

# Brendan Francis O'Connor

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## EDUCATION

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### The University of Wisconsin - Madison

*September 2011 - May 2014 (Ongoing)*

#### Juris Doctor

Top 35% of Class  
Dean's List, Spring 2012, Spring 2013  
Member, Pro Bono Society  
Technology Administrator, Student Bar Association

### The Johns Hopkins University

*September 2006 - May 2009*

#### Master of Science in Engineering in Computer Science

Thesis Title: **Mnikr: Reputation Construction Through Human Trading of Distributed Social Identities**  
President of the CS Honor Society, Upsilon Pi Epsilon

### The Johns Hopkins University

*September 2004 - May 2008*

#### Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Graduated with Departmental Honors

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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### Wisconsin State Public Defender

*Summer 2013*

#### Legal Intern (With Practice Certificate)

This summer, I will be working with the Forensics Specialty Practice Group of the Wisconsin State Public Defender, assisting in cases with significant questions of scientific evidence across the state. I will be supervised by Anthony Rios under Wisconsin SCR 50, meaning that I will be able to make court appearances and work on behalf of clients.

### Wisconsin Supreme Court

*Fall 2012*

#### Judicial Intern

I served as a legal intern for Justice N. Patrick Crooks of the Wisconsin Supreme Court. My duties included examining cases requesting review by the Court, writing legal analyses of the issues raised by cases before the Court, and assisting the clerks in the performance of their duties.

### The Rutherford Institute

*Summer 2012*

#### Legal Intern

The Rutherford Institute is a public interest firm focusing on civil liberties litigation at both the trial and appellate levels, whose primary topics of interest are the First and Fourth Amendments as well as school "zero-tolerance" policies. I was responsible for legal research on current cases, drafting memos and briefs, and researching and writing legislation and policy statements for TRI on electronic privacy and UAV issues.

## TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

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### Malice Afterthought, Inc.

*2010 - Present*

#### CTO / DSS

Malice Afterthought provides software and security consulting services to a range of clients, from small businesses to large corporations, in addition to creating and releasing its own commercial and open source software. From January - July 2011, I taught information and network warfare (CNO) to students of the Department of Defense. In January, 2012, we won a DARPA Cyber Fast Track research proposal to fund research entitled "Reticle: Leaderless Command and Control," and in November, an additional CFT proposal entitled "NOM: Novel Object Mapping." Please visit <http://www.maliceafterthought.com> for more information.

### SET Corporation

*2009 - 2010*

#### Senior Research Associate

I worked as a technical lead on software projects in a variety of areas, including natural language processing and user modeling, and a project to create an augmented reality application to add real-time data and intelligence analysis to a multi-viewpoint 3D holographic display using the iPhone 3GS. These software projects were for a variety of government agencies, including DARPA, AFRL, INSCOM, and the DoD.

### Six Apart

*2008 (Internship)*

#### Open Platforms Group

I worked as an engineer on the Open Platforms team, dealing with furthering the goals of data portability across technologies and corporate boundaries while maintaining a focus on user control of data. I worked as an intern full-time during the summer of 2008, and then part-time through the remainder of the year.

## Sun Microsystems

2007 (Internship)

### Solaris Security Technologies Group

I ported and integrated software into Solaris allowing users to authenticate using true PKCS#11 interfaces, then worked with a variety of teams and people across Sun (despite my status as an intern) to move these smartcard services into Solaris. I also had the opportunity to work with DTrace on Solaris Kerberos.

## VeriSign

2006 (Internship)

### Security Services

I worked primarily with the Unified Authentication group, specifically with One-Time Passwords; I also did some work for VeriSign Labs (the Advanced Projects Research Group) on the VeriSign Personal Identity Provider. Over the course of 12 weeks, I was responsible for major projects in C#, Ruby, and Java, as well as JSP/Struts/Spring web applications, JNI, C/C++, and various technologies. Despite being an intern, I had the honor of winning the VeriSign Labs "PIP Challenge" for integrating one-time password technology with the VeriSign Personal Identity Provider.

## PUBLICATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

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### How to Fight a War Without Actually Starting One

Presentation on international war law as it pertains to computer security, to be presented at DerbyCon 3.0 in Louisville, KY, September 28-29, 2013.

### Stalking a City for Fun and Frivolity

Original computer security research, to be presented at DEF CON 21 in Las Vegas, NV, August 1-4, 2013.

### CreepyDOL: Cheap, Distributed Stalking

Original computer security research, to be presented at Black Hat USA in Las Vegas, NV, July 31 - August 1, 2013.

### Panel - The Global 'Gamification' of Online Gaming

Panel on the intersection between legal issues and cybersecurity research, especially as they affect the international online gambling industry. At the conference of the International Bar Association, Dublin, Ireland, on October 1, 2012.

### Reticle: Dropping an Intelligent F-BOMB

Hardware remote sensor design and implementation for security applications, presented at the Security B-Sides (BSidesLV 2012) conference in Las Vegas, NV on July 26, 2012. Video and slides at <http://blog.ussjoin.com/2012/07/reticle.html>. The acceptance rate for talks was 53.75% (43/80).

### Hack the Law

Presentation on why security researchers should consider going to law school, presented at the Hackers on Planet Earth (HOPE Number Nine) conference in New York, NY on July 15, 2012. Video/slides at <http://tinyurl.com/1lynv9m>.

### Sacrificial Computing for Land and Sky

Presented at the ShmooCon security conference in Washington, D.C. on January 27, 2012. The acceptance rate for talks at the conference was 16.6% (36/216). Average attendee review score: 4.52/5. Video and coverage (including Forbes, Wired, and MSNBC) collected at <http://tinyurl.com/84kmz8c>.

### A "Fair and Balanced" Look at Online Privacy in the Age of Location-Based Social Networking

Presented to the students and faculty of the United World College of the American West in their symposium on social networking, April 9-11, 2010.

### Mnikr: Reputation Construction Through Human Trading of Distributed Social Identities

O'Connor, B. F. and Griffin, J. L. Proceedings of the 5th ACM Workshop on Digital Identity Management. Presented at the ACM Computer and Communications Security conference in Chicago, IL, on November 13, 2009, and selected as the best paper at the workshop. The workshop acceptance rate was 33% (7/21) for full papers.

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL ENDORSEMENTS

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### Department of Defense

Security Clearance (Contact for Details)

### International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium, ISC<sup>2</sup>

Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP®)

### Department of Homeland Security

IS-{100, 200, 700, 800, 802} - ARES/RACES Series

IS-{139, 230, 235, 240, 241, 242, 244} - FEMA Professional Development Series

IS-{1, 120, 130, 250, 288} - ARRL Advanced Emergency Communications Series

FEMA Professional Development Certificate

### Federal Communications Commission

Amateur Extra Radio License, K3QB

Volunteer Examiner (Accredited through ARRL)

### Amateur Radio Relay League

Public Service and Emergency Communications Management for Radio Amateurs (EC-016)

Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course (ARECC)

Full Member, Dane County (Wisconsin) Amateur Radio Emergency Services