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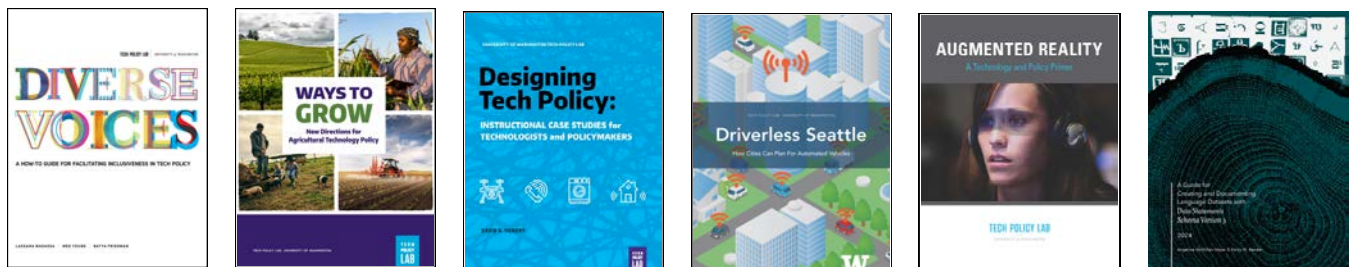
Who We Are

The Tech Policy Lab is a unique, interdisciplinary collaboration at the University of Washington that aims to enhance technology policy through research, education, and thought leadership. Founded in 2013 by faculty from the University's Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science & Engineering, Information School, and School of Law, the Lab aims to bridge the gap between technologists and policymakers and to help generate wiser, more inclusive tech policy.



Research and Engagement

The Lab engages in high-impact research on emerging technologies that has received accolades across the world. Our focus areas are policy tools, emerging technologies and contexts around how technologies are used and by whom. Through this research, we engage with myriad communities to powerfully leverage our resources and further the mission of developing wiser tech policy.



Top row, Lab papers on inclusive practice, materiality, AI and more. Top left, the “Diverse Voices” toolkit, integrates broad perspectives into the creation of tech policy and led to the incorporation of two principles preserving human touch and language access to the revised Washington State Access to Justice Technology Principles. Near right, Admiral Michael S. Rogers, then director of the NSA and commander of the U.S. Cyber Command, with Co-Director Emeritus Batya Friedman.



Above right, Co-Director Ryan Calo testifies before the U.S. Senate. At right, the Lab and the School of Law co-hosted the first of four White House public workshops on artificial intelligence held around the country.



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Our Leadership

Our Co-Directors are preeminent experts in their fields and are sought out by leaders in government, industry, civil society, academia, media, and partners across the globe for their opinions and innovations.



Aylin Caliskan, Information School: Caliskan received the National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development Award for her project titled “The Impact of Associations and Biases in Generative AI on Society.” She also was recognized as one of the 100 Brilliant Women in AI Ethics and honored with an IJCAI Early Career Spotlight.

Ryan Calo, School of Law: Calo’s research appears in leading law reviews and technical publications. He was No. 4 on a list of the “Most Cited Law & Technology Faculty in the U.S.” for 2019-2023. Calo has testified four times before the U.S. Senate and has organized events on behalf of the National Science Foundation, the National Academy of Sciences, and the Obama White House.



Batya Friedman, Information School (Emerita): Friedman is a pioneer in Value Sensitive Design, which “brings together theory, methods, and applications for a design process that engages human values at every stage” and has been adopted worldwide. In 2022, Friedman was named an ACM Fellow, a group noted for research that continues to shape technologies we use daily.

Tadayoshi Kohno, Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science & Engineering: Kohno is a recipient of the Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship, the U.S. National Science Foundation CAREER Award, the Technology Review TR-35 Young Innovator Award, and the Golden Goose Award. His work on adversarial machine learning was highlighted in an exhibit put on by the Museum of London in 2019.



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