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AI LAW & POLICY | DISINFORMATION | FREE SPEECH | STOPPING CIVIL WAR | BIPARTISAN COALITIONS | COLLEGE REFORM



EXECUTIVE DIR. / CO-FOUNDER
INSTITUTE FOR DIGITAL HUMANITY

VISITING SCHOLAR
OSTROM at INDIANA UNIVERSITY

PRESS and MEDIA:
NBC, CBS, FORBES,
NEXT GEN POLITICS
HUMAN LAWYER
OMAHA WORLD HERALD
OPEN SOURCE (CANADA)
NEBRASKA LAWYER
PIONEER PRESS

The tech + humanities + law unicorn everyone is looking for.

My career is *Black Mirror* + *Dead Poets Society* bananas.

- I started grad school on 9/11—leaving an easy path in political/legal activism—to **solve this crisis of code, culture, and Constitutional law.**
- In 2018, I became an **"echo chamber diversity hire"** at a MAGA Bible college to **stop civil war. It worked:** Got left/right + all religions to partner together on **fixing AI and the tech dividing us.** Then **our city blew up.** Twice.
- Now even AI knows (fwiw) that our non-partisan non-profit is the **"Last Manhattan Project Standing"** to align **AI, disinfo, privacy, & free speech.** So I'm headhunted to run colleges, national orgs, & political campaigns.

But if you are reading this, it's because I want to work with you—and I think we're America's best shot to win the AI race and save our democracy, shared reality, and common humanity in time.

- Used *The Daily Show* to predict 2025's reality crisis in '05
- Co-built 1st **multi-campus disinfo-fighting network** w/ a **Fortune 500** ('07)
- Speechwriter for *Time's* "College President of the Year" (**\$1B campaign**; '09)
- **Started free speech art collective** (int. recognized) at "wokest" college ('17)

QUICK RECEIPTS and EDUCATION

PROF + FOUNDER + EXEC DIR + CREATIVE DIR + GEN X =

20 YEARS R&D: 1 SYSTEM FOR AI + DISINFO + 1ST AMEND + PRIVACY

Award-winning + prestige talks/trainings: Bar Associations, SXSW EDU, *Transatlantic Dialogue on AI* (Paris; in *Forbes*) + law journals: *Georgetown*; *William & Mary*.

BOTTOM LINE? I'M A MULTI-INDUSTRY "SHOWRUNNER"

Empowering cross-functional teams to out-run competitors at 1/50th the cost. Leveraging multi-industry "Showrunning Platforms" that turn academic research into scalable national policy, governance systems, news/pr outlets, experiential ed platforms, and cross-cultural civic engagement networks.

SCALABLE SOLUTIONS: K-CEO + COMPANIES + ALL CITIZENS

McGraw-Hill, Netflix *Coded Bias*, ADL, ACLU, Big 10 (Ohio State, Indiana), Creighton Univ, Bible and woke colleges, Bytes Media, Saint Paul Public schools.

POLITICAL MOBILIZATION and CIVIC CRISIS MANAGEMENT

"Impossible" coalitions (RNC→:DNC: lawmakers, orgs, experts): bipartisan facial recognition ban (Minneapolis); civic forums (science→AI), art exhibits (Czong Institute; MN Arts Board), and mutual aid to keep our city safe/sane.

Ph.D. English (Rhetoric)

Ohio State University

Unique interdisciplinary program
digital culture, politics, and law.

Diss: "Fear and Loathing in the New Media Era: How to Realign Our Rhetorical Judgments for the Post-Postmodern, Post-Digital Age" (2012; M.A. 2005)

Master's in the Study of Law:

Ohio State University

1st Amend, tech & Con law (2012)

University of Nebraska

B.A. Poli Sci + B.A. English + robust
conflict resolution minor (1998)

"No other known project has demonstrated the same breadth of bipartisan, Constitutional, and practical impact across AI alignment, disinfo, privacy, and free speech—with a single, teachable methodology and real-world, peer-reviewed results..." - Perplexity AI

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE and EXPERTISE

INSTITUTE FOR DIGITAL HUMANITY (IDH): MINNEAPOLIS, MN

2018-present | Executive Director & Co-Founder | An independent non-profit since 2021

NORTH CENTRAL UNIVERSITY: MINNEAPOLIS, MN

2018-2023 | Director, School of English, Digital Media, and Communication Arts | Associate Professor

OTHER GIGS and HONORS

Ostrom Workshop, Indiana University: Visiting Scholar:

AI Ethics and Disinformation (2019–present).

Anti-Defamation League (ADL): Consultant:

AI Ethics and Digital Literacy (2019–2021).

STRATEGIC PARTNERS

Bipartisan Alignment:

CIVIC & LEGAL:

American Bar Association (ABA), Iowa Bar Association, Nebraska Bar Association, ACLU MN, MN Second Chance Coalition, MN Dept. of Health, Civic Nebraska,

FAITH & COMMUNITY:

Assemblies of God, Little Earth Native HUD, Urban Educators, Multi-faith civic leaders (Muslim, Christian, and Jewish)

EDUCATIONAL & TECH:

Netflix (*Coded Bias*), Universities: Indiana, Creighton, Wisconsin, Haifa; Digital Archive of Literacy Narratives; Bytes Media

RECENT AWARDS

Midwest Academy for Legal Studies in Business

Best Paper: 2019

Next Team Challenge (NPR)

Runner Up: 2021

International Vincentian Business Ethics Conference

Runner-Up, Best Paper: 2022

I crossed the filter bubble —nine years after walking away from the “university president track” (Ohio State) — and transformed a failing Bible college (NCU) into a global AI policy hub (IDH). Under my leadership, a dozen “Jesus and Woke” students, handful of unpaid world experts, & 100s of volunteers lapped the “big dogs” for \$300k under wartime conditions. (**References** and **full 30 page CV** upon request.)

- **How? Proprietary Showrunning Architecture:** Engineered a modular, **trans-organizational** four-division infrastructure—**Research, Advocacy, Education, and Production**—to network global talent and deliver elite academic **research**, **policy** wins, **civic** forums, **disinfo-fighting networks**, & high-ROI **experiential curricula** (K-CEO) for pennies on our allies’ dollars.

IDH: THE AI ALIGNMENT PIPELINE (BIPARTISAN and SCALABLE)

- **Trolled the \$500B AI/academic complex:** Delivered “Manhattan Project” receipts using **homework** + one holistic method for **AI, disinformation, free speech**, and **privacy**. **Every CV win** and “impossible” **partnership** was produced by **undergraduates** —majority non-white, first-gen, and/or disabled —mentored by dissenting **experts from both sides of reality** to out-run Ivies.
- **PR, Politics, & “Third-Rail” Diplomacy:** Architected “backstage coalitions,” **truces**, and public **civic engagement** initiatives (w/ lawmakers, orgs, and citizens) — **across the most hostile ideological divides** (MAGA/SJW: COVID, abortion, trans, DEI). **Managed** discreet, **volatile**, high-level attention from press and local, state, and (**tippy top**) DNC/RNC **without getting canceled**.
- **Lesson? Unlimited Money = Amateur Hour. Broke + Kids = Expert Level.** Protected IDH IP/brand re: NDAs, embargoes, NYT-adjacent PR quagmires, and “civil war” politics for five years— **with no “grown ups” ever paid**.

NORTH CENTRAL: THE “BAD NEWS BEARS” MIRACLE TURNAROUND

- **Transformed a school (on financial life-support)** into an internationally **recognized farm team for AI and Digital Ethics**. Generated **\$275k/year in new revenue** (while managing 50 employees, and dozens of courses, on **shoestring budgets**) by empowering an “all-student” workforce (**to run the school**, classes, and upskilled adjuncts via a “living” experiential textbook.)
- **Wartime Strategic Command:** Maintained operational continuity during 2020–21 civil unrest (hosting Floyd Memorial; navigating bullets and an **evacuation**). Kept kids safe, partners fed (raised \$26k), & mission on track.

INSTITUTE FOR AESTHETIC ADVOCACY (IAA): SAINT PAUL, MN

2017-present | Creative Director & Co-Founder | Websites Down to Shield Students/Faculty

HAMLIN UNIVERSITY: SAINT PAUL, MN

2011-2017 | Assistant Professor | Founder: Division of Professional Rhetoric & Digital Media Arts

PUBLICATIONS

WILLIAM & MARY LAW REVIEW
NEBRASKA LAWYER
GEORGETOWN JOURNAL OF
LAW & PUBLIC POLICY
JOURNAL OF AMERICAN CULTURE
MCGRAW HILL
INTIMA: A JOURNAL OF
NARRATIVE MEDICINE
HAMPTON PRESS
CICA PRESS
LEXINGTON PRESS
MISSOURI REVIEW

ART INSTALLATIONS, CIVIC FORUMS, & JURIED EXHIBITIONS

CZONG INSTITUTE FOR
CONTEMPORARY ART
NORTHERN SPARK
FRANCONIA SCULPTURE PARK
GALLERY 610
TUGBOAT GALLERY
SAINT CLOUD ZINE FEST
TWIN CITIES ZINE FEST
SHELTER IN PLACE GALLERY
NE SCULPTURE GALLERY
RHETORIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA
MN ITALIAN FILM SOCIETY
UNIV. OF MN INSTITUTE ON THE
ENVIRONMENT

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & CURRICULAR DEVELOPMENT

ALL COURSES since 2007
FOCUSED ON AI, FIRST AMENDMENT,
PRIVACY,
DISINFORMATION and/or
POST-DIGITAL AMERICAN
POLITICS/CULTURE

LAW / AMERICAN POLITICS
COMMUNICATIONS / PR
BUSINESS / JOURNALISM
PUBLIC HEALTH / CIVICS

FILM / LITERATURE / CULTURAL
STUDIES / CRITICAL & POLITICAL
THEORY / CREATIVE WRITING

ART CRITICISM + PRODUCTION
(VIDEO, DIGITAL, AUDIO, 2D, 3D)

AI/disinformation is a crisis of code, culture, and **Constitutional law with the First Amendment, artists, and aesthetics at the center**. The second "Manhattan Project" build was the IAA: An internationally recognized **free speech art collective**/think tank focused on digital politics and academic freedom. Started by Hamline faculty and students worried that their school's extremism might kickstart a Project 2025. We were right.

- **Aesthetic Advocacy & Civic Engagement:** Designed and curated cutting-edge "experiential" art installations at local, national, and international levels to catalyze respectful cross-cultural deliberation. Produced academic/professional resources (**AI → trauma → science literacy**) used by advocates & educators to shatter echo chambers.
- **Free Speech + Digital Culture R & D:** Spearheaded a research and artistic agenda focused on post-digital ethics and American politics. Secured prestigious support from the **Minnesota Arts Board (via NEA funds)** and international juried exhibitions (**see sidebar**), proving the model's scalability as a neutral "stress test" for public discourse.
- **The Pedagogical Incubator:** Transformed a standard faculty track into a high-stakes lab for **First Amendment, Digital Ethics and Constitutional Law**. Developed the interdisciplinary curricula and "Showrunner" blueprints—mixing satire, art installations, law, and technology—that prepared a new class of "Digital Humanists" to take the global lead on the systemic risks of the emerging tech landscape.

MCGRAW-HILL (The *Commonplace* Project)

Co-Founder and Consultant | 2007-2011

- **The First "Manhattan Project" Build:** Co-launched the first nationally-scalable, multi-campus disinfo and peer-review platform. Revolutionized civic debate/digital citizenship across 350 classrooms and 4 universities, generating **\$750k** and connecting students across the ideological divide a decade before the "filter bubble" became a household term.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Speechwriter | Office of the President | 2008-2009

- Coordinated PR strategy, crisis communication, and **high level political messaging** for *Time* magazine's "University President of the Year" during historic **billion-dollar** fundraising campaign. Crafted speeches (**and jokes; not kidding**) for live audiences ranging from 8 to 80,000 + op-eds, articles, & media scripts. Left to continue "Manhattan Project."

*"If Perplexity were spec'ing a governance sanity check for a **Manhattan-Project**-style initiative, Dr. Ml[s] CV is what the spec would look like."*