

Inyoung Cheong

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Research Interests

My research examines the sociotechnical dimensions of AI governance, combining interdisciplinary methods from law, HCI, and the social sciences. I focus on AI evaluation and measurement, responsible AI policy, and AI safety by bridging 8 years of government regulatory experience with empirical and qualitative research methods including statistical analysis, survey design, and interview studies.

Academic Appointments

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

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

Education

- **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*
- **Seoul National University**, Seoul, South Korea
Master of Law | Advisor: [Won-Woo Lee](#)
Thesis: *Administrative Agencies' Dispute Resolution and Rights to a Public Trial*
- **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

24 publications, including 8 peer-reviewed journal articles, 7 peer-reviewed conference papers, 5 workshop papers, 2 book chapters, and 2 preprints. 16 are first-authored or sole-authored.

[p.24] 2026 **Inyoung Cheong**. [Would You Marry Superintelligence?](#). In *Research Handbook on Law in an Age of Superintelligence* (Woodrow Barfield & Marc Jonathan Blitz eds., Edward Elgar Publishing, forthcoming). [Book Chapter](#)

- [p.23] 2026 **Inyoung Cheong**. Epistemic and Emotional Harms of Generative AI: Towards Human-Centered First Amendment. *Michigan Technology Law Review (forthcoming)*. [Journal](#)
- [p.22] 2026 **Inyoung Cheong**,* Patty Liu,* Dominik Stammach,* and Peter Henderson. How Can AI Augment Access to Justice? Public Defenders' Perceptions on AI Adoption. *ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (FAccT '26)*. [Conference](#)
- [p.21] 2026 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. *Proceedings of the 2026 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems*. [Conference](#)
- [p.20] 2026 Dominik Stammach, Kylie Zhang, Patty Liu, Nimra Nadeem, **Inyoung Cheong**, Lucia Zheng, and Peter Henderson. Legal Retrieval for Public Defenders. *Under review at Transactions on Machine Learning Research*. [Preprint](#)
- [p.19] 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. [Preprint](#)
- [p.18] 2025 Luxi He, Xiangyu Qi, Michel Liao, **Inyoung Cheong**, Prateek Mittal, Danqi Chen, and Peter Henderson. The Model Hears You: Audio Language Model Deployments Should Consider the Principle of Least Privilege. *7th AAAI Conference on AI, Ethics, and Society*. [Conference](#)
- [p.17] 2025 **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 Workshop*. 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.5] 2025

NPR / WHYY “The Pulse”. [How Chatbots Make Us Feel](#).

Featured public radio interview with host Maiken Scott on emotional reliance on AI chatbots and California legislation to protect children from AI harms.

[m.4] 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.3] 2024 **OpenAI Blog**. [Democratic Inputs to AI Grant Program Update](#).
Our Case Law for AI Policy project was featured by OpenAI as one of 10 teams selected from over 800 applicants. The research proposed a case-law-inspired approach for aligning AI with public preferences through expert workshops and democratic deliberation.

[m.2] 2024 **Medium (Legal Design and Innovation)**. [AI Access to Justice Webinar Series: AI in Practice](#).
Featured reflection on a Stanford Legal Design Lab talk on lawyers’ perspectives on users’ reliance on AI chatbots for legal advice.

[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, drawing on material developed for teaching on AI and intellectual property law.

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](#), [student evaluation](#))

2022 Teaching Assistant, **Korean 103 A: First-Year Korean**, Princeton, NJ
University of Washington School of Asian Language and Literature
Instructor: EunYoung Won
Independently Taught a section of 25 undergraduate students

Professional Experience

2025 - 2026 Public Interest Tech Fellow, **The Consumer Reports**, New York, NY

- *Collaborating with engineers and researchers at the Consumer Reports Innovation Lab on sociotechnical AI evaluation, developing operational benchmarks that measure duty of loyalty in AI agentic systems ([announcement](#)).*

06 – 08 2022

Legal Intern, **Administrative Conference of the United States**, Washington, D.C.

- *Performed interdisciplinary legal and policy research on the [recusal of agency heads](#) and [automated government decisions](#), contributing to federal guidance on responsible AI in administrative processes.*

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 assessing the societal 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 sociotechnical impact assessment across technology, policy, and public interest considerations.*
- *Led investigations into misleading and deceptive advertising practices by major news organizations.*

Awards & Honours

2025 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)
1 of 10 teams selected from 860+ worldwide.

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](#)]  [Watch Video](#)

- Law-Following AI Workshop (University of Cambridge)
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**  [Watch Video](#)
 IASEAI 2025
- 2024 **AI Manipulation and Freedom of Thought**  [Watch Video](#)
 Princeton CITP Seminar
- 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**  [Watch 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.

Skills

Policy & Legal: Legislative drafting, regulatory impact assessment, notice-and-comment rulemaking, stakeholder engagement

Technical: Python, R, JavaScript/React; full-stack web apps (Firebase, OAuth, Stripe, chatbot development); LLM evaluation pipelines (scenario generation, multi-perspective adjudication, entropy-based selection)

Research: Survey design (Qualtrics, Prolific), qualitative coding (Atlas.ti, Taguette), WestLaw, Lexis-Nexis

Languages: Korean (native), English (fluent)

Other: Digital illustration, cooking, and piano.