawsuits and the 2020 Election," First Amendment Watch, New York University (New York/Virtual, 2021).

Panelist: "Media Law Research in a Time of Crisis," History Division and Law & Policy Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (New Orleans/ Virtual, 2021).

Moderator: "Peaceful Assembly as a Human Right at a Critical Time" (featuring members of the U.N. Human Rights Committee), Dean Rusk International Law Center, University of Georgia (Athens, GA/Virtual, 2021).

Moderator: "Civil Society's Role in Informing, Protecting the Right of Peaceful Assembly," International Law Weekend South, American Branch of the International Law Association (Athens, GA/Virtual, 2021).

Moderator: "So Close, Yet So Far Away: Ethics in the Cloud," Media and the Law Seminar, the University of Kansas School of Law and the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association Media Law Committee (Kansas City/Virtual, 2021).

Presentation: "Contract law for freelance visual journalists," National Press Photographers Association (Athens, GA/Virtual, 2021).

Presentation: "How judges in the United States use social media," delivered to judges and court personnel in Uzbekistan as part of a project facilitated by the United Nations Development Programme and the United States Agency for International Development (Uzbekistan/Virtual, 2021).

Presentation: "How U.S. journalists cover the courts and legal issues," delivered to court personnel and journalists in Uzbekistan as part of a project facilitated by the United Nations Development Programme and the United States Agency for International Development (Uzbekistan/Virtual, 2020).

Presentation: "Media access to U.S. courtrooms and judicial records," delivered to court personnel and journalists in Uzbekistan as part of a project facilitated by the United Nations Development Programme and the United States Agency for International Development (Uzbekistan/Virtual, 2020).

Moderator: "What the lawyers who sue the press think about the press and media law" (a discussion with lawyers who specialize in litigating against news organizations), Media Law Resource Center (New York/Virtual, 2020).

Panelist: "Information Gathering at Public/Private Colleges," SPJ Georgia (Atlanta/Virtual, 2020).

Presentation: "Understanding the Freedom of Information Act," San Francisco State University (San Francisco /Virtual, 2020).

Panelist: “Under Attack: Assault on the First Amendment and an Open, Free and Unfettered Press,” Georgia Press Institute Training for Collegiate Print Journalists (Athens, 2020).

Moderator: “Inclusivity and Teaching Sensitive Topics,” Law & Policy Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (San Francisco/Virtual, 2020).

Presentation: “Banned Books,” Madison County (Ga.) Library (2019).

Contributor: “Expert Workshop on the Right of Peaceful Assembly Online,” University of Cambridge (United Kingdom, 2019).

Moderator: “Inside the fight for press freedom in the age of alternative facts” (a discussion with *New York Times* attorney David McGraw), McGill Symposium, University of Georgia (Athens, 2019).

Moderator: “U.S. and Canadian Communication Law: Challenges and Opportunities in the Global Century,” Law & Policy Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (Toronto, 2019).

Seminar: “Sunshine Update: Open Meetings Law,” Georgia Municipal Association, Annual Conference (Savannah, 2019).

Keynote speaker and panelist: “Data Hygiene for Journalists,” Chicago Headline Club and the Center for Digital Ethics and Policy at Loyola University Chicago (Chicago, 2019).

Seminar: “Sunshine Update: Open Meetings Law,” Georgia Municipal Association, Annual Conference (Savannah, 2019).

Panelist: “Trust, Civility, and Free Speech on Campus,” Georgia Bar Media & Judiciary Conference, State Bar of Georgia (Atlanta, 2019).

Lecture: “Modern Fight for Media Freedom,” Center for Media Law and Policy, University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill, 2019).

Presentation: “The First Amendment and New Media,” Georgia Scholastic Press Association, University of Georgia (Athens, 2019).

Lecture: “Modern Fight for Media Freedom,” Georgia Press Institute, University of Georgia (Athens, 2019).

Moderator: “Key Developments in Communication Law,” Law & Policy Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (Washington, D.C., 2018).

Panelist: “Prior Publications: What Are They? Do You Have Any? And How Do They Impact Your Future Publications?,” Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (Washington, D.C., 2018).

Lecture: “Press freedom in the United States,” U.S. Department of State’s Edward R. Murrow Program for Journalists, hosted at University of Georgia (Athens, 2018).

Presentation: “Press Rights at Peaceful Assemblies,” Meeting of the Panel of Experts on Freedom of Assembly for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (Warsaw, 2018).

Seminar: “Fake News,” Georgia Association of Broadcasters, Annual Conference (Savannah, 2018).

Lecture: “The First Amendment and New Media,” Georgia Scholastic Press Association, Annual Conference (Athens, 2018).

Seminar: “The Law for Freelance,” Atlanta Press Club and the Society of Professional Journalists of Georgia (Atlanta, 2018).

Speaker: “Protecting the First Amendment,” Public Radio News Directors Incorporated, Annual Conference (Philadelphia, 2018).

Panelist: “Fake News and its Impact,” CEO Netweavers (Atlanta, 2018).

Panelist: “Entertainment Law,” Tour Stop: Nashville, University of Georgia (Athens, 2018).

Panelist: “How Donald Trump changed journalism,” CJR: The Year That Changed Journalism, Symposium (Atlanta, 2017).

Seminar: “A Primer on Libel and Copyright,” American Association of Dental Editors and Journalists, Annual Conference (Atlanta, 2017).

Lecture: “How not to libel someone,” Georgia Scholastic Press Association, Annual Conference (Athens, 2017).

Moderator: “This Year in the First Amendment,” Law and Policy Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (Chicago, 2017).

Moderator: “The First Amendment on Campus,” American Bar Association, Online Roundtable (2017).

Panelist: “Technology, Truth, and the First Amendment,” Media & the Law Seminar, University of Kansas School of Law and Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association (Kansas City, 2017).

Seminar: “Newsgathering rights of US journalists,” International News Safety Institute, Webinar (2017).

Seminar: “How to Develop Freedom of Information Act and Kansas Open Records Act Requests,” Lawrence Public Library (Lawrence, KS, 2017).

Panelist: “Free Speech on a University Campus,” The Commons, University of Kansas (Lawrence, 2017).

Presentation: “Cloud Computing, Journalism & Privacy: Examining Sources of Risk & Protection,” International Association of Privacy Professionals (Kansas City, 2016).

Debate with FBI lawyer: “Individual Privacy v. Collective Security,” University of Kansas Honors Program (Lawrence, 2016).

Panelist: “SLAPPS and Anti-SLAPP Remedies: What You Need to Know,” Law & Media Conference, Ohio State Bar Association (Columbus, 2016).

Panelist: “Old School: Do Traditional Speech Notions Still Apply on Campuses?,” Law & Media Conference, Ohio State Bar Association (Columbus, 2016).

Panelist: “Roundtable on the Student Press,” Price Sloan Symposium for Media, Ethics and Law, University of Missouri (Columbia, 2016).

Keynote speaker: “Governing speech in a networked society,” Self Graduate Fellows Program Orientation, University of Kansas (Lawrence, 2016).

Panelist: “What Difference Does FOIA Make? Some Noteworthy New Data,” FOIA@50 Conference, Columbia University (New York, 2016).

Moderator: “This Year in the First Amendment,” Law and Policy Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (Minneapolis, 2016).

Seminar: “The First Amendment in the Digital Age,” Society of American Business Editors and Writers, Webinar (2016).

Presentations: “Covering protests: What are your rights and responsibilities?” and “How NOT to libel someone” and “The free speech generation gap,” National High School Journalism Convention, Journalism Education Association and National Scholastic Press Association (Los Angeles, 2016).

Moderator: “This Year in the First Amendment,” Law and Policy Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (Minneapolis, 2016).

Lecture: “Sexual expression and the First Amendment: From classic works of literature to sexting via Snapchat, your rights to express yourself sexually,” Fireside Chat Series, University of Kansas (Lawrence, 2016).

Panelist: “Coming to a City Near You: Police Body Cameras,” Law & Media Conference, Ohio State Bar Association (Columbus, 2015).

Panelist: “Ohio’s Public Records Act—Are We Going Forward or Backward?,” Law & Media Conference, Ohio State Bar Association (Columbus, 2015).

Keynote speaker: “Ferguson and Your Rights and Responsibilities as a Journalist,” Kansas City Press Club (Kansas City, 2015).

Presentation: “Thy brother came with subtlety: Journalism and its new privacy problem,” Lawrence Public Library (Lawrence, KS, 2015).

Panelist: “Twenty Years Later: The Oklahoma City Bombing and Its Impact on Media Law,” American Journalism Historians Association, Annual Conference (Oklahoma City, 2015).

Presentation: “Ferguson, MO: Your Rights and Responsibilities as a Journalist,” International Association of Business Communicators (Kansas City, 2015).

Panelist: “Covering Ferguson, Baltimore and Beyond: Rights and Responsibilities as a Journalist,” Excellence in Journalism Conference, Society of Professional Journalists, Radio Television Digital News Association, and the National Association for Hispanic Journalists (Orlando, 2015).

Moderator: “Curricular Issues & Censorship,” Scholastic Journalism Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (San Francisco, 2015).

Moderator: “Blurred Lines, Facebook Rap, and Journalists in Jail: Bringing Major Communication Law Cases From the Past Year to the Classroom,” Law and Policy Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference, San Francisco, 2015).

Presentation: “Libel 101,” National High School Journalism Convention, Journalism Education Association and National Scholastic Press Association (Denver, 2015).

Panelist: “Innovations Series: Electronic Surveillance and Privacy,” Dole Institute of Politics, University of Kansas (Lawrence, 2015).

Panelist: “Data Privacy and the News: Hackers, Leakers, Journalists and Spies,” Law & Media Conference, Ohio State Bar Association (Columbus, 2014).

Moderator: “How to Access Public Records,” Law & Media Conference, Ohio State Bar Association (Columbus, 2014).

Moderator: “Regulating Outrageous, Threatening, and Controversial Speech,” Law and Policy Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference (Montreal, 2014).

Moderator: “Getting Sued for Speaking Out: Representing Activists Sued for Speech,” ACLU of Ohio Biennial Conference (Columbus, 2014).

Moderator: “Public Records and Private Police Forces,” Region 4 Conference, Society of Professional Journalists (Columbus, OH, 2014).

Moderator: “Scraps of Paper in a Digital World,” Law & Media Conference, Ohio State Bar Association (Columbus, 2013).

Panelist: “Student Press Struggles Extend Beyond Campus,” Law & Media Conference, Ohio State Bar Association (Columbus, 2013).

Lecture: “Digital Liberty,” GeoGebra North American Conference, Miami University (Oxford, 2013).

Lecture: “All the legal commentary fit to print,” Harvard Law School (Cambridge, 2013).

Lecture: “Focus on the First,” Communications Week, Central State University (Wilberforce, OH, 2013).

Panelist: “Digital Liberty,” ACLU of Ohio Biennial Conference (Columbus, 2012).



Panelist: “Journalism Schools as News Providers: Legal Issues, Challenges and Opportunities,” Law and Policy Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Annual Conference, (Chicago, 2012).

Panelist: “Occupy 101: A Beginner’s Guide to Protests,” First Amendment Day, Iowa State University (Ames, 2012).

Presentation: “Reporting on War Through the Rearview Mirror,” Young Scholars Conference, University of Missouri (Columbia, 2012).

Lecture: “How Protected is WikiLeaks?,” Kappa Tau Alpha Lecture, E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, Ohio University (Athens, 2011).

## **TEACHING**

Recipient, Russell Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, University of Georgia, 2021 (the university’s highest early-career teaching honor).

“Journalism Teacher of the Year,” College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Georgia, 2019. (Nominated and declined in 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024.)

Online Learning Fellow, University of Georgia, 2017-2018.

Program director of two study-away courses: Travel Journalism in Hawaii (2024 and 2025) and Travel Journalism in Prague (2019).

Chair of 2 thesis committees and 3 dissertation committees, served on 25+ graduate student advisory committees. Supervised undergraduate and graduate students in their completion of honors projects and independent-study projects.

Taught undergraduate courses in media law, newsgathering, feature writing, public affairs reporting, travel writing, and campus free speech; graduate seminars in social media law and policy, media ethics, and contemporary press freedom; and law school courses in media law and free speech.

## **SERVICE RECORD**

### **Professional Societies, Nongovernmental Organizations, and External Activities**

2023-present: Member, Panel of Experts on Freedom of Peaceful Assembly and Association, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR).

2022-present: Faculty Affiliate, Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life (CITAP), University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

2022: Judge, Southeastern Invitational National Moot Tournament.

2021-present: Member, Planning Committee, Georgia Bar, Media & Judiciary Conference, sponsored by the Georgia First Amendment Foundation and the State Bar of Georgia.

2019-present: Member, Board of Directors, Georgia First Amendment Foundation (President, 2024-present; Vice-President, 2023-2024; Treasurer, 2021-2023; Secretary, 2020-2021).

2018-present: Judge, First Amendment Essay Contest, Georgia Scholastic Press Association.

2018-present: Judge, Emerging Young Journalist Contest, Georgia Press Association.

2017-2021: Member, FOI Committee, Society of Professional Journalists.

2014-present: Member, Law & Policy Division, Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (Head, 2023-2024; Vice-Head, 2022-2023; Research Chair, 2021-2022; Newsletter Chair, 2020-2021; PF&R Chair, 2017-2020; Teaching Chair, 2014-2017).

2013-2022: First Amendment Chair, Civil Rights Litigation Committee, American Bar Association.

2013-2019: Member, Board of Directors, ACLU of Ohio.

2018: Judge, Sigma Delta Chi Awards, Society of Professional Journalists.

2015-2017: Judge, Kansas Scholastic Press Association Regional Contest.

### **Departmental, College, or University Committees**

2023-present: Member, Selection Committee for Charlayne Hunter-Gault Giving Voice to the Voiceless Fund, College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Georgia.

2022-present: Member, Executive Committee, College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Georgia.

2018-present: Member, Admissions Committee, College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Georgia.

2024-2025: Member, Committee on Annual Performance Evaluations, College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Georgia.

2021-2024: Member, Admissions Committee, University of Georgia.

2019-2023: Member, Graduate Committee, College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Georgia.

2018-2021: Member, Special Awards Committee, College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Georgia.

Search Committee Memberships at University of Georgia:

- 2021-2022: Assistant Professor of Journalism (chair).
- 2019-2020: Assistant Professor of Journalism.
- 2019-2020: Director of the First Amendment Clinic at the School of Law.
- 2018-2019: Assistant/Associate Professor of Journalism.
- 2018-2019: Assistant Professor of Public Relations.
- 2017-2018: Academic Professional in Journalism.

2016-2017: Member, Technology Committee, William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications, University of Kansas.

2016-2017: Member, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Group, William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications, University of Kansas.

2014-2017: Ambassador to the Center for Teaching Excellence, William Allen White School of Journalism and Mass Communications, University of Kansas.

## **Reviewer**

External reviewer: Three tenure/promotion dossiers at R1 universities.

Manuscripts: Columbia University Press; Routledge; COMMUNICATION LAW & POLICY; JOURNALISM: THEORY, PRACTICE AND CRITICISM; JOURNALISM & MASS COMMUNICATION EDUCATOR; POLICY & INTERNET; Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (various divisions); and International Communication Association (various divisions).

## **GRANTS AND ENGAGEMENT**

### **Grants**

Awarded: \$25,000 grant, Knight Foundation, to support research on the application of First Amendment and due process principles to nongovernmental digital platforms and services (with Sonja West and Jason Anastasopoulos, 2020).

Finalist: \$100,000 grant, Facebook, to study the conditions of effective consent for privacy messages for social-media users (with Glenna Read, and we were among 9 finalists and 5 recipients, out of 147 proposals from 34 countries and 120 universities).

### **Media Engagement and Other Recognition**

Commentator on public issues for CNN, NPR, NBC News, CBS News, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, the Associated Press, *Vanity Fair*, PBS NewsHour, BBC, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Seattle Times*, *The Atlantic*, *The Guardian*, *The New Republic*, Politico, *The Nation*, *Variety*, *The Hollywood Reporter*, *Forbes*, The Huffington Post, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Columbia Journalism Review*, Roll Call, *The New York Observer*, SCOTUSblog, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, *Editor & Publisher*, Bloomberg News, Yahoo News, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, Reason, SCOTUSblog, *ABA Journal*, Harvard's Nieman Lab, Poynter, Techdirt, *ÉPOCA Magazine*, Radio France Internationale, PolitiFact, Reuters, *Slate*, Voice of America, *VICE*, *Business Insider*, *Fortune*, *Town & Country*, *New York Post*, *The Toronto Star*, *Newsweek*, Snopes, *The Indian Express*, *The Japan Times*, *Smithsonian Magazine*, *The Week*, *ABA Journal*, *Quartz*, *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, CTV News, CBC News, and *The Times of Israel*.

Finalist, Research Prize for Professional Relevance, AEJMC, 2019.

Work has been cited in Congressional reports, legislative testimony, court opinions, and court briefs.

Testified in litigation as an expert witness about journalism practices and media law.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL WORK**

**United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit**, Winter/Spring 2009

*Extern to Senior Judge Alan E. Norris*

- Drafted bench memoranda and judicial opinions, attended oral arguments.

**United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio**, Summer 2008

*Extern to Judge Algenon L. Marbley*

- Drafted bench memoranda, judicial opinions and orders; attended trials.