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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School July 2023 - Present
Postdoctoral Fellow

University of Pennsylvania, Annenberg School for Communication July 2024 - Present
Postdoctoral Fellow

Uganda Christian University, Mukono Uganda 2017-2018
Lecturer of Law

Courses Taught: Business Law, Banking Law, Tort Law, Computer and Internet Law, Banking Law, Conflict of Laws, Sports Law (developed and taught the first Sports Law course in Central and East Africa)

Uganda Christian University, Mukono Uganda 2015-2016
Assistant Lecturer of Law

Courses Taught: Business Law, Banking Law, Tort Law, Computer and Internet Law, Intellectual Property Law, International Law, International Humanitarian Law

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Primary: Law and Technology, Privacy Law, Torts, Immigration Law, Business Associations

Additional: International Law, International Humanitarian Law, Empirical Methods in Law, Privacy and Social Justice, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore in Intellectual Property

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, College of Law 2023
Doctor of the Science of Law, J.S.D.

Dissertation: *An Empirical Study of Privacy Harms in Data Privacy Violation Cases*
Committee: Masooda Bashir (Chair), Anita Allen, Arden Rowell, Paul Heald

Activities: Black Law Students Association (BLSA) Committee Member (2018-2020)
Honor: CALI Excellence for the Future Award in the study of Privacy Law, 2019

Teaching Assistant

Privacy Law, College of Law (Spring 2021, 2022)
Privacy in the Internet Age, School of Information Sciences (Fall 2021, Fall 2022)

Research Assistant

Grainger College of Engineering (2019-2023)
School of Information Sciences (2020-2023)
Office of the Provost (2018-2019)

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| University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, College of Law Master of Laws (LLM) | 2017 |
| Uganda Law Development Centre, Kampala, Uganda P.G. Dip. L.P. The best defense, Bar Course Moot Competition | 2015 |
| Uganda Christian University, Mukono Uganda LL.B. with honors Law School Member of Parliament (M.P.), Student Parliament Welfare Chairman | 2013 |

PUBLICATIONS

Law Review Articles

Is Privacy Really a Civil Right? BERK. TECH. L.J. _ (forthcoming 2024) (with Anita Allen)

Privacy and civil rights are often discussed separately. The conventional perspective asserts that privacy is distinct from civil rights, each addressing different facets of individual freedom. Yet the intersections between these realms have become increasingly significant, with scholars, practitioners, activists and civil rights organizations calling for framing privacy as a civil right. In this article, Anita Allen and I critically examine the relationship between privacy and civil rights, questioning the efficacy and historical aptness of framing privacy as a civil right. We delve into the historical and contemporary contexts, revealing how privacy and civil rights have been intertwined in ways that both support and challenge each other. We point out how data collection and surveillance practices in the modern era often exacerbate discrimination, linking privacy invasions to civil rights violations. While framing privacy as a civil right offers a new perspective on privacy protection, it also presents complexities and potential disappointments, making the pairing more complex and potentially less promising than it appeared decades ago.

Privacy as Pretense: Empirically Mapping the Gap between Legislative & Judicial Protections of Privacy,
U. ILL. J.L. TECH. & POL'Y (2023) (with Masooda Bashir)

It has often been stated that many data privacy violation cases are dismissed for lack of proof of injury. Indeed, many scholars have long anecdotally noted that many privacy violation cases are dismissed in federal courts due to this issue. However, no empirical study had ever been undertaken to understand the state of events. Masooda Bashir and I empirically investigate this claim in our article by examining privacy violation cases in the U.S. federal courts from 2000-2020. Our study reveals that nearly 60% of these cases are dismissed for failing to meet the strict Article III standing- injury in fact requirement. We conclude that there is a significant gap between legislative intent and judicial enforcement of privacy, highlighting substantive and procedural barriers that hinder adequate privacy protection. Understanding these barriers is crucial for addressing the privacy violations that impact victims.

Libraries & Diminished Patron Privacy in the COVID-19 Health Crisis, JIFP (2023) (with Ryan Wang, Tian Wang, Carol M. Hayes, and Masooda Bashir)

An Empirical Study of Privacy Harms in Data Violation Cases, IDEALS (2023) (dissertation)

Extending Privacy Harms Toward a Non-Economic Perspective, JIFP (2021) (with Masooda Bashir)

Working Paper

The Invisible Immigrant's Privacy (job talk paper)

Advancements in digital technology have significantly fueled U.S. immigration enforcement through extensive data collection from immigrants. In this article, I argue that refugees and asylum seekers are invisible to the law because they interact with immigration authorities at their most vulnerable point. This compromises their capacity for consent, which results in their surrender of extraneous personal information while remaining the least protected by the U.S. data privacy law. The majority of this group are from marginalized communities and face disproportionate surveillance in exchange for safety and survival. I categorize their privacy intrusion experiences in three distinct but related forms: (1) data surrender, the yielding of personal information prompted by the overwhelming necessity to survive; (2) personality curation, the undue subordination and erasure of personal identity and history; and (3) weaponization of personal information, the unfavorable use of information against the data subject. The article illustrates how DHS's data collection, retention and sharing practices conducted without transparency and accountability inflict harm on refugees and asylum seekers. It argues that the privacy of refugees and asylum seekers should be protected as a human right in order to protect their agency, autonomy and self-determination.

Book chapter

Liberating Horizons: The Feminist Decolonial Symphony for Equity in the Future of African Technoscience, in USING DECOLONIALITY AS CARE TO DISRUPT COLONIALITY, NEOLIBERALISM, AND PATRIARCHY IN WESTERN TECHNOLOGY FOR AFRICA (forthcoming 2024)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) advancements hold promise for Africa's development, yet they also risk perpetuating colonial subordination. In this book chapter, I advocate for an African AI adoption and implementation approach based on the African philosophy of Ubuntu, which means "I am because we are." I propose an AI implementation framework that I dub the "ubuntufication of AI," emphasizing African Indigenous education and race and gender-sensitive strategies. This chapter advocates for ethical AI development tailored to Africa, challenging oppressive systems and promoting inclusive technological progress. By integrating the Ubuntu philosophy, I envision a future where AI empowers African communities, preserving cultural identity and ensuring equitable benefits for all. With this emphasis, I advocate for protecting African privacy rights while contending that privacy is culturally contingent.

Report

Sustainability Evaluation of Non-Sewered Sanitation Deployment to Increase Sanitation in Beijing, China, Granger College of Engineering and iSEE (2023) (with Hannah Lohman, Samuel Aguiar, Lane To, Nina Trousdale, Roland Cusick & Jeremy Guest)

PRESENTATIONS

Paper Presentations

The Invisible Immigrant's Privacy

Summer Ad Hoc Workshop, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School (2024)

The Invisible Immigrant: Privacy and Data Surrender in a U.S. Surveillance State

John Mercer Langston Annual Writing Workshop (June 2024)

Libraries & Diminished Patron Privacy in the COVID-19 Health Crisis

Research Showcase, School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (March 2023)

An Empirical Account of Privacy Harms in Data Violation Cases in Federal Courts

National S.J.D. Roundtable, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (April 2022)

Refactoring the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act: Recommended Reforms Based on a Quantitative Analysis of "CFAA" Cases

48th Annual Research Conference on Communications, Information and Internet Policy (TPRC), American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. (February 2021)

Other Presentations

Experiences in Pursuing Privacy Studies and the Future of Privacy Research

Privacy Everywhere Conference: Building Digital Trust, Beckman Institute for Advanced Science & Technology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (January 2023)

Environmental Law Litigation: Characterizing Eco-centered Harms for Standing Purposes

Witnessing Beyond the Human: Interdisciplinary and Interspecies Conversation, Human-Animal Studies @ Illinois Initiative, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (May 2021)

Science for All: Guiding Principles for Building Research Partnerships Among Colleagues North and South

15th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, (with Assata Zerai, Jeremy Guest, Rosemary Nalwanga, Rebecca Morrow, D. Byrne, S. Houser, Hannah Lohman, John Trimer and Mariah Jiles) (May 2019)

The Value of Behavioral Interventions Concerning Handwashing in Resource-Limited Settings: Considering Muslim Community Contexts

15th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, (with Assata Zerai, Jeremy Guest, Rosemary Nalwanga, Rebecca Morrow, D. Byrne, S. Houser, Hannah Lohman, John Trimer and Mariah Jiles) (May 2019)

The Influence of Intellectual Property Law in Sports

International Sports Law Seminar, Organized by Uganda Olympics Committee (U.O.C.) & Commonwealth Association of Uganda, Kampala, Uganda (November 2017)

The Legacy of the Int'l Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) in the Int'l Criminal Law Arena

UIUC, Center for African Studies, Brown Bag Series (March 2017)

SELECTED MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

My Scholarly View on the Computer Misuse Bill, DAILY MONITOR ((Aug. 16, 2022)
My Scholarly View on Vehicle Trackers, DAILY MONITOR (July 29, 2021)
CCTV Cameras: Are They the Sure Solution to Kampala Insecurity, DAILY MONITOR (Oct. 25, 2018)
Making Sense of Kenya's Nullified Polls, NEW VISION UGANDA (Sept. 05, 2017)
Why Uganda Should Adopt Cyber Security Breach Disclosure Laws, NEW VISION UGANDA (Aug. 14, 2017)
Consider Cybersecurity and Protection of Civil Liberties in Uganda, DAILY MONITOR (Apr. 9, 2017)
Commercialize Makerere University's Intellectual Property as a Source of Supplementary Income, DAILY MONITOR (Jan. 8, 2017)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Bitangaro & Co. Advocates, Kampala Uganda
Associate August 2014-Aug. 2016, June 2017-Aug. 2018
Legal Research Intern June-Sept. 2011

Karongi Intermediate Court, Eastern Province of Rwanda June-Sept. 2012
Law Clerk to the Hon. Adolphe Udahemuka

College Miséricorde, Kigali Rwanda Dec. 2008-Sept. 2009
High School Teacher
 Subjects taught: English, African History and European History

BAR ADMISSION

Registered on the Roll of Advocates - 2014-present
 Ugandan Bar -2015-present (High Court, Superior Courts, and Lower Courts of Uganda)

AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

Legal Professional Groups: Uganda Law Society, East African Law Society, Uganda Technology Law Practice Cluster, National Black Law Students Association, African National Students Association
Privacy & Security Forum, George Washington University (conference volunteer, 2021, 2022)
Champaign Seventh-Day Adventist Church (church deacon, 2021-2023)
Channing-Murry Foundation, Bucket Brigade (volunteer, 2020-2021)
International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (conference volunteer, 2020, 2021)
Vision Urbana (food distribution volunteer, 2020)
Mandela Washington Fellowship (applications reader, 2019-present)
Uganda Red Cross Association (food distribution volunteer in refugee camps, 2010-2015)

LANGUAGES AND DIALECTS

English, Kiswahili, Kinyarwanda, Kirundi, Kifumbira, Rukiga, Runyankore, Luganda & Rutoro

REFERENCES

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