

Class Topic: Digital Identity I

Overview and Scope Issues:

- What made you whom?
 - § The building blocks of digital identity:
 - § Natural and legal “persons”; identification, authentication and access
 - § Self selected username and password; Self defined preferences
 - § Government or Corporate issued credentials and accounts
 - § Voluntary associations: social, political, sports, religious and economic
- How do you mean?
 - § Legal names: the civil right to name yourself and change your name
 - § Government imposed requirements and prohibitions
 - § You vs. Your Reputation
 - § First appearances in cyberspace
- Where and when are you?
 - § “All identity is ‘local’” (physically, logically and socially local)
 - § Context is king: If you name yourself in a forest and nobody hears you...
 - § Faster access like seeing into the future: stock quotes, derivatives, war.
 - § Asynchronously present and layered time: back to the future or terminator sent to the past?
 - § Identity as a function of the shared illusion of time. Is it ALL relative?
- Why not and what if?
 - § The amazing invisible you
 - § You, your clone and your digital doppelganger
 - § The qualified right to anonymity, pseudonymity and identity property
 - § Must free people retain all rights to their individual identity?
 - § Centralization, control and ownership in a capitalist imperial republic

- § Decentralized, complex, self-organizing and chaotic currents
- § Mapping systems architecture to political, legal and policy goals