

Dear Committee,

I was a student in INFO 350 (Information Policy, Law and Ethics) taught by Professor Katell during Spring Quarter of 2019 at the University of Washington. This writing-focused class centered around how to construct sound ethical and logical arguments, as well as facilitated discussions around ethical issues raised by modern technology such as intellectual property, free speech, and privacy. Professor Katell's passion and expertise in this field made the class very engaging for me. He cultivated a welcoming atmosphere during class discussions, which encouraged me, a normally quiet student, to speak up. Professor Katell integrated current events into lectures and made connections back to the course content, which both modeled the relevance of the course as well as taught how to continue utilizing the skills taught well after the quarter ended.

I ended up doing exactly that, as the class sparked my interest in online free speech. As a hobby filmmaker, I decided to start shooting a short documentary about the topic and knew that talking to Professor Katell would be a good start. Months after taking INFO 350, Professor Katell remembered my name and our past discussions, and was eager to help me with my project. He recommended further connections as well as shot an interview for the film.

Professor Katell's method of teaching course concepts alongside current events, his expertise in law and information policy, and his enthusiasm for my personal projects as an individual stand out to me as great qualities in a professor. I know that I am a much more well-informed student as a result of Professor Katell's teaching, and I am excited to know he will be teaching many more students to come! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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