

ROSS SCHULMAN

policy technologist

CONTACT



SUMMARY

Contributor to open source projects, including Matrix and IPFS. Deeply involved in decentralization movement: moderator of redentralize chat room, editor of redentralize monthly newsletter

TECH

Rust
Javascript & Typescript
IPFS & Hypercore

EXPERIENCE

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| 2022–Now | Electronic Frontier Foundation
Senior Fellow, Decentralization | Washington, DC |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Advising and educating teams across the organization on decentralization and its impacts on EFF priorities.– Researching and writing on legal and social impacts of decentralized social media.– Outreach and liason with decentralization developer community. | |
| 2015–2022 | New America's Open Technology Institute
Senior Counsel and Senior Policy Technologist | Washington, DC |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Built an institutional focus on decentralization and large platforms. Helped develop legal and policy tracks for Decentralized Web Summits and Camp. Designed Decentralization Space as a wrangler for two Mozilla Festivals.– Directed development of technical projects undertaken to support policy priorities, including broadband big-data analysis and visualization and Internet of Things cybersecurity testing.– Provided technical and policy advice across the organization to ensure that products are accurate and are informed by recent advances in technology. | |
| 2014–2015 | Google, Inc
Public Policy and Government Affairs Manager | Mountain View, CA |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Coordinated with security and product engineers and project managers to guide high-level long-term product decisions surrounding Google's approach to encryption.– Developed Google global public policy on cybersecurity, encryption, and surveillance. Coordinated security engineering, PR, legal, and global counterparts to manage crisis situations related to Google products.– Supported Chrome project managers on security, safe browsing, and unwanted software to advance product priorities. | |
| 2010–2014 | Computer and Communications Industry Association
Public Policy and Regulatory Counsel | Washington, DC |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Coordinated CCIA policy for more than 20 member companies on government surveillance and response to 2013 NSA revelations. Consulted with membership and wrote published material including blog posts, comments to various federal organizations, and press releases.– Worked with the diverse Digital Due Process Coalition (bipartisan group of companies, NGOs, academics) to achieve support from the majority of the House of Representatives for reform of the Electronic Communications Privacy Act.– Spoke publicly and wrote extensively on consumer privacy, children's privacy, government surveillance and the free flow of information. | |
| 2005–2007 | Center for Democracy & Technology | Washington, DC |

Program associate

- Managed widely-acclaimed industry coalition of 40 anti-spyware corporations, public interest groups, and legal clinics, which developed best practices and common definitions for the industry.
- Directed drafting of documents defining spyware, providing objective criteria for evaluation of spyware, and dictating industry best practices for anti-spyware manufacturers for international distribution.

VOLUNTEER

- Guardian (member of the Board of Directors), Matrix.org Foundation
- Co-founder, DC Mesh Community Network

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- U.S. House Energy & Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection
- Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati
- U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on the Constitution

EDUCATION

2010	Washington College of Law, American University Juris Doctor	Washington, DC
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Honors: Magna cum laude; Public Interest/Public Service Scholar (one of eight recipients of full-tuition scholarship focused on public interest law and academic excellence); International Law Review (Senior Staff).– Activities: ACLU Student Chapter (Founder); Legislation and Policy Brief (Staff Writer).	
2002	Brandeis University Bachelor of Arts, Computer Science	Waltham, MA