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## INFORMATIONAL HEARING

Tuesday, March 3, 2026  
1:30 p.m., State Capitol, Room 437

### Somebody's Watching You: Californians' Privacy in the Age of Mass Surveillance

#### PANELIST BIOS

##### Panel 1: Californian's Constitutional Right to Privacy

Nicole Ozer – Executive Director, Center for Constitutional Democracy at UC Law San Francisco

Nicole Ozer is a national leader in cutting-edge law and policy to advance rights, justice, and democracy and a legal expert on privacy and surveillance, artificial intelligence, and digital speech.

Ozer is the inaugural Executive Director of the [Center for Constitutional Democracy at UC Law San Francisco](#). She was previously the founding director and longtime leader of the Technology and Civil Liberties Program at the ACLU of Northern California as well as a Technology and Human Rights Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School, a Berkeley Center for Law and Technology Visiting Researcher, and a Stanford Digital Civil Society Lab Fellow. Ozer graduated magna cum laude from Amherst College, studied comparative civil rights history at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, and earned her J.D. with a Certificate in Law and Technology from Berkeley Law.

Ozer's public interest technology work was most recently honored with a California Senate Members Resolution for unwavering dedication to defending and promoting civil liberties in the digital world, invaluable contributions to people throughout California, and meritorious service to humanity.

#### Materials

[It's Time to Revitalize California's Constitutional Right to Privacy | State Court Report](#)  
[Putting People Power into US Privacy Law: Learning from the Past to Light the Path to True Privacy Protection to Advance Rights and Democracy in the Age of Artificial Intelligence | Harvard Kennedy School](#)

[California's Surveillance Systems Have Once Again Become a Major Liability | TechPolicy.Press](#)

[Golden State Sword: The History and Future of California's Constitutional Right to Privacy to Defend and Promote Rights, Justice, and Democracy in the Modern Digital Age](#)

## Panel 2: Surveillance for Profit

1. Deirdre Mulligan – Professor in the School of Information at UC Berkeley, a faculty Director of the Berkeley Center for Law & Technology and author of the book *Privacy on the Ground: Driving Corporate Behavior in the United States and Europe*

Deirdre K. Mulligan is a Professor in the School of Information at UC Berkeley, a faculty Director of the [Berkeley Center for Law & Technology](#), a co-organizer of the [Algorithmic Fairness & Opacity Working Group](#), an affiliated faculty on the Berkeley [Center for Long-Term Cybersecurity](#) and a faculty advisor for its [AI Policy Hub](#), and a faculty advisor to the [CITRIS Policy Lab](#). Mulligan's research explores legal and technical means of protecting values such as privacy, freedom of expression, and fairness in socio-technical systems.

Mulligan served as Principal Deputy U.S. Chief Technology Officer at the [White House Office of Science and Technology Policy](#), and Director of the National Artificial Intelligence Initiative Office (NAIIO), in the Biden-Harris Administration. At OSTP, Mulligan led the [Technology Team](#) that works to advance technology and data to benefit all Americans. Under her leadership the Tech Team leveraged technology and data to equitably deliver services, brought technology and data expertise to federal policy formation and implementation, and ensured that America led the world in values-driven technological research and innovation.

Mulligan's book, [Privacy on the Ground: Driving Corporate Behavior in the United States and Europe](#), a study of privacy practices in large corporations in five countries, conducted with UC Berkeley Law Prof. Kenneth Bamberger was published in 2015 by MIT Press. Mulligan and Bamberger received the 2016 [International Association of Privacy Professionals Leadership Award](#) for their research contributions to the field of privacy protection. She was a member of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's Information Science and Technology study group (ISAT); and, a member of the National Academy of Science [Forum on Cyber Resilience](#). She is past-Chair of the Board of Directors of the [Center for Democracy and Technology](#), a leading advocacy organization protecting global online civil liberties and human rights; an initial board member of the [Partnership on AI](#); a founding member of the standing committee for the [AI 100](#) project; and a founding member of the [Global Network Initiative](#), a multi-stakeholder initiative to protect and advance freedom of expression and privacy in the ICT sector, and in particular to resist government efforts to use the ICT sector to engage in censorship and surveillance in violation of international human rights standards. She recently served as a Commissioner on the [Oakland Privacy Advisory Commission](#) and helped to develop a local ordinance providing oversight of surveillance technology. Mulligan chaired a series of interdisciplinary [visioning workshops on Privacy by Design](#) with the [Computing Community Consortium](#) to develop a shared interdisciplinary research agenda. Prior to joining the School of Information, she was a Clinical Professor of Law, founding Director of the [Samuelson Law, Technology & Public Policy Clinic](#), and Director of Clinical Programs at the UC Berkeley School of Law. Prior to Berkeley, she helped found and was staff counsel at the Center for Democracy & Technology in Washington, D.C.

2. Josh Black – worker-organizer, Amazon Teamsters

Josh Black has worked at DCK6, an Amazon Delivery Station in the Bayview neighborhood of San Francisco, for three years and has been a member of the DCK6 Organizing Committee for over two years, fighting for workers' rights, fair pay, and respect with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. In 2024, the Committee held a successful card drive and demanded union recognition and good faith negotiation from management after a supermajority of DCK6 workers signed cards in support of the effort. Within a few months, the warehouse participated in the largest strike in Amazon's history with a continuous 48-hour picket line. The National Labor Relations Board is currently seeking an order to bargain from a judge for the warehouse.

Josh also works part-time as a classical singer and a nonprofit operations consultant. A San Francisco resident for 18 years, he lives in the Miraloma Park neighborhood with his partner Stacie and their cat Gibson.

3. Ari Ezra Waldman – Professor of Law and, by courtesy, Professor of Sociology, University of California, Irvine School of Law author of the books *Privacy as Trust: Information Privacy for an Information Age* and *Industry Unbound: The Inside Story of Privacy, Data, and Corporate Power*

Ari Ezra Waldman, JD, PhD, is a professor of law and, by courtesy, a professor of sociology at the University of California, Irvine. Professor Waldman researches how information is mediation through different social institutions, including individuals, corporate organizations, governments, and technology.

He is the author of three books and fifty scholarly articles on privacy, law and technology, artificial intelligence, and how the use of technology in society affects minoritized populations. Throughout his career, he has won many awards for his scholarship, including the Law & Society Association Best Paper prize for the year's best scholarly work on law and society. Professor Waldman is a two-time winner of the Dukeminier Award, which honors the best legal scholarship on sexual orientation, gender, and the law.

Outside of the classroom, Professor Waldman is the chair of the Board of Directors of the Electronic Privacy Information Center and a member of the Board of the Cyber Civil Rights Initiative. He earned his JD from Harvard Law School and his PhD in sociology from Columbia University.

### **Panel 3: Surveillance for Governance and Control**

1. Jason Koebler – investigative journalist and co-founder of *404 Media*

Jason Koebler was the editor-in-chief of Motherboard for six years, where he was responsible for the editorial, creative, and commercial vision and execution of the brand. Jason has written and edited award-winning work; created, produced, and hosted shortform and longform documentaries and podcasts, and has covered everything from right to repair to the ticket scalping industry. Before that, he was a staff writer at Motherboard for four years.

2. Nila Bala – Acting Professor of Law at UC Davis

Nila Bala is a scholar of criminal law and children's rights. Her work examines how criminal law and emerging technologies affect children and families, with a particular focus on data privacy and policing. She teaches Criminal Law, Evidence, and Children and the Law at UC Davis School of Law (King Hall).

Her scholarship has appeared in leading law reviews, including the Yale Law Journal, California Law Review, and Michigan Law Review. In 2025, her article Policing Children's Data received the Ian Kerr Best Paper Prize at the Privacy Law Scholars Conference. She was named a 2024 UC Davis Public Scholarship Faculty Fellow and regularly writes for broader audiences, with essays published in the New York Times, Washington Post, and Los Angeles Times.

Before entering academia, Bala worked in public defense and criminal justice reform, including serving as an Assistant Public Defender in Baltimore and as Director of Legislative Initiatives at the Policing Project at NYU School of Law. She is a graduate of Stanford University and Yale Law School.