Affiliations

Maastricht University/Universiteit Maastricht

Assistant Professor in Law and CS, Law and Tech Lab, Faculty of Law

Maastricht, Netherlands

Jul 2024-present

Boston, MA, USA

Sep 2019-Jul 2024

Education

Northeastern University

Ph.D. in Cybersecurity

M.S. in Cybersecurity + Post-baccalaureate Certificate in Computer Science

ALIGN NSF Scholar, Dean's Scholarship

B.A. summa cum laude in Political Science and International Affairs

Excellence Scholarship, Huntington 100, Sean Patrick O'Rourke Scholar, Pi Sigma Alpha

May 2017

May 2020

Teaching

Maastricht University

Course Coordinator and Lecturer, Faculty of Law Spring

Introduction to Modern Computing; Networks, Security, and Regulation

Maastricht, NL

2025

Northeastern University Teaching Assistant, Khoury College of Computer Sciences

Boston, MA, USA

Spring 2020, 2021, 2022

CY4170 The Law, Ethics, and Policy of Data and Digital Technologies

Curriculum Developer for ALIGN High School Outreach Program

Lectures on cybersecurity/BGP routing

Oct 2019-Apr 2020

Publications

Refereed Journal and Conference Articles

Towards... Factors in Identifying Dark Pattern Autonomy Violations under the EU DSA

2025

ACM Designing Interactive Systems Conference (DIS)

Sanju Ahuja, Johanna Gunawan, Nataliia Bielova, Cristiana Santos

[FORTHCOMING] "An Ad Posing as Medical Device": User Accounts of Dark UX in FemTech mHealth Apps

2025

ACM International Conference on Mobile Human-Computer Interaction

Ghada Alsebayel, Giovanni Troiano, Johanna Gunawan, Herman Saksono, Casper Harteveld

Promises, Promises: Understanding Claims Made in Social Robot Consumer Experiences

May 2025

ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI'25)

Johanna Gunawan, Sarah Elizabeth Gillespie, David Choffnes, Woodrow Hartzog, Christo Wilson

Gig Work at What Cost? Exploring Privacy Risks of Gig Work Platform Participation in the U.S.

Jul 2025

Privacy Enhancing Technologies Symposium (PETS'25)

Amogh Pradeep, Johanna Gunawan, Alvaro Feal, David Choffnes

Understanding Dark Patterns in Home IoT Devices

Apr 2023

ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI'23)

Monica Kowalcyzk*, Johanna Gunawan*, Daniel Dubois, David Choffnes, Woodrow Hartzog, & Christo Wilson Referenced by Consumer Reports and Stacy on IoT (Podcast)

Exploring Deceptive Design Patterns in Voice Interfaces

Sep 2022

European Symposium on Usable Security (EuroUSEC'22)

Kentrell Owens, Johanna Gunawan, Pardis Emami-Naeini, David Choffnes, Tadayoshi Kohno, Franziska Roesner

A Comparative Study of Dark Patterns Across Mobile and Web Modalities

Oct 2021

ACM Conference for Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW'21) Johanna Gunawan, Amogh Pradeep, David Choffnes, Woodrow Hartzog, and Christo Wilson Referenced by OECD, UK Competition and Markets Authority, US FTC, Testimony to U.S. House

Publications
(cont'd)

Book Chapters The Case of the Nosy Neighbors Jan 2021 MIT Case Studies in Social and Ethical Responsibilities of Computing Johanna Gunawan and Woodrow Hartzog **Legal Scholarship/Law Review Articles** [FORTHCOMING] Dark Patterns as Design Loyalty 2025 Indiana Law Journal 2025 Symposium Issue, Law and Technology at a Crossroads Johanna Gunawan, Woodrow Hartzog, Neil Richards, David Choffnes, and Christo Wilson [FORTHCOMING] Leveraging Interdisciplinary Methods for Evidence Collection in Enforcement 2025 Internet Policy Review: Interdisc. Research & Methods in Public Interest Cybersec., Priv., & Digital Rights Gov. Johanna Gunawan, Colin Gray, Cristiana Santos, and Nataliia Bielova Privacy Nicks: How the Law Normalizes Surveillance Feb 2024 Washington University Law Review, vol. 101 Woodrow Hartzog, Evan Selinger, and Johanna Gunawan The COVID-19 Pandemic and the Technology Trust Gap May 2021 Published in Seton Hall Law Review Vol. 51 Iss. 5, presented at SHLR Symposium Nov. 2020 Johanna Gunawan, David Choffnes, Woodrow Hartzog, Alan Mislove, and Christo Wilson **Contributions to Reports and Comments** Public Comment submitted to the FTC Nov 2022 In response to Trade Regulation Rule on Commercial Surveillance and Data Security ANPR Public Comment submitted to the FTC by Princeton CITP on behalf of undersigned researchers Aug 2022 In response to Digital Advertising Business Guidance Request for Information **Workshop Papers**

What Evidence is Needed to Prove the Existence of Dark Patterns? Apr 2023 ACM CHI Workshop, "Designing Technology and Policy Simultaneously" Johanna Gunawan, Colin Gray, Cristiana Santos, and Nataliia Bielova

Apr 2021

Aug 2020

Towards an Understanding of Dark Pattern Privacy Harms ACM CHI Workshop, "What Can CHI Do About Dark Patterns?"

Johanna Gunawan, David Choffnes, Woodrow Hartzog, and Christo Wilson

Articles/Op-Eds

Beware of Apps Bearing Gifts in a Pandemic

Berkman Klein Collection (Medium)

Woodrow Hartzog, Johanna Gunawan, David Choffnes, and Christo Wilson

Work Experience

Max Planck Institute for Security and Privacy

Bochum, DE Visiting Scholar Intern, Human-Centered Security and Privacy Group (PI: Yixin Zou) May 2023-Jul 2023

- Conducted privacy and consumer protections research
- Mentored undergraduate student(s)

Vimeo New York City, NY, US (Remote)

Intern, Security – Governance, Risk, Compliance, & Privacy

- Conducted insurance and security documentation audit for third-party risks
- Edited and drafted external trust and security documentation
- Drafted and published internal privacy and security education content
- Assessed, logged, and automated third-party assessment processes across stakeholder needs
- Answered SIG2022 questionnaire items and logged resource dataset for security questionnaires

Common Sense Media

San Francisco, CA, US (Remote)

Privacy Intern

Jun 2021-Sep 2021

Jun 2022-Aug 2022

- Read and evaluated technology privacy policies for over 100 questions in evaluation against requirements for COPPA, FERPA, and other privacy regulations
- Interpreted results from evaluations dataset and drafted analysis sections for State of Kids Privacy Report
- Drafted, researched, and edited privacy articles for vendor, educator, and parent audiences
- Edited Streaming Devices Report (mentioned in NYT), conference presentations
- Consulted on upcoming privacy projects, including VR/AR

Rapid7, LLC Boston, MA, US

Technical/UX Writer for Komand & InsightConnect product team

Apr 2018-Aug 2019

- Managed documentation projects for and drafted 70+ pages of knowledge base material/help docs for two versions of security automation product
- Rebuild and improved documentation information architecture for legacy on-premise product
- Collaborated with UX research team on survey design and qualitative/quantitative interviews
- Ran cross-functional meetings with engineering, sales, marketing, product management, UX design, and UX research for identifying and delivering documentation needs and projects

Akamai Technologies

Cambridge, MA, US Jun 2017-Mar 2018

Technical Writer (Network Standards)

- Drafted internal network hardware installation and maintenance procedures for field technicians
- Improved legacy documentation and information architecture in MediaWiki
- Collaborated with Network Infrastructure Engineers, field technicians, and network design teams

Smartleaf, Inc. Cambridge, MA, US

Junior Technical Writing & Product Management Associate

Jan 2016-May 2017

- Managed documentation process for quarterly client-facing Asset Management performance reports
- Drafted internal product and development specs for front-end development team

Wellington Management Company LLP

Boston, MA, US

Legal and Compliance Co-op

Jan 2015-Jul 2015

- Built automated Excel processes for new account amendments and broker performance benchmarking
- Advised brokers on investment guidelines, FATCA tax information, and Dodd-Frank adherence for accounts

Millward Brown Digital Boston, MA, US

Digital Marketing Co-op

Jan 2014-Jul 2014

- Drafted and published original thought leadership content, initiated product rationalization framework
- Monitored, edited, and formatted WordPress blog and all company-affiliated social media channels
- Interpreted Google Analytics and SproutSocial data to adjust and create digital/social campaigns

Next Mile Project (Dhar Law LLP)

Boston, MA, US Sep 2013-Dec 2013

Marketing Intern

- Designed, set up, and maintained WordPress.com website with HTML5/CSS
- Drafted blog articles and maintained Facebook branding
- Coordinated media/marketing strategy for a coalition of several nonprofits
- Provided continued remote HTML/CSS support through Apr 2014

Speaking

Interfaces and Dark Patterns Panel

Federal Trade Commission, PrivacyCon 2022

What are Dark Patterns and Why are they Employed? (Panel 1)

COVID-19 and the Pandemic of Treacherous Technologies

Federal Trade Commission Workshop, Bringing Dark Patterns to Light

Seton Hall Law Review Symposium on Privacy, Healthcare, and Artificial Intelligence

Accepted Talks and Sessions At the 8 th Workshop for Technology and Consumer Protection (ConPro'24): Privacy Behaviors and Perceptions of LGBTQ+ Community in Türkiye Devris Isler, Johanna Gunawan Design Loyalty Approaches for Dark Patterns Johanna Gunawan, Woodrow Hartzog, David Choffnes, Christo Wilson (with Neil Richards) SoK: Towards Collaborative Evidence Collection for Dark Patterns Enforcement Cristiana Santos Johanna Gunawan, Colin Gray, and Nataliia Bielova	May 2024
Training and Outreach E-Enforcement Academy Masterclass: Subscription Economy and Product Safety Introduction to the Subscription Economy Beyond the GPSR: Al Act Provisions for the Subscription Economy	Jun 2025
Invited Talks and Lectures Dark Patterns as Disloyal Design Wash.U and Sorbonne Transatlantic Technology Law Seminar	Mar 2024
Design, Privacy, and the Law Northeastern University, CS4973 Special Topics: Technology Regulations in Digital Platforms	Nov 2023
A Tech Policy Primer for CS Students Northeastern University, CS4973 Special Topics: Responsible Machine Learning	May 2023
Towards User (Design) Protections Tufts University, CS 152-1 Human Factors in Security and Privacy University of Iowa, Junior Academics in Social Computing and Privacy Policy	Oct, Dec 2023
Privacy: What is it? Northeastern University IDEAS Summer School	Jul 2022
Panelist Exposing Privacy Risks in Generative AI Northeastern University, Arlington Campus	Apr 2024
Emerging Transdisciplinary Perspectives to Confront Dark Patterns CHI 2023 Panel	Apr 2023

Nov 2022

Apr 2021

Nov 2020

Service	

Internal Reviewing/Program Committee Member	
ACM Symposium on Computer Science & Law (CSLAW)	2026
ACM Computer and Communications Security (CCS), Privacy & Anonymity Track	2026
Privacy Enhancing Technology Symposium (PETS) 2024, 2	2025, 2026
USENIX Security	2025
ACM Computer and Communications Security (CCS), Security Usability and Measurement Track	2025
ACM Designing Interactive Systems Conference (DIS), Critical Computing & Design Theory Subcomm.	2025
Enternal Pariarrian	
External Reviewing Pack charters and Pacentine Design (Edward Elgar Publishing)	2024
Book chapters, Dark Patterns and Deceptive Design (Edward Elgar Publishing) Digital Logal Talks (Tilburg Digital Logal Lob)	2024 2024
Digital Legal Talks (Tilburg Digital Legal Lab)	2024
ACM Transactions on Social Computing (TSC)	2024
ACM Transactions on Social Computing (TSC)	
	2023, 2024
ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work (CSCW)	
	2023, 2025
	2022, 2023
Privacy Enhancing Technology Symposium (PETS)	2022
Conference and Workshop Organizing	
ACM CSLAW Junior Scholars' Workshop, Co-chair	2026
Global and Transdisciplinary Perspectives on Dark Patterns and Deceptive Design Practice (CHI SIG)	2025
Mobilizing Research and Regulatory Actions on Dark Patterns & Deceptive Design Practices (CHI Workshop)	2024
Dark Patterns and the Emerging Threats of Deceptive Design Practices (CHI SIG)	2023

Committees and Volunteering

Privacy Law Scholars Conference (PLSC), Lead Student Volunteer

Privacy Law Scholars Conference (PLSC), Student Volunteer

Northeastern Ph.D. in Cybersecurity Committee, Student Member	2022, 2023-2024
Northeastern ALIGN Master's in Computer Science Recruitment, Student Ambassador	2018-2020

68th Japan-America Student Conference, Vice Chairperson and Entrepreneurship Pitch Contest Chair

2022

2021

2016

Advising & Mentoring

Advising

Ishitaa Narwane, Ph.D. Student in Law, HCI, and AI, Maastricht University 203	25-present
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Mentoring

Princessa Cintaqia, B.S. in Economics at University of Indonesia (now PhD student at Boston U.)	c/o 2024
Tim Swierzewski, M.S. in Computer Science (Khoury MS Apprentice)	c/o 2023
Jonathan Chery, M.S. in Computer Science (MS in Cybersecurity at Northeastern U.)	c/o 2021
Maryam Motallebi, independent researcher (now PhD student in Computer Science at Northeastern U.)	c/o 2021
Monica Kowalcvzk, B.S. in Cybersecurity and Criminal Justice	c/o 2024

Skills & Knowledge

Technologies: Programming (Python, C, JavaScript, bash), Data Analysis (numpy, pandas, seaborn, matplotlib, scikit), Markup (HTML, Markdown, LaTeX, MediaWiki), Presentations (MS Powerpoint, Google Slides), Word processing (MS Word, LaTeX, ReadMe, Scrivener), Agile (JIRA Kanban/SCRUM), Design/UX (Invision, Sketch), Web Development (Django/Python, Jekyll)

Professional Skills: Oral and written communication; public speaking and presentations; academic, technical, and UX writing; quantitative and qualitative research; project management

Familiarity with Regulations/Frameworks: NIST 800-53, ISO Common Criteria, SANS Security Policies, E.U. data and digital services laws (GDPR, DSA, DMA, AI Act, etc.), U.S. privacy and data laws (CCPA/CPRA, BIPA, HIPAA, COPPA, FERPA, etc.), SIG questionnaires