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Academic Appointments

2024 – 2026 **Princeton Center for Information Technology Policy**, Princeton, NJ
Postdoctoral Research Associate
Advisor: [Peter Henderson](#)

2023 **University of Washington School of Law**, Seattle, WA
Faculty Affiliate

Education

2019 – 2024 **University of Washington**, Seattle, WA
Ph.D. in Law | Advisor: [Tadayoshi Kohno](#)
Affiliations: [Tech Policy Lab](#), [Privacy & Security Lab](#), and [Social Futures Lab](#)
Dissertation: *Collaborative Approaches to AI Governance: Exploring Co-Design and Co-Regulation Models*

2012 – 2018 **Seoul National University**, Seoul, South Korea
Master of Law | Advisor: [Won-Woo Lee](#)
Thesis: *Does Administrative Agency's Dispute Resolution Violate Rights to a Public Trial?*

2007 – 2012 **Hongik University**, Seoul, South Korea
B.A. Art Studies, Economics | Advisor: [Sikang Song](#)
Thesis: *Justice or Justice Sentiment? Examining Immanuel Kant and David Hume*

Publications

[p.22] 2025 **Inyoung Cheong**. Epistemic and Emotional Harms of Generative AI: Towards Human-Centered First Amendment. *Michigan Technology Law Review* (forthcoming). [Journal](#)

[p.21] 2025 **Inyoung Cheong**, Robert Mahari, Tobin South, Alex ‘Sandy’ Petland, and Jiaxin Pei. Agents aren’t Agents: the Agency, Loyalty and Accountability problems of AI agents. *Under review at ICLR 2026*. [Preprint](#)

[p.20] 2025 **Inyoung Cheong**,* Patty Liu,* Dominik Stammbach,* and Peter Henderson. How Can AI Augment Access to Justice? Public Defenders’ Perceptions on AI Adoption. [Preprint](#)

- [p.19] 2025 K.J. Kevin Feng, Tzu-Sheng Kuo, Quan Ze (Jim) Chen, **Inyoung Cheong**, Kenneth Holstein, and Amy X. Zhang. [PolicyPad: Collaborative Prototyping of LLM Policies](#). *Under review at CHI 2026*. Preprint
- [p.18] 2025 Luxi He, Xiangyu Qi, Michel Liao, **Inyoung Cheong**, Prateek Mittal, Danqi Chen, and Peter Henderson. [The Deployment of End-to-End Audio Language Models Should Take into Account the Principle of Least Privilege](#). *7th AAAI Conference on AI, Ethics, and Society*. Conference
- [p.17] 2024 **Inyoung Cheong**, Alicia Guo, Mina Lee, Kowe Kadoma, Simona Liao, Dongyoung Go, Joseph Chee Chang, Peter Henderson, Mor Naaman, and Amy X. Zhang. [Penalizing Transparency? How AI Disclosure and Author Demographics Shape Human and AI Judgments About Writing](#). *CHIWORK 2025 Workshop on Navigating Generative AI Disclosure, Ownership, and Accountability in Co-Creative Domains*. Amsterdam, Netherlands. Workshop
- [p.16] 2025 Zhehui Liao, Maria Antoniak, **Inyoung Cheong**, Evie Yu-Yen Cheng, Ai-Heng Lee, Kyle Lo, Joseph Chee Chang, and Amy X. Zhang. [LLMs as Research Tools: A Large Scale Survey of Researchers' Usage and Perception](#). *The Conference of Language Models (COLM) 2025*. Conference
- [p.15] 2024 **Inyoung Cheong**, King Xia, K.J. Kevin Feng, Quan Ze (Jim) Chen, and Amy X. Zhang. [\(A\)I Am Not a Lawyer, But...: Engaging Legal Experts towards Responsible LLM Policies for Legal Advice](#). *ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (FAccT '24)*. Conference
- [p.14] 2024 **Inyoung Cheong**, Aylin Caliskan, and Tadayoshi Kohno. [Safeguarding Human Values: Rethinking US Law for Generative AI's Societal Impacts](#). *AI and Ethics*. Journal
- [p.13] 2024 Jimin Mun, Liwei Jiang, Jenny Liang, **Inyoung Cheong**, Nicole DeCario, Yejin Choi, Tadayoshi Kohno, and Maarten Sap. [Particip-AI: A democratic surveying framework for anticipating future ai use cases, harms and benefits](#). *Proceedings of the AAAI/ACM Conference on AI, Ethics, and Society (AIES, Vol. 7, pp. 997-1010)*. Conference
- [p.12] 2024 K. J. Kevin Feng, **Inyoung Cheong**, Quan Ze Chen, Amy X. Zhang. [Policy Prototyping for LLMs: Pluralistic Alignment via Interactive and Collaborative Policymaking](#). *ICLR 2025 Bidirectional Human-AI Alignment (Bi-Align) Workshop*. Workshop
- [p.11] 2024 Luxi He, Xiangyu Qi, **Inyoung Cheong**, Prateek Mittal, Danqi Chen, and Peter Henderson. [Cascaded to End-to-End: New Safety, Security, and Evaluation Questions for Audio Language Models](#). *NeurIPS 2024 EvalEval workshop*. Workshop
- [p.10] 2023 **Inyoung Cheong**. [Freedom of Algorithmic Expression](#). *The University of Cincinnati Law Review Vol. 91*. Journal
- [p.9] 2023 **Inyoung Cheong**, Aylin Caliskan, and Tadayoshi Kohno. [Envisioning Legal Mitigations for Intentional and Unintentional Harms Associated with LLMs](#). *ICML 2023 Generative AI and Law Work-*

shop. Workshop

- [p.8] 2023 K.J. Kevin Feng, Quan Ze (Jim) Chen, **Inyoung Cheong**, King Xia, and Amy X. Zhang. **Case Repositories: Towards Case-Based Reasoning for AI Alignment**. *NeurIPS 2023 AI Meets Moral Philosophy and Moral Psychology (MP2) workshop*. Workshop
- [p.7] 2023 **Inyoung Cheong**. **Legal Perspectives on AI Alignment, Evaluation, and Interpretability**. *Korea Association for Telecommunication Policies Conference '23*. Conference
- [p.6] 2022 **Inyoung Cheong**. **The US Administrative Law and Civil Penalties**. *Administrative Law Journal Vol. 69*. Journal
- [p.5] 2022 **Inyoung Cheong**. **Private and Public Space**. *Korea University Divertas Press*. Book
- [p.4] 2021 **Inyoung Cheong**, **After Facebook's 2016 Data Breach III: The FTC's 5-Billion Dollar Settlement**. *The Journal of Law and Economic Regulation Vol. 13. No. 2.*. Journal
- [p.3] 2020 **Inyoung Cheong**, **After Facebook's 2016 Data Breach II: The U.S. Federal Courts' Consumer Class Actions**. *The Journal of Law and Economic Regulation Vol. 13. No. 1*. Journal
- [p.2] 2020 **Inyoung Cheong**. **After Facebook's 2016 Data Breach I: The California Consumer Privacy Act of 2018**. *The Journal of Law and Economic Regulation Vol. 12. No. 1*. Journal
- [p.1] 2017 **Inyoung Cheong**. **Korea's New Trends in Culture and Art Legislation: Artists' Welfare and Fair Competition**. *The Journal of Law and Economic Regulation Vol. 10. No. 1.* 2017. Journal

MEDIA

- [m.3] 2025 **The Pulse**. **How Chatbots Make Us Feel**. *WHYY, NPR-affiliated Radio Station in Philadelphia*. *Featured one-hour interview with Maiken Scott on emotional reliance on AI*.
- [m.2] 2025 **Princeton CITP Blog**. **Balancing Free Speech & Safety: Envisioning a Human-Centered First Amendment for AI Regulation**. *Written by Steven Kelts*. *Featured public-speaking at the International Association of Safe and Ethical AI Conference 2025*.
- [m.1] 2023 **The Wall Street Journal**. **AI Tech Enables Industrial-Scale Intellectual-Property Theft, Say Critics**. *written by Christopher Mims*. *Featured expert interview on AI copyright infringement and fair use doctrine*.

Teaching Experience

- 2023 Instructor, **LAW 553E: Technology Law and Public Policy Seminar**, in-person
University of Washington School of Law
Graduate-level course for 25 law students
([syllabus](#))
- 2022 Teaching Assistant, **Korean 103 A: First-Year Korean**, Princeton, NJ
University of Washington School of Asian Language and Literature
Instructor: Eun Young Won
Independently Taught a section of 25 undergraduate students

Professional Experience

- 06 – 08 2022 Legal Intern, **Administrative Conference of the United States**, Washington, D.C.
• *Performed legal research on the [recusal of agency heads](#) and [automated government decisions](#).*
- 06 – 09 2021 Policy Intern, **United Nations**, New York, NY
• *Designed and launched a [partnership program](#) between UN and South Korean local governments.*
- 2016 – 2019 Deputy Director, **Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism**, Sejong, South Korea
• *Developed a [strategic investment plan](#) in AI and VR/AR technologies for the creative industries, resulting in a record-breaking budget increase from \$100 million to \$200 million.*
• *Provided healthcare/childcare/housing for creators under the world's first [Artist Welfare Act](#), streamlining legal status verification and delivery processes.*
• *Secured \$10 million for an [innovation project](#) at the National Museum of Korea by convincing the National Assembly, and positioned the museum as a global cultural hub.*
• *Received the highest performance review score, ranking in the top 1% among over 1,000 employees.*
- 2012 - 2016 Deputy Director, **Korea Communications Commission**, Gwachun, South Korea
• *Authored 200+ Commission statements on the impacts of Congressional bills on fundamental rights, including freedom of the press, privacy, and access to essential communication services.*
• *Drafted over 20 legislative bills and regulatory amendments, led the notice-and-comment process, conducted regulatory impact assessments, and successfully secured enactment of more than 10 proposals.*
• *Led the licensing of a new public broadcasting TV channel provider ([EBS2](#)) by overseeing technology impact assessment, navigating complex political interests, and coordinating regulatory changes.*
• *Led investigations into misleading and deceptive advertising practices by major news organizations.*

Awards & Honours

- 2025 The Consumer Reports Public Interest Tech Fellowship (\$55,000)

2025	Schmidt Science AI at Work Project Development Award (\$10,000)
2023	OpenAI Democratic Inputs to AI grant (\$100,000, with Prof. Amy X. Zhang) <i>1 of 10 teams selected from 860+ worldwide.</i>
2023	Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association Best Speech Award
2021	UW 2021 Homecoming Scholar [page] (\$2,000)
2021	Korean Bar Association of Washington Law Student Scholarship [page] (\$3,000)
2019-2021	Korean Government Scholarship (\$30,000)
2019	Fulbright Graduate Scholarship (\$70,000)

Invited Talks & Panels

2025	Duty of Loyalty Evaluation Benchmarks for Agentic Systems The Consumer Reports & Stanford HAI “Loyal Agents” Workshop AI Intentionality & Accountability [presentation] Law-Following AI Workshop Tutorial: Emotional Reliance on AI [tutorial page] , blog post CHAI 2025 Workshop Human-Centered First Amendment for AI Regulation [manuscript] Privacy Law Scholars Conference 2025 Human-Centered First Amendment for AI Regulation [manuscript] Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference 2025 AI Manipulation and Freedom of Thought [video] IASEAI 2025
2024	AI Manipulation and Individual Autonomy [manuscript] PLSC-Europe 2024 Responsible AI Policies for Legal Advice [blog post] Stanford Legal Design Lab Privacy, AI, and the Law: About the Porous Boundaries Between Your Life and Technology University of Washington Open Scholarship Commons Manipulative Technologies, Privacy, and Free Speech Values [manuscript] Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference 2024 AI Tech, Law, and Interdisciplinary Research [ppt] AI Law and Policy Colloquium
2023	Generative AI’s Potential Harms and Mitigations TrustLab Legal Perspectives on AI Alignment, Evaluation, and Interpretability Korea Association for Telecommunication Policies Conference 2023 Multi-stakeholder Content Governance in South Korea Trust & Safety Research Conference 2023 Thriving through Rejections [ppt] KSEA UKC 2023
2022	Social Media’s Algorithmic Freedom? Trust & Safety Research Conference

	Online Content Co-regulation: Case Study of South Korea [video] TrustCon 2022
	Dichotomy of Automated Algorithmic Decisions Trinity College Dublin International Symposium Governing AI
2021	Unpacking Government R&D Processes Metaverse and Future of Media Workshop Conference
	Digital Technology and Regulatory Innovation Korea Public Law Association Research Conference
2020	Why I Came Back to Grad School from the Government Position [ppt] Fulbright Scholars Western Chapter Conference
	Understanding South Korean Data Protection Laws American Bar Association e-Privacy Committee
2018	Does Administrative Agency's Dispute Resolution Violate Rights to a Public Trial? The Korea Society of Mediation Annual Conference
2017	Government Initiatives to Foster Local Creative Content Industries The Korea Cartoon Culture Conference
	Government Strategies to Promote Korean Fashion Design to Global Market The Korea Association of Styling and Textile Annual Conference [news]
2016	Legislative Control over Government Surveillance for National Security Purposes The Korea Society of Police Law Annual Conference

Service

2023 – 2025	Peer Review: AIES 2025, CHI 2025, FAccT 2024–2025, AI and Ethics 2024–2025, NeurIPS 2023 MP2 Workshop.
2023 – 2024	Legal Director, Korean American Scientists and Engineers Association in Seattle. Board Member, Korean American Bar Association of Washington.
2021 – 2023	Submission Editor, Washington Journal of Law, Technology, and Arts.
2021 – 2022	Global Policy Advisor, Korea Association of Data Protection Professionals. Organizer, American Bar Association e-Privacy Committee Seminar.
2021 – 2023	Student Leadership at UW School of Law: Graduate Representative, Law Student Bar Association; Chair of Academic Success, Minority Law Student Association; Vice President of Professional Development, Asian Pacific American Law Student Association.

Mentoring

2024–2025	Kylie Zhang: Princeton Computer Science Master student, having co-built duty-of-loyalty evaluation benchmarks. Julie Zhang: Stanford Computer Science & Political Science undergraduate student, having co-built duty-of-loyalty evaluation benchmarks. Denish Patel: Stanford Computer Science undergraduate student, having advised on a study of emotional attachment to AI.
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Jieun Hwang: PhD student at Seoul National University School of Law & Director of the Personal Information Protection Commission of Korea, advised on a study of generative AI and privacy policies.

Patty Liu: Princeton Computer Science PhD student, co-authored [p.20]

Dongyoung Go: Cornell Computer Science Postdoc, co-authored [p.17].

Kowe Kadoma: Cornell Tech Computer Science PhD student, co-authored [p.17].

Luxi He: Princeton Computer Science PhD student, co-authored [p.18].

Xiangyu Qi: Princeton Computer Science PhD student (now at OpenAI), co-authored [p.18].

Brooke E. McCarthy: Princeton Public and International Affairs undergraduate student (now at UPenn Law), advised on a study of trustworthiness of AI-generated legal advice.

Stella Moon: University of Washington School of Law JD student, advised on navigating the law curriculum and funding opportunities.

Rhea Bhatia: University of Washington School of Law JD student (now at Perkins Coie), advised on a study of government collection of sensitive health data.

Max Del Real: University of Washington School of Law JD student (now at FTC), advised on a study of copyright infringement in LLM training.

Joyce Jia: University of Washington School of Law LLM/JD student, advised on a study of paper on biometric data privacy.

King Xia: Hawaii Supreme Court law clerk, co-authored [p.15].

K.J. Kevin Feng: University of Washington HCDE PhD student, co-authored [p.14].

Jimin Mun: Carnegie Mellon Computer Science PhD student, co-authored [p.12].

Zhehui Liao: University of Washington Computer Science Master student, co-authored [p.15] and [p.16].

Karam Nam: University of Washington Education Master student, advised on a master's thesis focused on access to EdTech applications.

Alicia Guo: University of Washington Computer Science PhD student, co-authored [p.17].

Chongjiu Gao: University of Washington Computer Science Master student (now at FS), advised on a study of online misinformation.

Harrison Eagler: University of Washington Linguistics and Computer Science undergraduate student, mentored his education plans in South Korea.

Arman Asgharpoor: University of Tehran Computer Science Master Student, advised on his application to US CS PhD programs.

Skills

Technical: JavaScript, Python, R, L^AT_EX.

Legal: WestLaw, LexisNexis, ProQuest Legislative Insight.

Qualitative/Quantitative: Qualtrics, Prolific, Taguette, Atlas.ti.

Other: Web design, digital illustration, cooking, and piano.

References

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