

News from the Information Society Project at Yale Law School

Information Society Project Newsletter -- Spring 2008

Upcoming Events

Computers, Freedom and Privacy, May 20-23, 2008, New Haven, CT

A group of technologists, policymakers, business leaders, and advocates will convene at the 18th annual "Computers, Freedom, and Privacy" conference being held May 20-23 at the Omni Hotel in New Haven, CT. The conference, subtitled "Technology Policy '08," is sponsored by the Association for Computing Machinery, AOL, and Google, in conjunction with the Yale Law School Information Society Project and the Yale Law and Media Program. For more information: <http://www.cfp2008.org/>

3rd Annual Access to Knowledge, September 8-10, 2008, Geneva, Switzerland

Please save the date for the third annual Access to Knowledge Conference (A2K3) on September 8-10, 2008 in Geneva, Switzerland. The location and timing will enable this year's event to reach out to a significant new audience of international organizations and policy-makers, particularly those delegates preparing for the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) General Assembly a few weeks later. This year's conference will also benefit from the collaboration of several new partners in contributing to the conference program, which will feature three days of plenary panels, as well as workshops for smaller working groups. As in past years, A2K3 will be free and open to the public, but advance registration will be required; more information will follow in due course. We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to join us in Geneva this September. More information at: <http://www.law.yale.edu/news/6191.htm>

ISP Spring 2008 Lunch Speaker Series, Yale Law School

The Speaker Series will be held on Tuesdays in Room 120 from 12:10pm-1:30pm.

Apr 22: Yvonne Cripps, Professor, Indiana University School of Law

Apr 29: Gaia Bernstein, Associate Professor, Seton Hall University School of Law

April Cyberscholars Presentation

Cyberscholars will be held Tuesday, April 22 at 6:10pm in Room 121 at Yale Law School.

Presenters:

-Sebastian Krujatz, "Standing on the shoulders of giants: Open access to scientific information and the legitimacy of exclusive rights in scientific works," Visiting Fellow, Information Society Project, Yale Law School

-Guy Pessach, "Reciprocal Share-Alike Exemptions in Copyright Law," Faculty of Law and Institute of Criminology, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

-Victoria Stodden, "Licensing in the Computational Sciences: Advancing Knowledge Through Open Research," Research Fellow, Berkman Center for Internet & Society, Harvard Law School

Featured Speakers

Michael Sandel, the Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Professor of Government at Harvard University, will present "The Case against Perfection: Ethics in the Age of Genetic Engineering" on Wednesday, April 23 at 4:15pm - 6:00pm in Room 127 at Yale Law School.

Projects and Activities

Eliot Pence attended the first meeting of the Committee on Development and Intellectual Property in March. He is in the process of writing a paper on the Committee's future work, which reconvenes in July. Eliot will graduate from his MA program in policy studies and international relations in May 2008.

Priscilla Smith is convening scholars for a roundtable on reproductive rights at Stanford University in May.

Nathaniel Gleicher went to Cuba with a group of Yale Law Students over Spring Break to research Internet regulation and digital education.

Meetings, Events and Conferences

Visiting Professor **Anupam Chander** presented his paper "Trade 2.0" at the Law and Globalization Seminar at Yale Law School. He is teaching the Law of E-commerce and International Finance this term at the Law School. He participated in a conference on "Financial Globalization" at the University of Chicago Law School, and spoke on the "Politics of the Internet" at the American Society of International Law annual meeting.

Nathaniel Gleicher and **Julia Sonnevend** will present on challenges facing digital education in the developing world at the E-Learning Conference in Ghana in May.

Laura Forlano presented her dissertation project "When Code Meets Place: Collaboration and Innovation at WiFi Hotspots" at Columbia University (Center on Organizational Innovation), Harvard Law School (March Cyberscholars Meeting), Yale Law School (Lunch Series) and Cornell University (Mobile Computing Group, Human Computer Interaction Lab). She participated in the Coro Leadership program's Issue Day on Infrastructure at the Open Society Institute in New York where she briefed a group of Coro Leadership Fellows on telecommunications policy issues including municipal wireless networks.

Michael Zimmer was invited to present *Privacy and Audiovisual Search* at an expert workshop on "Audiovisual Search: Regulatory Challenges for Audiovisual Abundance" (Institute for Information Law, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands).

In April, **Laura DeNardis** presented on "The Future of Internet Governance" at the annual National Association of Broadcasters conference (Las Vegas, NV). She presented "Open Standards and Democracy" at the Standards and the Future of the Internet conference (Geneva, Switzerland).

Publications

Anupam Chander edited, along with Margaret Jane Radin and Lauren Gelman, the book "Securing Privacy in the Internet Age," forthcoming in May from Stanford University Press. Professor Chander adds: "The book will be Stanford University Press's first book with a Creative Commons license! (Of course, the more people that buy the book, the more likely that Stanford U.P. will do this again!) The book can be pre-ordered on Amazon today. My mom has already ordered two copies."

Michael Zimmer published *Web Search: Multidisciplinary Perspectives* (Springer, 2008), which he co-edited with Amanda Spink. More information can be found at: <http://www.amazon.com/Web-Search-Multidisciplinary-PerspectivesInformation/dp/3540758283/>. He edited a special issue of *First Monday* on "Critical Perspectives on Web 2.0", which included his article "The Externalities of Search 2.0: The Emerging Privacy Threats when the Drive for the Perfect Search Engine meets Web 2.0". More information can be found at: <http://www.uic.edu/htbin/cgiwrap/bin/ojs/index.php/fm/issue/view/263/showToc>. Zimmer reviewed *Theorizing Surveillance: The Panopticon and Beyond* by David Lyon (Ed.) in *Surveillance & Society* and wrote the review essay "Privacy Protection in the Network Society: 'Trading Up' or a 'Race to the Bottom'?" about *The Governance of Privacy: Policy Instruments in Global Perspective* by Colin Bennett and Charles Raab and *Negotiating Privacy: The European Union,*

the United States, and Personal Data Protection by Dorothee Heisenberg in *The Information Society*.

Priscilla Smith published a paper, "Is the Glass Half-Full?: Gonzales v. Carhart and the Future of Abortion Jurisprudence" in the *Harvard Law and Policy Review* in April 2008. The paper argues that *Gonzales v. Carhart* is a limited decision. The paper can be downloaded at: http://www.hlpronline.com/Smith_HLPR.pdf. She also finalized a Constitutional Law Primer: Everything you want to know about reproductive rights doctrine but didn't learn in class, which was published and distributed by Law Students for Reproductive Justice.

Announcements

Shay David defended his PhD dissertation titled "Open Systems in practice and theory: the social construction of participatory information networks" at Cornell University. The dissertation argues that over the last several years there has been a dramatic shift in the role of amateurs, volunteers and hobbyists as it pertains to the production, distribution and use of information and communication technologies. The work presents four case studies that explore this transition and aims to explain how and why large-scale, participatory systems that are open to volunteer contribution are becoming important in our time. A copy of the dissertation is available under CC-BY-SA license at: http://shaydavid.info/David_Open_Systems.pdf

Laura Forlano will defend her PhD dissertation titled "When Code Meets Place: Collaboration and Innovation at WiFi Hotspots" at Columbia University in May. The dissertation analyzes the people and organizations for whom WiFi networks, and the spaces that they inhabit, play an important role. These include, for example, freelancers coworking from a Starbucks Coffee in New York, hacktivists innovating open source wireless protocols in a basement in Berlin and social entrepreneurs building bottom-up mesh networks in San Francisco. This dissertation argues that mobile and wireless technologies enable an ad-hoc, community or peer-to-peer form of organizing that is deeply embedded in physical location.

Ami Parekh reports that Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (UAEM) won this year's public interest organization award at Yale Law School.