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EXPERIENCE

Principal, Upturn LLC (*formerly Robinson & Yu LLC*) 2011—present

Co-founder of a public interest technology and policy consulting firm. We do original research and writing on technology and social change; work with major civil rights organizations to build the civil rights policy agenda for the age of big data; develop software for the U.S. House of Representatives to make the legislative process more efficient; develop new technology and strategies to combat online censorship overseas; and work on cybersecurity and a range of other “tech policy” topics. For more, see <https://www.teamupturn.com>.

Continuing academic research and writing as a Visiting Fellow of the Information Society Project at Yale Law School.

Associate Director, Center for Information Technology Policy, Princeton University 2007—2009

Launched a joint research venture between Princeton’s School of Engineering and its Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. Managed all aspects of the Center’s operations, including a \$500,000 annual budget. Developed interdisciplinary research initiatives on Internet-enabled transparency and web-based survey methods. Recruited researchers, students, and staff. Created public programs and events, ranging from a conference on “The Future of News” to a workshop on cloud computing. Developed relationships with Washington policymakers.

Member, U.S. Public Policy Committee, Association for Computing Machinery, 2007–present

Testified before House Oversight and Government Reform Committee on “The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: The Role of State and Local Governments,” April 21, 2009.

Managing Editor, *The American* 2006—2007

Launched a new national magazine of business and economics at the American Enterprise Institute. Designed, edited and managed daily website at American.com. More than 1.5 million unique viewers visited the site in its first year.

EDUCATION

Yale Law School—J.D. 2009—2012

Knight Law & Media Scholar, Information Society Project
Submissions Editor, *Yale Journal on Regulation*, 2010

Balliol College, Oxford—B.A., Philosophy and Politics 2004—2006

Rhodes Scholar

Princeton University—A.B., Philosophy, *magna cum laude* 2000—2004

Senior Thesis, *The Public Puzzle of Civil Disobedience*, received Class of 1868 Prize in Ethics.
Received Gregory T. Pope ’80 Prize in Science Writing.

PUBLICATIONS

Scholarship

1. Joshua A. Kroll, Joanna Huey, Solon Barocas, Edward W. Felten, Joel R. Reidenberg, David G. Robinson, and Harlan Yu, *Accountable Algorithms* 165 U. Pa. L. Rev. ____ (forthcoming 2017).
2. Harlan Yu & David G. Robinson, *The New Ambiguity of “Open Government”*, 59 UCLA L. REV. DISC. 178 (2012).
 - Our editors commissioned and published two responsive essays: Jeremy Weinstein & Joshua Goldstein, *The Benefits of a Big Tent: Opening Up Government in Developing Countries*, 60 UCLA L. Rev. Disc. 38 (2012); and Tiago Peixoto, *The Uncertain Relationship Between Open Data and Accountability*, 60 UCLA L. Rev. Disc. 200 (2013).
 - Cited 185 times (per Google Scholar)
 - Assigned course reading at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs, Toronto Munk School of Global Affairs, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Global Law Program of Fundação Getulio Vargas (Brazil).
3. David G. Robinson & J. Alex Halderman, *Ethical Issues in E-Voting Security Analysis* (invited paper). In Proc. 2nd Workshop on Ethics in Computer Security Research (WECSR), Castries, St. Lucia, March 2011.
4. David G. Robinson, Harlan Yu & Edward W. Felten, *Enabling Innovation for Civic Engagement*, in OPEN GOVERNMENT: TRANSPARENCY, PARTICIPATION, AND COLLABORATION IN PRACTICE (2010).
5. David G. Robinson, Harlan Yu, William P. Zeller & Edward W. Felten, *Government Data and the Invisible Hand*, 11 YALE J. L. & TECH. 160 (2009).
 - Cited 219 times (per Google Scholar)
 - Assigned course reading at Stanford, NYU Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, Rutgers.

Public Reports

1. David Robinson Harlan Yu, and Anne An, *Collateral Freedom: A Snapshot of Chinese Users Circumventing Censorship* (Open Internet Tools Project 2013).
2. Aaron Rieke, David Robinson, and Harlan Yu, *Civil Rights, Big Data, and Our Algorithmic Future* (Upturn 2014).
3. David Robinson and Logan Koepke, *Stuck in a Pattern: Early Evidence on “Predictive Policing” and Civil Rights* (Upturn 2014).

Essays, Book Reviews, and Other Public Writing

1. *Airbnb’s Racism Problem is Much Bigger Than a Few Racist Hosts*, Medium (July 31, 2016), (Selected as a “featured” story across the Medium platform. Read more than 25,000 times.)
2. *Are We Rushing to Judgment Against the Hidden Power of Algorithms?* Freedom to Tinker (July 30, 2014), <https://freedom-to-tinker.com/blog/dgr/are-we-rushing-to-judgment-against-the-hidden-power-of-algorithms/>.
3. *Bookshelf: A Soft Spot for Hard Drives*, WALL ST. J., Sept. 9, 2010, at A13 (reviewing Clifford Nass, *The Man Who Lied to His Laptop* (2010))

4. *It All Happens So Suddenly*, WALL ST. J., June 12, 2009, at A13 (reviewing Bill Wasik, *And Then There's This* (2009)).
5. *Net Gains*, Wilson Quarterly, Spring 2008, at 103 (reviewing Lee Siegel, *Against the Machine: Being Human in the Age of the Electronic Mob* (2008)).
6. *What Were We Talking About?*, Wall St. J., June 12, 2008, at A15 (reviewing Maggie Jackson, *Distracted: The Erosion of Attention and the Coming Dark Age* (2008)).
7. *The Keepers of the Keyboard*, Wall St. J., April 13, 2006, at D8 (reviewing Jack Goldsmith & Tim Wu, *Who Controls the Internet? Illusions of a Borderless World* (2006)).
8. *Review & Outlook, Internet Pirates*, WALL ST. J., August 10, 2004, at A10.

SELECTED PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. *The Intersection of Poverty and Data: How Big and Open Data Helps and Harms People in Poverty*, Philly Tech Week (May 5, 2016).
2. *Opening the Black Box: Big Data, Automation, and Algorithmic (In)Justice*, Rebellious Lawyering Conference at Yale Law School (Feb. 19, 2016).
3. Panelist, *Dynamic Trends in the Collection and Use of Consumer Online Data*, State of the Net 2016 (Jan. 25, 2016) [[video](#)]
4. *Predictive Policing: Prejudicial 'Pre Crime' or Helpful Sociological Analysis?*, Computers, Freedom and Privacy conference (Oct. 13, 2015).
5. Panelist at Federal Trade Commission Workshop, "Big Data: A tool for inclusion or exclusion?" (Sep. 15, 2014).
6. *The Intersection of Privacy and Civil Rights*, Computers, Freedom and Privacy (June 9, 2014).
7. *The Public-Private Surveillance Partnership: Myth or Reality?*, RightsCon Silicon Valley (March 4, 2014) (panel moderator).
8. *Collateral Freedom: A Snapshot of Chinese Users Circumventing Censorship*, Yale ISP ideas lunch presentation (Jan. 29, 2014)
9. Featured Talk, "Attention, Distraction, and Information Glut." [[video](#)]