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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 new members of the EPIC Advisory Board.

The incoming members of the EPIC Advisory Board for 2017 are:

Associate Professor Jan Daskal, American University

Provost Robert Groves, Georgetown University

Cathy O'Neil, ORCAA

Dean Jennifer Mnookin, UCLA School of Law

Professor Erin Murphy, NYU School of Law

Professor and CTO James Waldo, Harvard University

The EPIC Advisory Board is a distinguished group of experts that include leading innovators, scholars, and technologists. Among other activities, members of the EPIC Advisory Board often add their insights to “friend of the court” briefs that EPIC prepares for federal and state courts on emerging privacy and civil liberties issues.

EPIC President Marc Rotenberg said, “We are very pleased to welcome the new members to the EPIC Advisory Board. This is an extraordinary group of individuals who will bring much to our work. Our new Advisory Board members will provide expertise to EPIC in several critical areas, including criminal forensics, statistical data and algorithms, and new forms of surveillance.”

Jennifer Daskal teaches and writes in the fields of criminal, national security, and constitutional law. She is also a 2016-2017 Open Society Institute Fellow, working on issues related to privacy, surveillance, and law enforcement access to data across borders.

Robert M. Groves is the Gerard J. Campbell, S.J. Professor in the Math and Statistics Department as well as the Sociology Department at Georgetown University where he has served as the Executive Vice President and Provost since 2012. Groves is a Social Statistician, who studies the Impact of Social Cognitive and Behavioral Influences on the quality of Statistical Information.

Jennifer Mnookin became dean of the UCLA School of Law in August 2015. She is founder and faculty co-director of PULSE @ UCLA Law (the Program on Understanding Law, Science & Evidence). She is a co-author of two major evidence treatises, The New Wigmore, A Treatise on Evidence: Expert Evidence and Modern Scientific Evidence: The Law and Science of Expert Testimony.

Erin Murphy's research focuses on technology and forensic evidence in the criminal justice system. She is a nationally recognized expert in forensic DNA typing, and her work has been cited multiple times by the Supreme Court. Her new book, Inside the Cell: The Dark Side of Forensic DNA, was released in October 2015 (Nation Books). She teaches criminal law and procedure, evidence, and forensic evidence.

Cathy O'Neil earned a Ph.D. in math from Harvard, was a postdoc at the MIT math department, and a professor at Barnard College where she published a number of research papers in arithmetic algebraic geometry. She is a regular contributor to Bloomberg View and wrote the book Weapons of Math Destruction: How Big Data Increases Inequality and Threatens Democracy. She recently founded [ORCAA](#), an algorithmic auditing company.

Jim Waldo is the Chief Technology Officer for the Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, where he is also a Gordon McKay Professor of the Practice of Computer Science, teaching courses in distributed systems and privacy. He also teaches technology policy at the Harvard Kennedy School.

At the February board meeting, Professor Danielle Citron was selected as the chair of the EPIC Board of Directors. Sherry Turkle and Shoshana Zuboff joined the Board of Directors.

Marc Rotenberg said, "Professor Citron brings to EPIC tremendous insight and expertise on many new policy challenges, including hate speech, revenge porn, cyber harassment as well as the role of state attorneys general in making privacy policy. We look forward to working with her. And we welcome Sherry Turkle and Shoshana Zuboff, two of the great intellectual leaders in our field, to the EPIC Board of Directors."

Danielle Citron is the Morton & Sophia Macht Professor of Law at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. She is an internationally recognized information privacy expert. Her book Hate Crimes in Cyberspace (Harvard University

Press) explored the phenomenon of cyber stalking. Professor Citron has advised federal and state legislators, law enforcement, and international lawmakers on privacy issues

EPIC has recently launched a new project on “Democracy and Cybersecurity,” focusing on cyber threats to democratic institutions. EPIC is currently pursuing several open government cases concerning Russian interference with the 2016 presidential election.

EPIC will also host the 2017 Champions of Freedom Awards Dinner on June 5, 2017 at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. The 2017 EPIC award recipients include Judge Patricia Wald, privacy attorney Carrie Goldberg, and former world chess champion Garry Kasparov, author of Deep Thinking: Where Machine Intelligence Ends and Human Creativity Begins (2017) and Winter Is Coming: Why Vladimir Putin and the Enemies of the Free World Must Be Stopped (2016).

REFERENCES

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