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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign - Ph.D. (1986)

Field: Political Science

Areas: Public Policy and Administration, Comparative Politics, US Government and Politics

Dissertation: *Regulating the Computer: A Comparative Study Personal Data Protection Policy*

University of Wales - M.Sc.Econ (1982)

Thesis: *The Concept of Open Government and its Interpretation and Development in British Politics*

University of Wales - B.Sc. Econ. (1977)

RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Comparative public policy analysis; privacy and access to information in international perspective; information technology and surveillance; the politics of the Internet; US government and politics.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Academic Appointments

Associate Fellow, Center for Global Studies, University of Victoria (2023-)

Emeritus Professor, University of Victoria (2023-)

Professor, University of Victoria (2000-2022present)

Associate Professor, University of Victoria (1991- 2000)

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Victoria (1986-1991)

Sabbatical Appointments

Visiting Professor, Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto (2016)

Visiting Professor, Center for Law, Science, Technology, Society Vrije Universiteit Brussels (2013)

Visiting Professorial Fellow, School of Law, University of New South Wales, Australia (2010)

Visiting Professor, Center for Law and Society, University of California, Berkeley (2007)

Fellow, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (1999-2000)

Government Appointments

2010-present	Member of External Advisory Board for BC Information and Privacy Commissioner
2005-2010	Member of External Advisory Committee for Office of Privacy Commissioner of Canada
2009-2013	Member of BC Ministry of Health, Data Stewardship Committee
1996-1999	Member BC Advisory Council on Information Technology

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Transparent Lives: Surveillance in Canada* (Athabasca: Athabasca University Press, 2015). Co-edited with Kevin Haggerty, David Lyon and Valerie Steeves.
- Security Games: Surveillance and Control at Mega-Events* (London: Routledge, 2011). Co-edited with Kevin D. Haggerty.
- The Privacy Advocates: Resisting the Spread of Surveillance* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2008)
- Playing the Identity Card: Surveillance, Security and Identification in Global Perspective* (London: Routledge, 2008). Co-edited with David Lyon.
- The Governance of Privacy: Policy Instruments in Global Perspective* (Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Press, 2003) (Second and Revised edition, MIT Press, 2006). Co-authored with Charles D. Raab.
- Visions of Privacy: Policy Choices for the Digital Age* (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1999). Co-edited with Rebecca Grant.
- Regulating Privacy: Data Protection and Public Policy in Europe and the United States* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1992).
(Winner of the 1993 Charles H. Levine Memorial Book Prize from the International Political Science Association)
Japanese translation (Tokyo, Bunshindo, 1995)

Refereed Journal Articles

- “Unpacking the Micro in Micro-targeting: An analysis of Facebook Advertising in 2019 federal election”
Canadian Journal of Communications (with Jesse Gordon) (forthcoming, 2021)
- “Data-Driven Elections: Implications and Challenges for Democratic Societies,” *Internet Policy Review*, Volume 8, No. 4. (December 2019) online at: <https://policyreview.info/data-driven-elections> (with David Lyon)
- “Data-Driven Elections in Canada: What we might expect in the 2019 Federal Election Campaign,”
Journal of Parliamentary and Political Law, Vol 13 (September 2019): 301-313
- “What is an Ombudsperson: Global Diffusion, International Standardization and Institutional Diversification,” *Political Studies Review*, Published online, November 7, 2018 (with Norman J. Dolan): pp 1-21 <https://journals.sagepub.com/eprint/gzEKPF9TbxHIWc9AyS8E/full>
- “Revisiting the Governance of Privacy: Contemporary Policy Instruments in Global Perspective”
Regulation and Governance Published Online, September 27, 2018 (with Charles D. Raab): 18pp <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/rego.12222>
- “Data-Driven Elections and Political Parties in Canada: Privacy Implications, Privacy Policies and Privacy Obligations,” *Canadian Journal of Law and Information Technology* Vol 16, No 2 (November 2018): 195-226

- “Global Privacy Protection: Adequate Laws, Accountable Organizations and/or Data Localization?” *Proceedings of the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM)* October 2018 (with Smith Oduro-Marfo) <https://doi.org/10.1145/3267305.3274149>
- “The European General Data Protection Regulation: An instrument for the globalization of privacy standards?” *Information Polity*, vol. 23, No. 2 (June 2018)
- “If these Canadians lived in the United States, how would they protect their privacy?” *First Monday*, Volume 22, No. 3 (March 6, 2017) (with Priscilla M. Regan and Robin M. Bayley)
- “Voter databases, micro-targeting and data protection law: can political parties campaign in Europe as they do in North America?” *International Data Privacy Law*, Vol. 6, No. 4 (December 2016), 261-275.
- “Trends in Voter Surveillance in Western Societies: Privacy Intrusions and Democratic Implications,” *Surveillance and Society*, Vol. 13, No. 3-4 (2015)
http://library.queensu.ca/ojs/index.php/surveillance-and-society/article/view/voter_surv
- “Real and substantial connections: Enforcing Canadian privacy laws against American social networking companies,” *Journal of Law, Information and Science*, Vol. 23, no 1 (2014) (with Adam Molnar and Christopher Parsons).
- The politics of privacy and the privacy of politics: parties, elections and voter surveillance in Western democracies,” *First Monday*, Vol. 18, No. 8, August 5, 2013.
- “Data Point: What Political Parties Know about You,” *Policy Options*, Vol. 34, No 2 (February 2013), pp. 51-55.
- “The Geo-Politics of Personal Data,” *Harvard International Review*, December 14, 2012
- “Cyber-Surveillance in Everyday Life,” *Surveillance and Society*, Vol 9, No. 4 (June 2012) (co-edited with Andrew Clement and Kate Milberry)
- “In Defense of Privacy: The Concept and the Regime,” *Surveillance and Society*, Vol. 8, No. 4 (April 2011).
- “Privacy Advocacy from the Inside and the Outside: Implications for the Politics of Personal Data Protection in Networked Societies,” *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*, Vol. 13, No. 2 (April 2011): 125-141.
- “Storming the Barricades so we can all be Private Together: Everyday Surveillance and the Politics of Privacy Advocacy,” *Leviathan*, Vol. 25 (2010) “Sichtbarkeitsregime: Überwachung, Sicherheit und Privatheit im 21. Jahrhundert”: 299-320.
- “Privacy Impact Assessments: International Experience as a Basis for UK Guidance,” *Computer Law and Security Report* Vol. 24, 233-242 (with A. Warren, R. Clarke, A. Charlesworth and R. Bayley), 2008
- “The State of Privacy in the Canadian State: Fallout from 9-11,” *Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management* Vol. 11, 2-11 (with Martin French as co-author), 2003.
- “The privacy commissioner of Canada: Multiple roles, diverse expectations and structural dilemmas,” *Canadian Public Administration* 46, 218-242, Summer 2003.
- “Cookies, web bugs, webcams and cue cats: Patterns of Surveillance on the World Wide Web,” *Ethics and Information Technology*, Vol. 3, No. 3, 2001.
- “The Distribution of Privacy Risks: Who Needs Protection?” *The Information Society*, Vol. 14, No. 4, October 1998.
- “Understanding Ripple Effects: The Cross-National Adoption of Policy Instruments for Bureaucratic Accountability,” *Governance*, Vol. 10, No. 3, July 1997.
- “The Adequacy of Privacy: The European Union Data Protection Directive and the North American Response,” *The Information Society*, Vol. 13, No. 3, July-September 1997.
- “Protecting Privacy on the Canadian Information Highway: Policy Developments and Regulatory Options,” *The Canadian Journal of Library and Information Science*, Vol. 21, No. 3-4, December 1996.

- “Taking the Measure of Privacy: Can Data Protection be Evaluated?” *International Review of Administrative Sciences*, Vol. 62, No. 4, December 1996. (with Charles D. Raab).
- “Rules of the Road and Level-Playing Fields: The Politics of Data Protection in Canada’s Private Sector,” *International Review of Administrative Sciences*, Vol. 62, No. 4, December 1996.
- "Protecting Privacy across Borders: European Policies and Prospects," *Public Administration*, Vol. 72, No. 1, Spring 1994 (with Charles D. Raab).
- "The Lessons of Learning: Reconciling Theories of Policy Learning and Policy Change," *Policy Sciences*, Vol 25, 1992. (with Michael Howlett).
- "Review Article: What is Policy Convergence and What Causes it?," *British Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 21, No. 2, April 1991.
- "How States Utilize Foreign Evidence," *Journal of Public Policy*, Vol. 11, No. 1 (Special Issue on "Lesson-Drawing Across Nations"), January-March 1991.
- "Computers, Personal Data and Theories of Technology: Comparative Approaches to Privacy Protection in the 1990's," *Science, Technology and Human Values*, Vol. 16, No. 1, January 1991.
- "The Formation of a Canadian Privacy Policy: The Art and Craft of Lesson-Drawing," *Canadian Public Administration*, Vol. 33, No. 4, Winter 1990.
- "Regulating the Computer: comparing policy instruments in Europe and the United States," *European Journal of Political Research*, Vol. 16, No. 5, September 1988.
- "Different Processes, One Result: The Convergence of Data Protection Policy in Europe and the United States," *Governance*, Vol. 1, No. 4, October 1988.
- "From the Dark to the Light: The Open Government Debate in Britain," *Journal of Public Policy*, Vol. 5, No. 2, Fall 1985.

Refereed Book Chapters

- “From the Doorstep to the Database: political parties, campaigns, and personal privacy protection in Canada,” in N. Witzleb, M. Paterson and J. Richardson, *Big Data, Political Campaigning and the Law* (Abingdon: Routledge, 2020), pp. 141-163, with Michael McDonald.
- “Privacy Protection in the Era of ‘Big Data’: Regulatory Challenges and Social Assessments,” in Bart van der Sloot, Dennis Broeders and Erik Schrijvers, *Exploring the Boundaries of Big Data* (Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2015), pp. 205-227, with Robin M. Bayley.
- “Privacy and the Democratic Potential of the Social Web,” in B. Roessler and D. Mokrosinska, *Social Dimensions of Privacy: Inter-Disciplinary Perspectives* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015), 202-221, with C. Parsons and A. Molnar as co-authors.
- “Forgetting, Non-Forgetting and Quasi-Forgetting in Social Networking: Canadian Policy and Corporate Practice,” in S. Gutwirth, R. Leenes and P. de Hert, *Reloading Data Protection* (Dordrecht: Springer, 2013), 41-59, with C. Parsons and A. Molnar.
- “Privacy and Surveillance: The Multidisciplinary Literature on the Capture, Use and Disclosure of Personal Information in Cyberspace,” in W. Dutton, *The Oxford Handbook of Internet Studies* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), 486-508, with Christopher Parsons as co-author.
- “Privacy advocates, privacy advocacy and the surveillance society,” in K. Ball, K.D. Haggerty and D. Lyon, *Routledge Handbook of Surveillance Studies* (London: Routledge, 2012)
- “Privacy Impact Assessments in Canada.” in D. Wright and P. de Hert, *Privacy Impact Assessments* (London: Springer, 2011), with Robin Bayley as co-author 161-185.
- “Unsafe at any Altitude: The Comparative Politics of No-Fly Lists in the United States and Canada,” in M. B. Salter, *Politics at the Airport* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2008)
- “What happens when you book an airline ticket? The collection and processing of passenger data post-9/11,” in E. Zureik and M. B. Salter, *Global Surveillance and Policing* (Portland: Willan, 2005)

- “Surveillance, Employment and Location: Regulating the Privacy of Mobile Workers in the Mobile Workplace,” in S. O. Hansson and E. Palm, *The Ethics of Workplace Privacy* (Brussels: Peter Lang, 2005)
- “Video Surveillance and Privacy Protection Law in Canada” in S. Nouwt, B. R. de Vries, and C. Prins, *Reasonable Expectations of Privacy* (The Hague: Asser Press, 2005)
- “Privacy Self-Regulation in the Global Economy: A Race to the Top, the Bottom or Somewhere Else?” in Kernaghan Webb, *Voluntary Codes: Private Governance, the Public Interest and Innovation* (Ottawa: Carleton Research Unit, 2004).
- “Emergent Locations: Implementing Wireless 9-1-1 in Texas, Virginia and Toronto,” in Lorrie Faith Cranor and Steven S. Wildman, *Rethinking Rights and Regulations: Institutional Responses to New Communications Technologies* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 2003) with P. Regan and D. Phillips.
- “People and Place: Patterns of Individual Identification in Intelligence Transportation Systems” in David Lyon, *Surveillance as Social Sorting: Privacy, Risk and Digital Discrimination* (London: Routledge, 2003)
- “Where the Regulated are the Regulators: Privacy Protection within the Contemporary Canadian State” in Bruce G. Doern, Margaret M. Hill, Michael J. Prince and Richard J. Schultz, *Changing the Rules: Canadian Regulatory Regimes and Institutions* (Toronto: UT Press, 1999).
- "The New Public Administration of Information: Canadian Approaches to Access and Privacy" in M. Westmacott and H. Mellon, *Public Administration and Policy: Governing in Challenging Times* (Scarborough: Prentice-Hall, Allyn and Bacon, 1998) (with Robin Bayley).
- “Convergence Revisited: Toward a Global Policy for the Protection of Personal Information?” in P. Agre and M. Rotenberg, *Technology and Privacy: The New Landscape* (Cambridge: MIT Press, 1997)
- “Comparative Policy Studies in Canada: What State? What Art?” in L. Dobuszinskis, M. Howlett and D. Laycock, *Policy Studies in Canada: The State of the Art* (Toronto: UT Press, 1996)
- "The Public Surveillance of Personal Data: A Cross-National Analysis," In David Lyon & Elia Zureik, *Computers, Surveillance and Privacy* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1996)

Policy Reports

- The Council of Europe’s Modernized Convention on Personal Data Protection: Why Canada should consider Accession.* Center for International Governance Innovation Research Paper, December 2020.
- Personal Data Processing by and for Political Campaigns: The Application of the Council of Europe’s Modernized Convention 108.* Report to the Consultative Committee for the Protection of Individuals with Regard to the Automatic Processing of Personal Data. Strasbourg: Council of Europe (November 2020)
- Privacy, Voter Surveillance and Democratic Engagment: Challenges for Data Protection Authorities.* Report to UK Information Commissioner’s Office presented at International Conference of Privacy and Data Protection Commissioners (October 2019).
- Data Analytics in Canadian Elections: Our Data, Ourselves.* Report for Tactical Tech (July 2018). Available at: <https://ourdataourselves.tacticaltech.org/posts/overview-canada/>
- Canadian Federal Political Parties and Privacy Protection: A Comparative Analysis,* Report to the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada, March 2012. Available at: http://www.priv.gc.ca/information/pub/pp_201203_e.asp
- Saying What you Do and Doing what you Say: Arguments and Prospects for an International Privacy Standard,* Report to the Office of the Privacy Commissioner, September 2007.
- Privacy Impact Assessments: An International Study of their Application and Effects,* Report to the UK Information Commissioner, December 2007 (with A. Charlesworth, A. Warren, R. Clarke, R. Bayley).

Location-Based Services and the Surveillance of Mobility: An Analysis of Privacy Risks in Canada. A Report to the Privacy Commissioner of Canada, June 2005 (with Lori Crowe)

Globalization and Access to Information Regimes. Report to the Canadian Access to Information Review Task Force (June-August 2001)

What Government Should Know about Privacy: A Foundation Paper. Prepared for the Ontario Information Technology Executive Leadership Council's Privacy Conference, June 19, 2001.

Application of a Methodology designed to Assess the Adequacy of the Level of Protection of Individuals with regard to Processing Personal Data: Test of the Method on Several Categories of Transfer (European Commission Tender No. XV/97/18/D, September 1998) (with Charles D. Raab, Robert M. Gellman and Nigel Waters)

Prospects for an International Standard for the Protection of Personal Information: A Report to the Standards Council of Canada (Ottawa: Standards Council of Canada, 1997)

Regulating Privacy in Canada: An Analysis of Oversight and Enforcement in the Private Sector (Industry Canada, 1996)

Implementing Privacy Codes of Practice (Rexdale: Canadian Standards Association, PLUS 8830, August 1995).

A Consumers' Guide to Open Government: Techniques for Penetrating Whitehall (London: Outer Circle Policy Unit, March 1980), (with Peter Hennessy).

MAJOR ADDRESSES AND PRESENTATIONS

Over my career, I have given papers and addresses in around 25 countries outside North America. In addition to numerous academic conference and workshop presentations, I have presented the following major addresses and keynote presentations to largely non-academic audiences:

Address on "Data Privacy in Comparative Perspective" at National Library of New Zealand, Wellington, October 16, 1992.

Address on "Telecommunication Privacy: The European Perspective," to conference on "Privacy in Telecommunications: What Will Make it Work?" Ottawa Congress Centre, June 29, 1992.

Address to Privacy International Conference on "International Privacy Regulation," Sydney, Australia, October 30, 1992.

"Personal Privacy Protection in Canada's Private Sector: What Should be Done?" Invited address to the annual meeting of the Canadian Library Association, Calgary, June 15, 1995.

"Towards Adequate Data Protection in Canada by the Year 2000," Keynote Address to the Conference on "Privacy and the Corporate Sector," Toronto, June 2, 1997.

"Privacy in Canada: Is there a lesson for Australia?" Address to the 1997 "Australian Privacy Summit," Sydney, October 21-22, 1997.

"Standards and Self-Regulation at the Domestic and International Levels: The Case of Personal Data Protection." Address to the Conference on "Standardization for the 21st Century," Berlin, March 15-17, 1999.

"Privacy Self-Regulation," Address to the Internet Law and Policy Forum Conference "Jurisdiction II: Global Networks/Local Rules," San Francisco, September 11-12, 2000

"Privacy Self-Regulation in a Global Economy: A Race to the Top, the Bottom or Somewhere Else?" Address to International Conference of Privacy and Data Protection Commissioners, Venice, September 28-30, 2000.

"Privacy Problems on the E-Frontier," Address to the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) conference, Edmonton, Alberta, May 8, 2001.

- “The Data Protection Authority: Regulator, Ombudsman, Educator or Campaigner?” Paper presented to the International Conference of Data Protection Commissioners, Cardiff, September 9-11, 2001.
- “Privacy Protection in the Global Economy: A Race to the Top or the Bottom?” Address to the Conference on “Privacy: A Fundamental Right with an Expiry Date,” Vienna, November 11, 2001
- “The Governance of Privacy: Policy Instruments in Global Perspective.” Address at the University of Copenhagen, November 12th, 2001
- “Privacy Protection and International Electronic Commerce: Global Solutions for Consumer Trust,” Address to Fudan University, Shanghai, May 9th, 2005
- “The Globalization of Personal Privacy Protection: Policy Instruments in International Perspective,” Address to Hong Kong Privacy Commissioner’s Office, May 13th, 2005
- “Being On The “Safe Side”: The Politics of No-Fly Lists in The United States and Canada,” Address to Canadian Aviation Security Conference, Ottawa, March 29th, 2006
- “The Governance of Privacy: Policy Instruments in Global Perspective,” Keynote address to the Humphrey Institute for Public Policy, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, May 23, 2006.
- “Saying What you Do and Doing what you Say: Arguments and Prospects for an International Privacy Standard,” Paper delivered to the annual meeting of the International Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners, Montreal, September 26th, 2007.
- “Information Sharing,” Address to the Aviation Security World conference, Vancouver, October 30th, 2007.
- “Privacy Impact Assessments around the World,” address to the Surveillance Society conference, Manchester UK, December 11, 2007.
- “The Contemporary Roles of the Privacy commissioner,” Address to the London Initiative conference of European data protection commissioners, London, December 13, 2007.
- “The Privacy Advocates: The Spread of Surveillance and the People who Resist it,” Keynote Address to the Reboot Conference on Privacy and Security, Victoria BC, February 6, 2008
- “The Privacy Advocates: Resisting the Spread of Surveillance,” Address to the Central European University, Budapest, April 23, 2008
- “Privacy Impact Assessments: What are they and how can they be made to work?” Presentation to PRISE final conference, Austria Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Austria, April 28-29, 2008
- “The Privacy Advocates and the Privacy Regulators: Resisting the Spread of Surveillance,” Address to the Madrid Data Protection Authority, September 4, 2008
- “The Privacy Advocates: Resisting the Spread of Surveillance,” Address and book launch at the University of Ottawa, November 13, 2008
- Address on “Privacy and the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games” Reboot conference on Privacy and Security, Victoria BC, February 4, 2009
- “What Makes a Privacy Advocate,” Keynote address to conference on privacy activism, San Diego, CA. May 15th, 2009
- “The Rise of the Privacy Advocates: Implications for Government and Business,” Presentation to the Privacy Laws and Business conference, St. Johns College Cambridge, July 7-9, 2009
- “Data Protection and Access to Information: The Canadian Approach,” Presentation to the Catalan Data Protection Authority, Barcelona, October 30th, 2009
- “Digital Media, Cyber-Activism and Privacy Advocacy,” Presentation to the Annual Conference of the International Data Commissioners, Madrid, Spain, November 5th, 2009
- “Privacy Protection and Access to Information: The Canadian Approach” Address to Privacy Victoria Network, Melbourne, Australia, March 10th, 2010
- “The Governance of Privacy: New Zealand in Global Perspective,” Address to Privacy Awareness Week, Wellington New Zealand, May 5th 2010

- “What Makes a Privacy Advocate,” Presentation to Asia Pacific Privacy Authorities, Darwin, June 4th, 2010
- “The Governance of Privacy: Lessons for Brazil,” Address to the Conference on Data Protection, Rio de Janeiro, August 12, 2010
- “Social Networking and Privacy Protection: What if anything has Changed?” Presentation to Meiji University, Graduate School of Commerce and Japanese Society of Information and Management, Tokyo, Japan, August 9th, 2011
- “Security Games: Surveillance and Control at Mega-Events,” Presentation to Symposium on Privacy and Data Protection, University of Hong Kong, February 10th, 2012
- “The Governance of Privacy: 2012”, Address to Privacy workshop, Bangkok Thailand, February 15th, 2012
- “The Geo-Politics of Personal Data and the Governance of Privacy,” Keynote address to Conference on Power and Difference, Tampere Finland, August 29th, 2012
- “The Politics of Privacy and the Privacy of Politics: Voter Surveillance in Western Democracies,” First annual CRISP lecture, Edinburgh, April 3rd, 2013
- “The Politics of Privacy and the Privacy of Politics: Parties, Elections and Voter Surveillance in Western Democracies,” Presentation to IFIP Summer School, Nijmegen, June 18th, 2013
- “Privacy and Accountability in the Cloud: Is this a new Problem?” Keynote address to the International Workshop on Trustworthiness, Accountability and Forensics in the Cloud, Malaga, June 6, 2013.
- “Bridging Privacy Cultures: Is it Possible? Is it Desirable?” Keynote Address to Privacy Laws and Business Annual Conference, Queens College Cambridge, July 1st, 2013
- “Parties, Campaigns and Voter Surveillance: The Impact of Mobile Applications,” Address to closed session of the International Conference of Privacy and Data Protection Commissioners, Warsaw Poland, September 23rd, 2013.
- “Parties, Elections and Voter Surveillance in Canada,” Keynote address to the International Association of Privacy Professionals, Toronto, May 8, 2014
- “Transparent Lives: Surveillance in Canada and Why we Should Care,” Keynote address to Philosophy, History and Politics Conference, Thomson Rivers University, January 16th, 2015.
- “Big Data, Micro-targeting and the Privacy of the Electorate: Emerging Trends in Voter Surveillance in North America and Europe,” Presentation to Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore, March 31st, 2015.
- “Global Privacy Protection: Incompatible Laws, Unaccountable Organizations and the Invisible Data Subject,” Presentation to University of Malaya Law School, April 3, 2015.
- “The Future of Global Privacy Protection: Implications for Thailand,” Address to Privacy Workshop, Thamaset University, Bangkok, April 7th, 2015
- Keynote address to CLAW 2017, the Third International IEEE Workshop on Legal and Technical Issues in Cloud Computing and the Internet of Things, April 7, 2017, Vancouver, Canada.
- Presentation on Research and Privacy Protection, Asia Pacific Privacy Authorities conference, Vancouver, November 16, 2017
- Data-Driven Elections in Democratic Societies: Early Lessons from the Cambridge Analytica Scandal,” Lecture to AI and Society Meeting, Tokyo, May 7, 2018
- “Cambridge Analytica and Data-Driven Elections: Lessons for Data Protection Authorities,” Address to Japanese Privacy Protection Commission, Tokyo, May 7, 2018.
- “Data-Driven Elections in Democratic Societies: Early Lessons from the Cambridge Analytica Scandal,” Lecture to Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica, Taipei. May 17, 2018.

- “Data-Driven Elections in Canada: Privacy Protection and Political Parties,” Keynote address to Lexpert Conference on Privacy and Data Protection, Toronto, November 27, 2018.
- “The Governance of Privacy in Canada: Past, Present and Future,” Annual Nymark Lecture. Ottawa, Museum of Nature, June 26, 2019.
- “Privacy, Voter Surveillance and Democratic Engagement: Challenges for Data Protection Authorities,” Presentation of report to closed session of the International Conference of Privacy and Data Protection Authorities, Tirana, Albania, October 2019.
- “Data-driven elections and the micro-targeting of voters: key issues for privacy advocates,” Keynote address to XI Brazilian Seminar on Privacy and Personal Data Protection (November 17, 2020 via Zoom).
- “Voter Surveillance and the Challenges of Data Protection in Political Campaigns,” Keynote address to Seminar on Protection of Personal Data in Elections, Sao Paulo Brazil, July 26th, 2021.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Recipient of three year SSHRC Research Grant on “Data Driven Elections in Canada” (\$75068) (2018-2021) Grant No: 435-2019-0403.
- Co-Investigator of SSHRC Partnership Grant for “Big Data Surveillance” (\$2.5 million) (2015-2021)
- Recipient of grant from the Office of the Privacy Commissioner’s Contributions Program to study: “Social Networking and Privacy Protection: Analyzing the Access in Lawful Access.” (\$25336.80) (2012)
- Recipient of three year SSHRC Research Grant for work on “Social Networking and Privacy: the conflicts, the policies, the technologies” (\$74,513) 2010-2013
- Recipient of grant from the Office of the Privacy Commissioner’s Contributions Program to build website on “Deep Packet Inspection” (\$28,211) (2009)
- Recipient as Co-Investigator of MCRI grant for “The New Transparency: Surveillance and Social Sorting.” (\$2,499,499) (2008-2015)
- Co-Investigator, Globalization of Personal Data Project” SSHRC INE grant (with David Lyon, Principal Investigator) (\$7,143). (2005-2008)
- Recipient of grant from the Office of the Privacy Commissioner’s Contributions Program for work on “Location-Based Services: An Analysis of Privacy Implications in the Canadian Context” (\$27,389.55) (2005)
- Recipient of three year SSHRC Research grant for work on “Privacy advocates and advocacy: The emergence of a new Social Movement” (\$80,775) (2004)
- Recipient of two-year grant from the National Science Foundation to study “Place and Identity: Geographic Information Systems and Technologies of Personal Identification (with P. Regan, M. Curry, D. Phillips and C. Raab) (2000-02)
- Recipient of UVIC Faculty of Social Sciences 2001 Award for Excellence in Research.
- Recipient of Annual Award (1998) from Freedom of Information and Privacy Association.

TESTIMONY

- Testimony to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (ETHI) on Addressing Digital Privacy Vulnerabilities and Potential Threats to Canada's Democratic Electoral Process, April 26, 2018
- Testimony to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (ETHI) on the Statutory Review the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Document Act* (PIPEDA), March 21, 2017
- Testimony to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (ETHI) on Reform of the Privacy Act, September 27, 2016.
- Testimony to Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs on C-23 (Fair Elections Act), June 4, 2014
- Testimony to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (ETHI) on Privacy and Social Media, November 1, 2012
- Testimony to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics (ETHI) on the Statutory review of the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Document Act* (PIPEDA), November 22nd, 2006.
- Testimony to "Special Legislative Committee on Information Privacy in the Private Sector," Legislative Assembly of BC, February 15, 2001
- Testimony to House of Commons Standing Committee on Industry on Bill C-54, *The Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act*, March 1, 1999.
- Testimony to the Special Committee to Review the B.C. Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, February 25, 1998.

MEDIA WORK

- OPED articles in *The Globe and Mail*, *Ottawa Citizen*, *the Conversation*, *Vancouver Sun* and *Victoria Times-Colonist*
- OPED articles at <http://ipolitics.ca/author/colin-bennett>
- Regular articles in *Privacy Laws and Business International* and *Privacy Perspectives*, the journal of the International Association of Privacy Professionals
- Commentary on CBC, CFAX, CTV, BBC World Service and in multiple Canadian and US newspapers

GRADUATE TEACHING

I have been the lead supervisor of eight PhD students, and 14 MA students over the last 20 years. Through my research grants, I have funded graduate research projects on: identity cards, the Canadian enhanced drivers-license, ID scanning in bars, aboriginal health databases, online advertising and surveillance, human resources databases, data analytics in elections and other topics.

Recently completed graduate student dissertations include:

Iryna Matyenko (PhD, 2022): “The Case of the Russian Electronic Identity Card: From the Promise of E-Government to the Problem of Data Sovereignty”

Smith Oduro Marfo (PhD, 2021): “Surveillance for Development: Debating Citizen Identification Systems in Ghana.”

Jesse Gordon (MA, 2019): “When Data Crimes are Real Crimes: Voter Surveillance and the Cambridge Analytica Conflict.”

George Abbott (PhD, 2019): “Prescription Before Diagnosis: The Dynamics of Public Policy Construction in the BC Liberal New Era, 2001-2005”

Lauren Yawney (MA, 2018): “Understanding the Micro in Micro-Targeting: An Analysis of the 2018 Provincial Election”

Adam Molnar (PhD, 2014): “In the Shadow of Spectacle: Security and Policing Legacies of the Vancouver 2010 Olympics”

Christopher Parsons (PhD, 2013): “The Politics of Deep Packet Inspection: What Drives Surveillance by Internet Service Providers?”