AntiSocial Media
Facebook and the Future of Democracy

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5:30 - 7 p.m. | program
Reception to Follow
Julia Angwin

Editor-in-chief of New Nonprofit Newsroom; Award-winning Investigate Journalist, formerly of ProPublica and The Wall Street Journal

Julia Angwin is editor-in-chief of a new nonprofit newsroom, launching next year, that will investigate the impacts of technology on society. She is an award-winning investigative journalist, formerly of the independent news organization ProPublica and The Wall Street Journal. She has twice led investigative teams that were Finalists for a Pulitzer Prize in Explanatory Reporting. In 2003, she was on a team of reporters at The Wall Street Journal that was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in Explanatory Reporting for coverage of corporate corruption. Her book, Dragnet Nation: A Quest for Privacy, Security and Freedom in a World of Relentless Surveillance, was published by Times Books in 2014. She is also the author of “Stealing MySpace: The Battle to Control the Most Popular Website in America” (Random House, March 2009).

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Visiting Professor of Law, Fordham Law School; Morton & Sophia Macht Professor of Law, Maryland University

Professor Citron is the Morton & Sophia Macht Professor of Law at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law where she teaches and writes about information privacy, free expression, and civil rights. She is an internationally recognized information privacy expert. Her current scholarly project concerns sexual privacy as well as deep fakes and the challenges to privacy, democracy, and national security.

Professor Citron’s book Hate Crimes in Cyberspace (Harvard University Press) explored the civil rights and civil liberties implications of cyber stalking. She also has advised federal and state legislators, law enforcement, international lawmakers, public interests groups, and tech companies on privacy, cyber stalking, sexual violence, and nonconsensual pornography.

Crystal Patterson

Global Civic Partnerships Manager, Facebook

With more than 15 years of experience in politics, policy and elections, Crystal leads Facebook’s civic partnerships work, engaging with advocacy groups, non-profits and NGOs on how Facebook engages with elections around the world to have positive impact. A native of northeast Ohio and a graduate of Northwestern University, Crystal is based in Washington, DC.

Olivier Sylvain

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Olivier Sylvain is a Professor of Law at Fordham University School of Law. His academic interests are chiefly in information and communications law and policy. He has written a variety of law review articles, symposium pieces, essays, policy papers, news articles, op-eds, and blog posts on current controversies in communications policy, online intermediary liability, privacy, and copyright. He is part of a team of legal scholars, research engineers, and social entrepreneurs to whom The National Science Foundation in fall 2017 awarded a three-year one-million-dollar grant to prototype an “edge-cloud” network that is to be owned and operated as a “commons resource” for Harlem residents.

Siva Vaidhyanathan

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