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### EPIC Board Announces New Officers and Members for 2022 Term

WASHINGTON, DC – The Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) is pleased to announce the addition of three new members to its Board of Directors and the election of new officers who will lead the Board next year.

“EPIC continues to attract superb leaders, as the newly elected Board members and officers demonstrate,” says EPIC Board Chair Anita Allen.

In January 2022, EPIC will welcome three new members to its Board of Directors. These new directors bring a wealth of experience in educating the public about emerging privacy and civil liberties issues and developing legal tools, technological tools, and broad momentum to protect privacy and hold powerful companies accountable. The new directors are:



**Ari Ezra Waldman (he/him/his)**, professor of law and computer science at Northeastern University and director of the School of Law's Center for Law, Information and Creativity. He researches how law and technology reify traditional structures of power, focusing on privacy, online harassment, misinformation and the LGBTQ community. A prolific and internationally recognized law and technology scholar, he was recently named one of the world's top 20 thinkers by Prospect Magazine and sits on the Board of Directors of the Cyber Civil Rights Initiative. He is also the founder of @Legally\_Queer, a social media project that educates the public about the history, present, and future of LGBTQ law and politics.



**Anna Lysyanskaya**, professor of computer science at Brown University. Her research area is cryptography, and a key theme of her work is balancing privacy with accountability—specifically, allowing users to prove that they are authorized while not revealing any additional information about themselves. She is known especially for her work on anonymous credentials. Her work in this area was incorporated into the Trusted Computing Group’s industrial standard and informed the National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace (NSTIC).



**Roger McNamee** began investing in technology companies in 1982 and co-founded three different investment firms in Silicon Valley. Since April 2017, he has been an activist for reform of the tech industry. Roger is the author of the New York Times bestseller, *Zucked: Waking Up to the Facebook Catastrophe*, which was published in February 2019.

The EPIC Board of Directors also selected a new slate of officers to lead the organization starting in January 2022. EPIC President and Executive Director Alan Butler emphasized that “we could not ask for a more knowledgeable and inspiring group of leaders. This is a unique time for privacy advocacy because leaders at every level in government, the private sector, and public institutions recognize the urgency of reigning in surveillance technologies and protecting individuals against data abuses.” EPIC’s new Board as of January 2022 will be:

**CHAIR**  
**Danielle Citron**

**CHAIR-ELECT**  
**Shoshana Zuboff**

**SECRETARY**  
**Christopher Wolf**

**TREASURER**  
**Anita Allen**

**PRESIDENT**  
**Alan Butler**



**Danielle Citron** is the Jefferson Scholars Foundation Schenck Distinguished Professor in Law, Caddell and Chapman Professor of Law at the University of Virginia School of Law, where she writes and teaches about privacy, free expression, and civil rights. For the past decade, she has worked with lawmakers, law enforcement and tech companies to combat online abuse. In 2019, she was awarded a “Genius Grant” and named a MacArthur Fellow based on her work on cyberstalking and intimate privacy. Professor Citron has been a member of EPIC’s Board since 2016 and brings tremendous insight as an internationally recognized expert in information privacy.



**Shoshana Zuboff** is a trailblazing privacy scholar and activist who has helped ensure that the public and policymakers understand the impact of modern surveillance systems and abusive business models. Each of her three books – *In the Age of the Smart Machine*, *The Support Economy*, and *The Age of Surveillance Capitalism* – signaled the start of a new epoch in technological society and helped bring concepts like “surveillance capitalism” into the public consciousness. She is the Charles Edward Wilson Professor Emerita at Harvard Business School and a former Faculty Associate at the Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard Law School.



**Christopher Wolf** is Senior Counsel at Hogan Lovells US LLP. Widely recognized as a global pioneer in Internet law and a renowned leader in privacy and data protection policy, he has long brought his expertise to EPIC. In 1998, working with EPIC, he successfully represented the plaintiff in *McVeigh v. Cohen*, a landmark privacy case under ECPA that involved the now-repealed “Don’t ask, don’t tell” policy. Mr. Wolf is also the founder and board president of the Future of Privacy Forum, a think tank devoted to advancing responsible data practices, which has become a leading forum for discussing and developing best practices.



**Anita Allen** is the Henry R. Silverman Professor of Law and Professor of Philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. She is internationally renowned as an expert on the philosophical dimensions of privacy and data protection law, bioethics, women's rights, and race relations. A prolific scholar, Professor Allen has published over a hundred articles and chapters, and her books include *Unpopular Privacy: What Must We Hide*, *Privacy Law and Society*, and *The New Ethics: A Guided Tour of the 21st Century Moral Landscape*. She was also Penn's Vice Provost for Faculty from 2013 to 2020.



**Alan Butler** is EPIC's Executive Director and serves *ex officio* as President of the EPIC Board of Directors. Mr. Butler joined EPIC in 2011 and served as Interim Executive Director during 2020. Prior to his appointment as Executive Director, Mr. Butler managed EPIC's litigation, including the Amicus Program, and filed briefs in emerging privacy and civil liberties cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and other appellate courts. Mr. Butler has argued on behalf of EPIC in privacy and open government cases in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, the Third Circuit, and the Supreme Courts of New Mexico and New Jersey. He is also Chair of the Privacy and Information Protection Committee of the ABA Section on Civil Rights and Social Justice.

EPIC recently held its 2021 Champions of Freedom Awards ceremony, which featured speeches from several members of the Board. A recording of the event can be found here:

<https://epic.org/nov3>

Under the leadership of these new officers and directors, EPIC looks forward to continuing its important work to promote transparency in government and protect privacy and civil liberties in the modern age.

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## **About EPIC**

The Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) is a nonpartisan, public interest research center in Washington, DC. EPIC was established in 1994 to focus public attention on emerging privacy and civil liberties issues and to protect privacy, freedom of expression, and democratic values in the information age. EPIC pursues a wide range of program activities including policy research, public education, conferences, litigation, publications, and advocacy. EPIC routinely files amicus briefs in federal courts, pursues open government cases, defends consumer privacy, organizes conferences for NGOs, and speaks before Congress and judicial organizations about emerging privacy and civil liberties issues. EPIC works closely with a distinguished advisory board, with expertise in law, technology and public policy.

## **References**

EPIC Board of Directors

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