



News & Views May 2026

Dear Friends,

CTIC participated in a sweep of AI programming last month, fueled in part by Penn AI Month but also as an originator and co-sponsor of additional AI-related events. In May, two long-running CTIC events in the computer science and global patent law areas will take place. And after two more events in June, there will be the usual summer event hiatus. But we'll continue to let you know of other CTIC/CTIC faculty developments in the months to come.

The CTIC Team

CTIC Events

UPCOMING

Twelfth Law and Computer Science Roundtable

May 12-13, 2026

at Penn Carey Law | by invitation only

Fifteenth Wasada-Penn Global Patent Law Conference

May 23, 2026

Tokyo, Japan

co-hosted by CTIC, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, Waseda University Research Center for the Legal System of Intellectual Property (RCLIP), Munich Centre for Patent Law Research, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, and Faculty of Law, Waseda University

[more info & to register](#)

Eleventh Annual Penn-Columbia Copyright Scholarship Roundtable

June 9-10, 2026

at Penn Carey Law | by invitation only

Fault Lines of AI Governance Conference

June 16-17, 2026

Seoul AI Policy Conference 2026

Seoul, South Korea | CTIC co-sponsor

PREVIOUS

A Year at the Justice Department's Antitrust Division: A Talk by Abigail Slater

April 9, 2026

a Penn community event organized by Penn Program on Regulation (PPR) and co-sponsored by CTIC

Antitrust at an Inflection Point: Remedies, Regulation, and the New Political Economy

April 10, 2026

annual symposium of the Penn Carey Law Antitrust Association (PCLAA)

co-sponsored by CTIC, Cleary Gottlieb, Paul Weiss, Freshfields, Milbank, and Baker Hostetler

Fireside Chat with Shira Perlmutter L'83, Register of Copyrights & Polk Wagner, Deputy Dean & Michael A. Fitts Professor of Law

April 22, 2026

Trump's AI Policy Framework

April 29, 2026

webinar hosted by Penn Program on Regulation (PPR) and Penn Washington; co-sponsored by CTIC, Penn's School of Social Policy & Practice, and the Wharton Accountable AI Lab (WAAL)



Shira Perlmutter L'83, Register of Copyrights, and Prof. Polk Wagner at the April 22 Fireside Chat at Penn Carey Law



The Hon. Amit Mehta of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and Penn Carey Law lecturer Giovanna Massarotto at the annual symposium of the Penn Carey Law Antitrust Association (PCLAA) on April 10

Faculty Publications & Podcasts

David Abrams

- A (Plea) Offer You Can Refuse, March 23, 2026 (with Viet Nguyen, Aurelie Ouss, Julie Reinhold) | [SSRN link](#)

Chris Callison-Burch

- What Do Claims Verification Datasets Actually Test? A Reasoning Trace Analysis, *arXiv*, April 2, 2026 (with Delip Rao) [link](#)

Cary Coglianese

- Administrative Law and AI's Overconfidence, *The Regulatory Review*, March 12, 2026 | [link](#)

Joseph Harrington

- Collusive Content in Corporate Communications, March 18, 2026 (with Eduardo Azevedo, Ioan Octavian Rusu) | [SSRN link](#)
- Public Communication and Collusion: New Screening Tools for Competition Authorities, *Journal of Competition Law & Economics*, nhag003, February 2, 2026 (with Tomaso Duso, Carl Kreuzberg, Geza Sapi) | [link](#)

Herbert Hovenkamp

- Fairness and Redistribution in Antitrust Law, *Network Law Review*, Spring 2026 | [link](#)

Justin (Gus) Hurwitz

- Precision's Price: Optimal Accuracy, the Justice Gap, and Legal AI, March 23, 2026 | [SSRN link](#)

Jonathan Klick

- The Law and Political Economy Movement's Crime Agenda Hurts Black People, *University of Chicago Law Review*, March 2, 2026 | [link](#)

Holly Fernandez Lynch

- Never Waste a Crisis: The Past, Present, and Future of FDA Reform, *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, April 1, 2026 (with Patricia Zettler, Reshma Ramachandran) | [link](#)
- Institutional Review Board Obligations Regarding Study Funding Sufficiency, *Ethics and Human Research*, March 5, 2026 (with Tasneem Mohammad) | [link](#)

Giovanna Massarotto

- Regulating Tech Titans, *UC Irvine Law Review*, February 7, 2026 | [link](#)

Gideon Parchomovsky

- Deepfake Liability, *North Carolina Law Review*, February 2026 (with Ayelet Gordon-Tapiero, Yotam Kaplan) | [link](#)

Jennifer Rothman

- Grammarly Lawsuit Shows Existing Laws Can Combat Deepfakes, *Lawfare*, April 9 2026 | [link](#)

Duncan Watts

- Integrative Experiments Identify How Punishment Affects Welfare in Public Goods Games, *Science*, April 9, 2026 (with Mohammed Alsobay, David Rand, Abdullah Almaatouq) | [link](#)

Kevin Werbach

- Henry Ajder, Latent Space Advisory: Deepfakes and the Crisis of Digital Trust, podcast, *The Road to Accountable AI*, April 23, 2026 | [link](#)
- Phil Dawson, Armilla AI: Insurance for AI Risks, podcast, *The Road to Accountable AI*, April 16, 2026 | [link](#)
- Walter Haydock, StackAware: In Search of AI Governance Certification, podcast, *The Road to Accountable AI*, April 9, 2026 | [link](#)
- Richa Kaul, Compliance: Asking the Right Questions, podcast, *The Road to Accountable AI*, April 2, 2026 | [link](#)
- Agents, Inc., March 23, 2026 | [SSRN link](#)
- Stablecoins Are Gaining Momentum, but Key Questions Are Unanswered, *World Economic Forum*, February 27, 2026 | [link](#)

Christopher Yoo & Alexander Mueller

Taking Standards Seriously: The Case for a Private Standards-Based Approach to AI Governance, 40 *Berkeley Tech. L.J.* 1273 (2026) | [link](#)

Faculty Speaking Engagements

Holly Fernandez Lynch

- Speaker, "New Challenges in Research Ethics Oversight: Where Do IRBs Go from Here?," University of Minnesota Consortium on Law & Values, March 12, 2026 | [link](#)

Joseph Harrington

- Panelist, "Collusion by Code: Hub-and-Spoke 2.0?," 2026 Antitrust Spring Meeting, American Bar Association, Washington, D.C., March 25-27, 2026 | [link](#)
- Speaker, "Anticompetitive Harm from Third-Party Pricing Algorithms: Sources and Remedies," Symposium on Competition Policy, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK, March 9, 2026 | [link](#)

Kartik Hosanagar

- Participant, "Building Creative Organizations with AI," AI Horizons webinar series, April 16, 2026 | [link](#)

Justin (Gus) Hurwitz

- Panelist, "The Future of Consumer Financial Protection: A Two-Day FTC/ICFC Colloquium on the 5th Anniversary of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Taskforce on Federal Consumer Financial Law," Arlington, Va., May 14-15, 2026 | [link](#)
- Speaker, "AI Regulation and Cybersecurity Law: Disjoint or Intersecting Sets?," Schlein Center for Cybersecurity, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa., May 4, 2026

Giovanna Massarotto

- Panelist, "Rethinking Monopoly Maintenance Law in the Digital Economy," George Mason Law Review 29th Annual Antitrust Symposium, February 20, 2026 | [video link](#)

Christopher Yoo

- Discussant, "AI and Competition," SCOPE Globe Exchange, Manila, Philippines, June 5, 2026
- Keynote Address, Conference on AI and Society, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, May 26, 2026
- Keynote Address, Conference on AI and Creativity, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, May 28, 2026
- Speaker, "A Fresh Look at the Social Impact of Privacy: Economic Lessons from the Right to Be Forgotten," LawTech Consortium, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, May 29, 2026

The Bulletin Board

CTIC Faculty Awards & Accolades

Chris Callison-Burch, Professor of Computer and Information Science and Program Director of Penn Engineering's MSE-AI Online degree program, received a 2026 Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching. The Lindback Awards, announced annually by the Penn Office of the Provost, are the most prestigious teaching awards that full-time faculty members at the University can receive.

Joseph Harrington, Patrick T. Harker Professor of Business Economics and Public Policy at Wharton, was selected for a Concurrences/George Washington University Competition Law Center 2026 Antitrust Writing Award for the Best Academic Article on Concerted Practices, [Public Communication and Collusion: New Screening Tools for Competition Authorities](#), published by the *Journal of Competition Law & Economics*.

Duncan Watts, with appointments in Penn Engineering, Annenberg School for Communication, and the Wharton School, is one of five University of Pennsylvania faculty elected in 2026 to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, an honorary society and independent research center founded in 1780. Elected members are recognized for their excellence, innovation, leadership, and broad array of accomplishments in their fields.

Christopher Yoo was named Non-Governmental Advisor to the 2026 International Competition Network (ICN) Annual Conference to be held in Manila, Philippines, from June 6–8, 2026.



In the News

Media mentions of CTIC faculty

Tom Baker

- Advancing AI Scholarship & Research, *Penn Carey Law*, April 1, 2026 | [link](#)

Chris Callison-Burch

- AI Job Jitters Have Philly Workers Looking Over Their Shoulders, *Hoodline*, March 5, 2026 | [link](#)
- I trusted AI with Daily Decisions. The Way It Dived In, Experts Say, Raises Flags, *The Christian Science Monitor*, March 3, 2026 | [link](#)

Cary Coglianese

- Pennsylvania Educators Demand State-Level Framework to Navigate AI's Classroom Integration, *AI Nexus Daily*, April 23, 2026 | [link](#)

Holly Fernandez Lynch

- Trump's psychedelics push a mixed blessing for neuropsychiatric companies, patients, *BioSpace*, April 22, 2026 | [link](#)
- Psychedelic drugs get the FDA fast-track, *Axios*, April 21, 2026 | [link](#)
- The Promise and Perils of FDA's New 'Plausible Mechanism' Pathway, *Research Ethics Reimagined*, podcast, February 20 2025 | [link](#)

Herbert Hovenkamp

- Need an Answer? Google it! How Google Became Part of Our Daily Lives, *USA Today*, April 15, 2026 | [link](#)
- California Dreamin' or an Antitrust Nightmare?, *Truth on the Market*, April 10, 2026 | [link](#)
- How a Piece of Philly History Thwarted Netflix, *The Philadelphia Citizen*, March 20, 2026 | [link](#)

Justin (Gus) Hurwitz

- What OpenAI's Erotica Retreat Really Means, *Axios*, March 28, 2026 | [link](#)
- Beyond Algorithms: Engineering Judgment in the Age of AI, *Penn Today*, April 10, 2026 | [link](#)

Michael Kearns

- Comparative Book Review of *The Ethical Algorithm: The Science of Socially Aware Algorithm Design* by Michael Kearns and Aaron Roth and *Debiasing AI: Rethinking the Intersection of Innovation and Sustainability* by Donghee Shin, *AI & Society* (Springer Professional), April 11, 2026 | [link](#)

Jennifer Rothman

- Will the Grammarly Lawsuit Show Us Yet Another Area Where Existing Law is Enough? (We Think So), *Authors Alliance*, April 9, 2026 | [link](#)
- Advancing AI Scholarship & Research, *Penn Carey Law*, April 1, 2026 | [link](#)

Polk Wagner

- Advancing AI Scholarship & Research, *Penn Carey Law*, April 1, 2026 | [link](#)

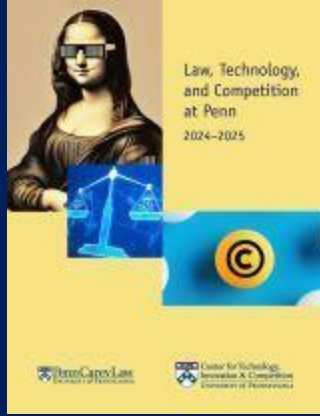
Duncan Watts

- Five from Penn elected to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, *Penn Today*, April 22, 2026 | [link](#)

Christopher Yoo

- Awards, Accolades, and Honors across the Penn Community, *Penn Today*, April 17, 2026 | [link](#)
- Australia Has a Chance to Avoid Europe's Innovation Trap, *Capital Brief*, April 8, 2026 | [link](#)
- 2026 Antitrust Writing Award, *Penn Carey Law*, April 7, 2026 | [link](#)
- Tracing the Evolving Law and Business of TV, *Penn Carey Law*, April 7, 2026 | [link](#)
- Tracing the Evolving Law and Business of TV, *Penn Today*, April 2, 2026 | [link](#)
- Advancing AI Scholarship & Research, *Penn Carey Law*, April 1, 2026 | [link](#)

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