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## **EPIC Announces New Advisory Board Members**

Distinguished Experts in Law, Technology, and Public Policy Join
Nation's Leading Privacy Organization

WASHINGTON, DC – The Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) announced today the newest members of the EPIC Advisory Board.

The incoming members of the EPIC Advisory Board for 2020 are:

Joy Buolamwini

**Professor Margot Kaminski** 

**Professor Kate Klonick** 

**Professor William McGeveran** 

**Professor Priscilla Regan** 

Rashida Richardson

**Vivian Schiller** 

**Joy Buolamwini** is a computer scientist and poet of code who uses art and research to illuminate the social implications of artificial intelligence. She founded the Algorithmic Justice League to create a world with more equitable and accountable technology. Her TED Featured Talk on algorithmic bias has over 1 million views. Her MIT thesis methodology uncovered large racial and gender bias in AI services from companies like Microsoft, IBM, and Amazon. In addition to advising elected officials during US congressional hearings, she serves on the Global Tech Panel to advise world leaders and executives on reducing AI harms.

Margot Kaminski is an Associate Professor at the University of Colorado Law and the Director of the Privacy Initiative at Silicon Flatirons. She specializes in the law of new technologies, focusing on information governance, privacy, and freedom of expression. In 2018, she researched comparative and transatlantic approaches to data privacy in the Netherlands and Italy as a recipient of the Fulbright-Schuman Innovation Grant. Her academic work has been published in UCLA Law Review, Minnesota Law Review, Boston University Law Review, and Southern California Law Review, among others, and she frequently writes for the popular

press. Prior to joining Colorado Law, Margot was an Assistant Professor at the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (2014-2017), and served for three years as the Executive Director of the Information Society Project at Yale Law School, where she remains an affiliated fellow. She is a co-founder of the Media Freedom and Information Access (MFIA) Clinic at Yale Law School. She served as a law clerk to the Honorable Andrew J. Kleinfeld of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Kate Klonick is an Assistant Professor at St. John's University Law School and an Affiliate Fellow at Yale Law School's Information Society Project. Her research focuses on networked technologies' effect on social norm enforcement, freedom of expression, property law, and private online governance. Her writing on these topics has appeared in the Harvard Law Review, New York Times, New Yorker, The Atlantic, The Guardian, Vox, Slate, and numerous other publications. She holds a PhD from Yale Law School and a JD from Georgetown University Law School, where she was a Senior Editor of the Georgetown Law Journal and Founding Editor of the Georgetown Law Journal Online. Between her PhD and JD, she clerked for the Hon. Eric Vitaliano of the Eastern District of New York and the Hon. Richard Wesley of the Second Circuit.

Professor William McGeveran specializes in information law, including data privacy, intellectual property, communications and technology, and free speech. In addition to his teaching and scholarship, he currently serves as the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. McGeveran's research focuses on legal and other rules governing digital identity and privacy, ranging from online impersonation to data security to social media. Additional aspects of his research include modernizing trademark law, comparing European and American approaches to data protection, and evaluating techniques used by privacy regulators. McGeveran is the sole author of a casebook, Privacy and Data Protection Law, used by instructors at two dozen law schools, and regularly teaches a data privacy course at Minnesota Law. He also teaches Trademark Law, Civil Procedure I and II, and Law in Practice. McGeveran earned a J.D., magna cum laude, from New York University and a B.A., magna cum laude, in political science from Carleton College. Prior to coming to the University of Minnesota, McGeveran was a resident fellow at the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard Law School. He previously clerked for Judge Sandra Lynch on the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and practiced as an intellectual property litigator at Foley Hoag LLP in Boston. Before law school, McGeveran worked in national politics for seven years, including as a senior legislative aide to then-Rep. Charles Schumer. He grew up in New York City.

**Priscilla Regan** is a Professor in the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University. Prior to that, she was a Senior Analyst in the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment (1984-1989). From 2005 to 2007, she served as a Program Officer for the Science, Technology and Society Program at the National Science Foundation. Since the mid-1970s, Dr. Regan's primary research interests have focused on both the analysis of the social, policy, and legal implications of organizational use of new information and communications technologies. She has published over seventy articles or book chapters, as well as "Legislating Privacy: Technology, Social Values, and Public Policy" (University of North Carolina Press, 1995) and two co-edited books. She is currently a co-investigator on a Social

Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada's eQuality grant exploring big data, discrimination, and youth. She was a member of the National Academy of Sciences, Computer Science and Telecommunications Board, Committee on Authentication Technologies and their Privacy Implications. She is a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. Dr. Regan received her PhD in Government from Cornell University.

Rashida Richardson is Director of Policy Research at New York University's AI Now Institute, where she designs, implements, and coordinates AI Now's research strategy and initiatives on the topics of law, policy, and civil rights. She previously worked as Legislative Counsel at the American Civil Liberties Union of New York (NYCLU), where she led the organization's work on privacy, technology, surveillance, and education issues. Prior to the NYCLU, she was a staff attorney at the Center for HIV Law and Policy, where she worked on a wide-range of HIV-related legal and policy issues nationally, and she previously worked at Facebook Inc. and HIP Investor in San Francisco. Rashida currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Wesleyan University, the Advisory Board of the Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project, the Board of Directors of the College & Community Fellowship, Advisory Board for the Center for Investigative Reporting, and she is an affiliate and Advisory Board member of the Center for Critical Race + Digital Studies. She received her BA with honors in the College of Social Studies at Wesleyan University and her JD from Northeastern University School of Law.

**Vivian Schiller** is a longtime executive at the intersection of journalism, media, and technology. She recently joined the Aspen Institute in a new position heading up programs across media, technology, and cybersecurity. Over the last 30 years, Vivian has held executive roles at some of the most respected media organizations in the world. Those include: President and CEO of NPR; Global Chair of News at Twitter; General Manager of NYTimes.com; Chief Digital Office of NBC News; chief of the Discovery Times Channel; and head of CNN documentary and long form divisions. Schiller is a member of the Council of Foreign Relations; and a Director of the Scott Trust, which owns The Guardian. She is also the strategic advisor to Craig Newmark Philanthropies.

Professor **Anita Allen**, Chair of the EPIC Board of Directors, said, "We are very pleased to welcome the new members to the EPIC Advisory Board. This is an extraordinary group of individuals who will provide expertise to EPIC in several critical areas." EPIC President **Marc Rotenberg** added, "The EPIC Advisory Board plays a central role in the work of the organization. We are thrilled to welcome our newest members."

The EPIC Advisory Board is a distinguished group of experts that includes leading innovators, scholars, and technologists. Members of the EPIC Advisory Board provide expert advice on emerging privacy and civil liberties issues and contribute to the "friend of the court" briefs that EPIC prepares for federal and state courts. Members of the EPIC Advisory Board have also drafted the Universal Guidelines for AI, a global framework for AI policy. Publications of the EPIC Advisory Board members are featured at the EPIC Bookstore.

## **About EPIC**

EPIC is a public interest research center in Washington, DC. EPIC was established in 1994 to focus public attention on emerging privacy and civil liberties issues. EPIC pursues a wide range of program activities including policy research, public education, litigation, publications, and advocacy. EPIC works closely with a distinguished advisory board, with expertise in law, technology and public policy. EPIC maintains one of the most popular privacy web sites in the world **epic.org.** 

## References

EPIC Advisory Board (Complete bios of all members) epic.org/epic/advisory board.html

Universal Guidelines for AI https://thepublicvoice.org/ai-universal-guidelines/

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