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TITLE: Information Policy and Democratic Communications

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ABSTRACT

What happens when we democratize mass media, and render the production of cultural content open to all? How will the law and our societal information policy respond when individuals can participate in the production of expressive and communicative content without the involvement of intermediaries like newspapers, book publishers, radio stations, or television networks? How do we guarantee the flowering of individual creative content and improved public discourse, rather than spawning an anarchic media landscape of peer-to-peer file sharing, hate-filled websites, scofflaw spammers, and child pornographers? What are the new intermediaries going to look like? And what should our information policy look like in a communication environment that favors decentralization over traditional centralized forms

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dan Hunter

Assistant Professor of Legal Studies

PhD, University of Cambridge, 1999; LLM, University of Melbourne, 1996; LLB (Hons) Monash University, 1989; BS Monash University, 1987.

Research Areas

Cyberspace and Internet law; artificial intelligence and cognitive science models of law; electronic commerce regulation

Current Projects

Open source and Marxism; The social significance of peer-to-peer technologies.

Academic Positions Held

Wharton: 2000-present. *Previous appointments:* University of Melbourne, University of Cambridge, Deakin University. *Visiting appointments:* Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Career and Recent Professional Awards; Teaching Awards

Wharton Undergraduate Teaching Award, 2000; Fulbright Postgraduate Fellowship, 1995; Herchel Smith Research Fellowship in Intellectual Property Law, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, 1995.

Professional Leadership 2001-2005

World Intellectual Property Organization Domain Name Panelist, 2000-present; Executive Board Member, Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction, 1999-present

Representative Publications

(with G. Lastowka)

"Amateur-to-Amateur." *William and Mary Law Review* (forthcoming 2005).

(with G. Lastowka)

"The Laws of the Virtual Worlds." *California Law Review* (2003).

"ICANN and the Concept of Democratic Deficit." *Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review* (2003).

"Cyberspace as Place, and the Tragedy of the Digital Anticommons." *California Law Review* (2003).

"Philippic.com." *California Law Review* (2002).