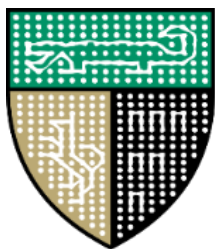


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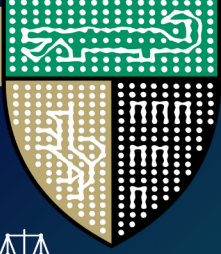
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Events This Week



Yale Information Society Project
Law & Technology Speaker Series
**THE SNOOPY SOLUTION: HOW FAIR USE AND
LICENSING FOR GENERATIVE AI CAN COEXIST**
Matthew Sag
Jonas Robitscher Professor of Law in AI, ML, and Data Science
Emory University School of Law
November 18, 2025 | SLB 128 | 12:10PM ET Tuesday



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Tuesday, November 18, 2025 - 12:10PM-1:30PM - SLB 128

The Snoopy Solution: How Fair Use and Licensing for Generative AI Can Coexist

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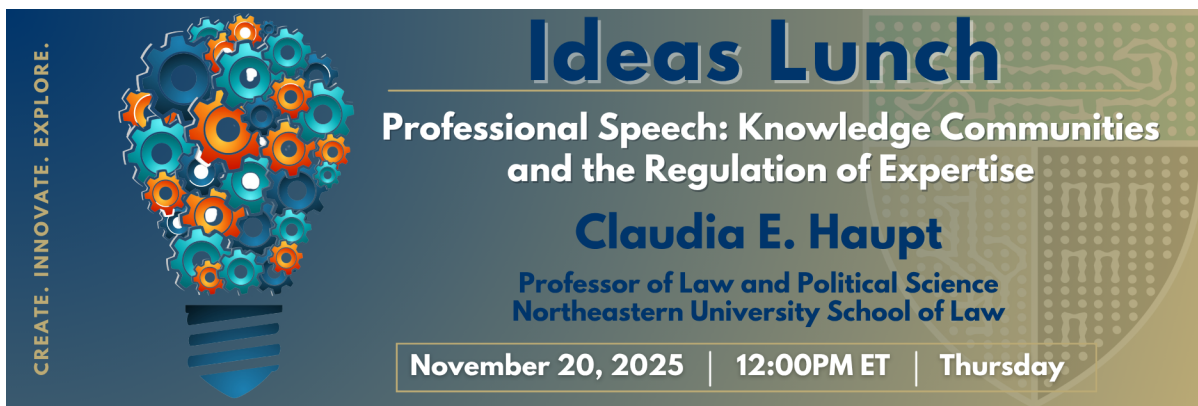
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This lecture argues that copyright safety measures in generative AI systems should be understood not merely as compliance requirements but as strategic opportunities for cooperation between AI developers and creative industries. Although the fair use doctrine protects nonexpressive uses of copyrighted works in AI training, AI developers find it hard to purge all vestiges of memorization from their models, especially where what counts as memorization is more abstract, such as with copyrighable characters (the famous "Snoopy Problem"). As such, both to stay on the right side of fair use and to avoid being held liable for specific impinging outputs, AI developers will need to implement various copyright safety measures. Rather than viewing these safeguards purely as restrictive impositions on the development of technology or the expressive freedom of users — which they are to some extent — we should also regard them as opportunities for licensing, a way out of the zero-sum conflict between technology and creative interests.

[Matthew Sag](#) is the Jonas Robitscher Professor of Law in Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Data Science at Emory University Law School. Professor Sag is the founder of the Legal Scholars Roundtable on Artificial Intelligence, and he is a world-leading expert on the intersection of copyright law and text data mining, machine learning, and generative AI. He is also a sought after speaker on the broader implications of generative AI and its use as a legal technology. In July 2023, he testified to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on Intellectual Property in relation to copyright and Generative AI and his research is published in leading journals such as Nature and Science, California Law Review, Emory Law Journal, Georgetown Law Journal, Northwestern Law Review, Notre Dame Law Review, and the Vanderbilt Law Review. Professor Sag was born and educated in Australia. He earned honors in Law at the Australian National University and clerked for Justice Paul Finn at the Australian Federal Court. Professor Sag practiced law in London as an associate at Arnold & Porter, and in Silicon Valley with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. He joined the Emory faculty in 2022 and is proud to call Atlanta home.

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Thursday, November 20, 2025 - 12:00PM-1:30PM - Baker Hall 405

Professional Speech: Knowledge Communities and the Regulation of Expertise

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Professional speech is a type of speech the U.S. Supreme Court claims doesn't exist. Yet despite negating its very existence, the Court itself treats the speech between professional and client or doctor and patient differently than other forms of speech, and rightly so. Imagine a world in which doctors, lawyers, therapists, pharmacists, accountants, and other professionals, like all other speakers, could just make up the advice they give to their patients or clients and claim free speech protection. In that world, they couldn't, consistent with the First Amendment, be subject to professional licensing, discipline, fiduciary duties, or malpractice liability. And you wouldn't want to rely on their advice which may or may not be in accordance with professional standards, and may or may not result in physical or financial harm to you. Fortunately, that's not the world we live in. Instead, various legal guardrails ensure that you receive good advice from these professionals, or that you have legal recourse if something goes wrong. Professional speech is the speech disseminated by a professional to a client or patient within the professional relationship for the purpose of giving professional advice. It communicates a professional knowledge community's insights to the listener. Despite the Court's skepticism, I will continue to call this kind of speech "professional speech" for both its brevity and descriptive accuracy.

Professional speech is unique in both its content and structure. It's different from other types of speech because its content communicates a professional knowledge community's insights, and it structurally occurs within a distinctive social relationship marked by knowledge asymmetries and a basis in trust. Legal safeguards ensure its integrity and thus the reliability of professional advice. Intuitively, the speech that occurs within the professional relationship is of a different quality than other types of speech elsewhere. In this book, I take up the challenge to make doctrinal and theoretical sense of this intuition. Although professionals as private individuals have First Amendment rights like everyone else, their speech in their respective professional capacities has always been subject to greater regulation in the interest of ensuring its accuracy,

enforcing professional norms and ethical standards, and requiring responsible professional conduct. In this book, I explain why this is so, and I map the appropriate boundaries of professional regulation in the public interest consistent with the First Amendment.

[Claudia E. Haupt](#) is Professor of Law and Political Science at Northeastern University. She teaches a range of constitutional law courses at Northeastern both in the School of Law and the Department of Political Science, College of Social Sciences and Humanities. A First Amendment scholar whose current work is situated at the intersection of free speech, health and technology, Professor Haupt has published extensively on professional speech. Her further research interests include comparative constitutional law and law and technology with a focus on online speech.

For ISP fellows interested in joining the Ideas Lunch via Zoom, please email anat.leshnick@yale.edu for the link.

We're Hiring!

ISP Resident Fellowships 2026-27

The ISP Resident Fellowship is designed for recent graduates of law or Ph.D. programs interested in an academic career and whose research is related to any of the [ISP research areas](#). We specifically encourage applicants interested in working on projects related to (1) Artificial Intelligence and (2) the digital public sphere, including projects concerning freedom of speech, content moderation, privacy, antitrust, and algorithmic governance.

Applicants must have completed their J.D., Ph.D., or equivalent degree prior to the beginning of the fellowship. ISP Resident Fellows are expected to write at least two academic works per year, to attend all ISP events, be present in the ISP facilities three full days per week, and to contribute to ISP programming. ISP Resident fellows are strongly urged to reside in the New Haven area.

ISP-funded Resident Fellowships normally begin on July 1 and last for one year; subject to satisfactory performance, fellows in residence are ordinarily granted a second year of support. Fellows receive a salary of USD \$70,000 per year plus Yale benefits, a travel stipend, and access to Yale University resources. Please note that the salary is subject to a review of candidates' qualifications by Yale Human Resources.

Applications should include the following:

- A cover letter indicating your interest in the Resident Fellowship
- A research agenda (5 pages max)

- A resume or CV
- A law/graduate school transcript
- At least one scholarly writing sample (in English)
- Two letters of recommendation

No applications will be accepted after **December 31, 2025**. Questions and applications should be sent to applications.isp@yale.edu. Please indicate clearly that the application is for the ISP Resident Fellow position. Applications for self-funded Resident Fellowships are accepted on a rolling basis through the year.

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MFIA Clinical Fellowship

The [Information Society Project](#) (ISP) at Yale Law School is now accepting applications for a fellowship position with the [Media Freedom & Information Access Clinic](#) (MFIA). MFIA is a law student clinic that promotes a functioning democracy by defending press freedom and free speech, safeguarding public access to reliable information, and holding government to account. MFIA pursues this mission by providing pro bono legal services, conducting impact litigation, and developing policy initiatives.

Applicants must have at least two years of relevant litigation experience, admission to at least one state bar, excellent legal research and writing skills, an exceptional ability to work with others, including students, staff, clients, and outside counsel, excellent communication skills, and the ability to juggle multiple projects and work under pressure to meet deadlines. Ideal applicants will also have experience litigating with and supervising law students or more junior attorneys.

The Fellowship is a full-time position based at Yale Law School in New Haven. The position starts July 1, 2026, and lasts for one year, renewable for a second year. The salary for the fellowship will be \$80,000-85,000 depending on experience. (Please note that the salary is subject to a review of candidates' qualifications by Yale Human Resources.) Fellows also receive

Yale health benefits and access to university facilities, as well as a travel budget for academic and clinic conferences.

Applications should include the following:

- A statement describing the applicant's interest in the fellowship, relevant practice experience, and career goals (3 pages max)
- A resume or CV
- A law school transcript
- At least one sample of recent legal writing, preferably a brief or memorandum

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis beginning **November 15, 2025**.

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MFIA Summer Internship 2026

The summer legal intern(s) will be responsible for assisting in all aspects of the Clinic's current matters, including drafting pleadings and briefs in pending lawsuits, drafting FOIA requests and other submissions to government agencies, and conducting legal research in support of current or future cases. The legal interns will also have the opportunity to work on a research project of their choosing related to the topics of media freedom, information access, and free speech.

The internship is fully remote, with an optional in-person celebration during the interns' last week. The summer legal interns will work under the supervision of David Schulz, Director of the MFIA Clinic and Senior Counsel at Ballard Spahr LLP; John Langford, Visiting Associate Clinical Professor at Yale Law School; and MFIA Fellows Tobin Raju and Stacy Livingston.

The position is open to law students at accredited U.S. law schools who have completed at least one year of law school. Applicants should have an interest in issues of press freedom, open government, free speech, law and technology, and/or civil liberties.

Applications will be accepted immediately and will be considered on a rolling basis until March 1, 2026. Application deadline March 1, 2026.

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