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FALL 2014 Newsletter

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# UNC Center for Media Law and Policy **NEWS&EVENTS**



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Welcome to a new year at the UNC Center for Media Law and Policy! The Center has some exciting [upcoming events](#) this season. Also, our Media Law Resources Center has a new page on Drone Journalism. Check out these resources and more on the Center's website, [medialaw.unc.edu](http://medialaw.unc.edu).

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## CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

### **M.A./J.D. Dual Degree in Mass Communication Law: Now accepting applications for Fall 2015!**

The School of Journalism and Mass Communication and School of Law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill offer a dual-degree program in mass communication law. The program is intended for students interested in pursuing graduate studies in law, journalism, and mass communication. For more information, visit the Center's website [for students](#).



### First Amendment Day 2014



UNC's 6th Annual First Amendment Day was a huge success! First Amendment Day is a series of events organized by the UNC Center for Media Law and Policy. This year, the campus-wide, day-long event involved Carolina students and community members reading banned books, singing controversial songs, and discussing the importance of the First Amendment in their lives.

Check out [First Amendment](#) and [First Freedoms](#), a social media overview of the day's events, created by @Zhainatyun on Storify. You can also read detailed descriptions of First Amendment Day on the [Center's website](#).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

# NET NEUTRALITY

## FIRST AMENDMENT ISSUES IN INTERNET REGULATION

### **FIRST AMENDMENT LAW REVIEW SYMPOSIUM**

Net Neutrality: First Amendment Issues in Internet Regulation

Friday, October 24, 2014 | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

*Wilson Library, Pleasants Family Room, Chapel Hill NC*

The Center for Media Law and Policy is partnering with the UNC First Amendment Law Review (FALR) and The American Constitution Society, for FALR's annual symposium on Friday, October 24, 2014. Net neutrality is the principle that all data on the Internet should be treated equally, not discriminating by user, content, website, or other modes of communication. The debate over net neutrality implicates First Amendment issues for both advocates and proponents of an "open internet."

Keynote speaker, Marvin Ammori, Future Tense Fellow, New America Foundation (<http://ammori.org/>) and other featured panelists will discuss the net neutrality and the First Amendment issues that must be addressed in the competition over internet control. Other featured speakers include:

- Dawn Nunziato, George Washington Law School
- James Grimmelman, University of Maryland Carey School of Law
- Stuart Benjamin, Duke University School of Law
- Kevin Werbach, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania
- Geoffrey Manne, The International Center for Law and Economics
- Sarah Morris, The New America Foundation
- Enrique Armijo, Elon University School of Law

Join the Center and FALR in the discussion by [registering for the Symposium](#) today.



### The Stuff That Keeps Me Up at Night: The Scary State of Civil Rights in North Carolina

Friday, October 31, 2014 | 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Marion A. Cowell, Jr. Boardroom (Room 5003), *UNC School of Law, Chapel Hill NC*

On Friday, October 31, 2014, the UNC Center for Media Law and Policy will host an interdisciplinary lunch open to faculty and graduate students from across the UNC

system. The topic will be, "The Stuff That Keeps Me Up at Night: The Scary State of Civil Rights in North Carolina," led by [Mark Dorosin](#), adjunct professor of law at the UNC School of Law and managing attorney of the UNC Center for Civil Rights. The North Carolina General Assembly has kept civil rights advocates in the state up at night for well over the past year. From rules designed to curb Moral Monday protests to new voter ID laws, both observers and the courts have had their hands full keeping up with the extraordinary pace of legislation designed to significantly alter long-held, well-established civil rights law and principles in North Carolina. A full event description and RSVP options are available on our [event page](#).

## OTHER CENTER EVENTS

### **THE PUBLIC INFORMATION FALLACY**

Monday, November 17, 2014

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

*Freedom Forum Conference Center, Chapel Hill NC*

A lecture by Dr. Woodrow Hartzog, who proposes five different ways to conceptualize public information. There are dramatic differences among these conceptualizations. Hartzog suggests that we must clarify the concept of public information within regulatory regimes and normative discourse for effective information policy, technological design, and social interaction.

Visit the Center's [Upcoming Events page](#) for more information.

## FROM OUR BLOG



### A UNC Student's Summer Experience at the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press

Kevin Delany, 3L at the University of North Carolina School of Law and a third-year master's student at the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication, shares his experience working with the Reporters Committee for the Freedom of the Press and his summer in Washington D.C. The Reporters Committee for the Freedom of the Press advocates on behalf of journalists' First Amendment rights.

### Public Records Online at open-nc.org

Margo Laneir, a student at the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication, gives an overview a project called [Open N.C.](#), created by UNC Professor Ryan Thornburg.

### Student to Publish in Hastings Comm/Ent Law Journal

P. Brooks Fuller, a second-year Ph.D. student and Roy H. Park Fellow in the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication, has had an article accepted for publication in the Hastings Communications and Entertainment Law Journal ([Comm/Ent](#)). The article, "Evaluating Intent in True Threats Cases: The Importance of Context in Analyzing Threatening Internet Messages," will appear in the Fall issue of Comm/Ent. Read more



about the article [here](#).

# RECENT MEDIA LAW NEWS



## National Cyber Security Awareness Month

### **October is National Cyber Security Security Awareness Month**

National Cyber Security Awareness Month is designed to educate the public and private sector about cybersecurity and protecting organizations from cyber attacks. The 11th Annual National Cyber Security Awareness Month is sponsored by the [Department of Homeland Security](#).

### **Judge Orders Release of Guantanamo Forced Feeding Videos**

Early this month, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia granted the motion of media organizations to intervene and to unseal video footage of forced feedings and forced cell extractions of a Guantanamo Bay prisoner on a long-term hunger strike. The U.S. Government was given a deadline of October 17, 2014 to release the video to the public. In [Dhiab v. Obama](#), the court used precedent to determine that the qualified right of access to judicial records extends to classified documents generated during habeas corpus proceedings. The court reasoned that accepting the Government's arguments would give the government sole discretion, not the court, to seal court documents.

### **Florida Supreme Court Says Warrant Required for Cell Phone Location Tracking**

In mid-October the Florida Supreme Court issued a [decision](#) requiring police in that state to obtain a warrant before engaging in cell phone tracking. The court held that failure to do so is a violation of the Fourth Amendment's protection against unreasonable government search. An ACLU study of public records revealed "widespread use" of Stingrays, cell phone tracking devices that discreetly forward real-time location and cell data to authorities. The court said that cell phone users have a "subjective expectation of privacy" in the cell phone location signals, even when used in public places.

# SPOTLIGHT

## MEDIA LAW & POLICY RESOURCE



### **Drone Journalism and the Law Resource Page**

Drones are used to capture compelling footage for news stories. In addition to news reporters, the average person can purchase a drone from Amazon for as little as \$50 and use it to access anyone's private property. With this in mind, courts and legal scholars are debating on the many legal issues surrounding the use of drones in our society. As a result, the Center of Media Law and Policy has created the [Drone Journalism and the Law](#) resource page in our [media law resources](#) section. The page features legal resources, social media updates, and news stories on drones in the journalism.

## **JOB CENTER HIGHLIGHTS**

[Electronic Frontier Foundation – Legal Internship](#)  
San Francisco, CA

[Berkman Center Fellowship Program](#)  
Cambridge, MA

[NBCUniversal - Counsel, Legal Affairs](#)  
New York, New York

[NPR - Assistant General Counsel](#)  
Washington, DC

For more listings, check out the [Media Law and Policy Jobs Center](#).

**About Us**

The UNC Center for Media Law and Policy is an interdisciplinary research center run jointly out of the UNC School of Law and UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication. The center serves as a forum for study and debate about the broad array of media law and policy issues facing North Carolina, the nation, and the world. The center's work ranges from the legal and policy issues affecting traditional media organizations to the challenges posed by new communication technologies, including social media, the Internet, and mobile technology, and the impact they are having on governments, on the economy, and on cultural and social values throughout the world.

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