

Evan Ringel

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Media and Communication

August 2024

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- Dissertation: Academic Freedom: A Mixed-Methods Examination of Law and Practice
- Committee: Dr. Amanda Reid (Chair), Dr. Allison Lazard, Dr. Tori Ekstrand, Professor Mary-Rose Papandrea, Professor William Marshall

J.D., Law

May 2021

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- Graduated with high honors
- Nominated to Order of the Coif legal honor society
- GPA: 3.75

M.A., Media and Communication

May 2021

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- Master's Thesis: The Regulation of Facial Recognition Technology and Potential First Amendment Concerns
- Committee: Dr. Amanda Reid, Dr. Tori Ekstrand, Professor Mary-Rose Papandrea

B.M., Music Performance (Jazz Trombone)

May 2016

University of North Carolina at Greensboro

- Graduated *cum laude*
- GPA: 3.68

ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Media Law

Fall 2024-present

Department of Communication, Appalachian State University

Instructor of Record

Summer 2022, Summer 2023, Summer 2024

MEJO 340: Introduction to Media Law (Journalism Focus)

Hussman School of Journalism and Media, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant to Dr. Amanda Reid

2019-2024

MEJO 341: Introduction to Media Law (Advertising/Public Relations Focus)

Hussman School of Journalism and Media, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Graduate Research Assistant to Professor David Ardia

2019-2020, 2024

Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Deb Aikat

2022

Hussman School of Journalism and Media, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Graduate Research Assistant

2017-2019

Center for Media Law and Policy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Intern, Security and Surveillance Team

Summer 2018

Graduate Research Assistant to Professor Mary-Rose Papandrea 2017-2018
School of Law, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Applied Jazz Trombone 2019-2022
College of Arts and Architecture, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Professional Musician, Look Homeward 2014-2022
Trombone, Fiddle, and Vocals

AWARDS AND HONORS

Top Faculty Paper, First Place 2025
Heesoo Jang, Amanda Reid, and **Evan Ringel** (*equal authorship*), *Beyond Innovation Diffusion Theory: Stakeholder Perspectives in News Coverage of Legal AI Adoption*
Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Southeast Colloquium, Law and Policy Division

Rubenstein Research Award 2024
Hussman School of Journalism and Media, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Top Faculty Paper, Second Place 2023
Evan Ringel, Tori Ekstrand, and Deborah Dwyer, *Public Education, Moral Panics, and First Amendment Values: A Case Study of Anti-Critical Race Theory Legislation*
Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Law and Policy Division

Top Faculty Paper, First Place 2022
Evan Ringel and Amanda Reid, *Regulating Facial Recognition Technology and the First Amendment*
Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Law and Policy Division

Media Law Fellow 2020-2024
Center for Media Law and Policy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Graduate Research Assistant 2020-2022
Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Roy H. Park Doctoral Fellowship 2021-2024
Hussman School of Journalism and Media, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

R. Michael Hoefges Endowed Scholarship 2021-2022, 2023-2024
Hussman School of Journalism and Media, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Graduate Affiliate 2020-2022
Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Order of the Coif 2021
National Legal Honor Society

Dual Degree Fellow 2020-2021
Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Roy H. Park M.A. Fellowship Hussman School of Journalism and Media, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2019-2020
Beverly Cooper Moore Scholarship Hussman School of Journalism and Media, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2018-2019
Merit Scholarship School of Law, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2017-2021

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Scholarly Publications

Clay Williams and **Evan Ringel**, *A Review of Anti-Drag Legislation and Its Implications for Drag Performers' Mental Health*, J. HOMOSEXUALITY (2025)

Amanda Reid, Lorcan Neill, and **Evan Ringel**, *Nerd Harder: A Typology of Techno-Legal Solutionist Logics in Child Online Safety Laws*, POLICY & INTERNET (forthcoming 2025)

Amanda Reid and **Evan Ringel**, *Digital Intermediaries & Transparency Reports as Strategic Communications*, 41 THE INFORMATION SOCIETY 91 (2025)

Jared Schroeder and **Evan Ringel**, *Transparency Reports and the Marketplace of Ideas*, in RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE LAW (Thaddeus Hoffmeister ed. 2025)

Alice Marwick, Jacob Smith, Belle Basnight, Dahlia Boyles, Margaret Donnelly, Stephanie Kaczynski, **Evan Ringel**, Sarah Whitmarsh & Carolina Yabase, *Child-Sacrificing Drag Queens: Historical Antecedents in Disinformative Narratives Supporting the Drag Queen Story Hour Moral Panic*, WOMEN'S STUDIES IN COMMUNICATION (2024)

Amanda Reid, **Evan Ringel**, and Shanetta Pendleton, *Transparency Reports as CSR Reports: Motives, Stakeholders, and Strategies*, 20 SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY JOURNAL 81 (2024)

Kate Johnson, **Evan Ringel**, and Amanda Reid, *License to Play: Regulating Location-Based Augmented Reality Gameplay on Public Property*, 57 GEORGIA LAW REVIEW 1551 (2023)

Evan Ringel and Amanda Reid, *Regulating Facial Recognition Technology and First Amendment Challenges*, 28 COMMUNICATION LAW & POLICY 3 (2023)

David S. Ardia and **Evan Ringel**, *First Amendment Limits on State Laws Targeting Election Misinformation*, 20 FIRST AMENDMENT LAW REVIEW 291 (2022)

David S. Ardia, **Evan Ringel**, and Allysan Scatterday, *State Regulation of Election-Related Speech in the U.S.: An Overview and Comparative Analysis*, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR MEDIA LAW AND POLICY LEGAL RESEARCH PAPER 1 (2021)

David S. Ardia, **Evan Ringel**, Tori Ekstrand, Ashley Fox, Kathryn Johnson, and Isabela Palmieri, *Addressing the Decline of Local News, Rise of Platforms, and Spread of Mis- and Disinformation Online: A Summary of Current Research and Policy Proposals*, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR MEDIA LAW AND POLICY LEGAL RESEARCH PAPER 1 (2020)

Oral Presentations (* indicates presenter)

<p>Heesoo Jang*, Amanda Reid, and Evan Ringel*, (<i>equal authorship</i>), <i>Beyond Innovation Diffusion Theory: Stakeholder Perspectives in News Coverage of Legal AI Adoption</i> 108th Annual Conference, Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Political Communication Division</p>	<p>August 2025</p>
<p>Clay Williams* and Evan Ringel*, <i>A Review of Anti-Drag Legislation and Its Implications for Drag Performers' Mental Health</i> 108th Annual Conference, Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Political Communication Division</p>	<p>August 2025</p>
<p>Heesoo Jang*, Amanda Reid, and Evan Ringel, (<i>equal authorship</i>), <i>The Future of Justice: A Computational Mixed-Method Approach to News Coverage of AI in the United States Legal System</i> 75th Annual Conference, International Communication Association, Law and Policy Division</p>	<p>June 2025</p>
<p>Heesoo Jang*, Amanda Reid, and Evan Ringel*, (<i>equal authorship</i>), <i>Beyond Innovation Diffusion Theory: Stakeholder Perspectives in News Coverage of Legal AI Adoption</i> 50th Annual Southeast Colloquium, Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Law and Policy Division</p>	<p>June 2025</p>
<p>Panelist, <i>Navigating Academic Freedom in a Restrictive DEI Policy Environment</i> 50th Annual Southeast Colloquium, Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Open Division</p>	<p>March 2025</p>
<p>Panelist, <i>The Undying Myths of the First Amendment</i> 50th Annual Southeast Colloquium, Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Law and Policy Division</p>	<p>March 2025</p>
<p>Evan Ringel*, <i>Special Concern? A Mixed-Methods Examination of the Tension between Legal and Practical Conceptions of Academic Freedom</i> Research and Creative Activity at Appalachian State</p>	<p>February 2025</p>
<p>Moderator, <i>Clashes on Campus – Student Protest & the First Amendment</i> First Amendment Day, Center for Media Law & Policy, UNC Center for Media Law and Policy</p>	<p>September 2024</p>
<p>Panelist, <i>New Adventures in Academic Freedom: Threats and Responses</i> 107th Annual Conference, Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Critical and Cultural Studies and Law and Policy Divisions</p>	<p>August 2024</p>
<p>Panelist, <i>I Think We Broke It: Rethinking the Concept of MORE Speech</i> 49th Annual Southeast Colloquium, Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Law and Policy Division</p>	<p>March 2024</p>
<p>Moderator, <i>The State of the First Amendment Professor: Joys, Challenges and How to Get by with Help from Your Colleagues in 2024</i> 49th Annual Southeast Colloquium, Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Law and Policy Division</p>	<p>March 2024</p>

Amanda Reid* and Evan Ringel , <i>Platforms as Private Governors & Transparency Reports as Legitimacy-Seeking Communications</i> The DSA and Platform Regulation Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands	February 2024
Evan Ringel* , Victoria Ekstrand*, and Deborah Dwyer, <i>Public Education, Moral Panics, and First Amendment Values: A Case Study of Anti-Critical Race Theory Legislation</i> 106 th Annual Conference, Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Law and Policy Division	August 2023
Noelle Wilson and Amanda Reid (presented by Evan Ringel*), <i>Data Controllers as Data Fiduciaries: Theory, Definitions, and Burdens of Proof</i> 106 th Annual Conference, Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Law and Policy Division	August 2023
Panelist, <i>Academic Freedom and Democracy: Struggles in Higher Education</i> 106 th Annual Conference, Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Critical and Cultural Studies and Law and Policy Divisions	August 2023
Evan Ringel* , Victoria Ekstrand*, and Deborah Dwyer, <i>Public Education, Moral Panics, and the Weaponization of First Amendment Values</i> Weaponization of Knowledge Conference, Tübingen, Germany	July 2023
Amanda Reid, Evan Ringel* , and Shanetta Pendleton, <i>Legitimacy, Purpose & Publics: A Content Analysis of Big Tech 'Transparency Reports'</i> 73 rd Annual Conference, International Communication Association, Communication and Technology Division	May 2023
Evan Ringel* , Deborah Dwyer, and Victoria Ekstrand*, <i>Critical Race Theory and the Weaponization of the First Amendment</i> Media Law and Policy Scholars Conference	January 2023
Amanda Reid* and Evan Ringel , <i>Look Who's Reporting Now: A Content Analysis of Big Tech's 2020 Transparency Reports</i> Trust and Safety Research Conference, Stanford University	September 2022
Evan Ringel* and Amanda Reid, <i>Regulating Facial Recognition Technology and the First Amendment</i> 105 th Annual Conference, Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Law and Policy Division	August 2022
Amanda Reid* and Evan Ringel* , <i>Look Who's Reporting Now: A Content Analysis of Big Tech's 2020 Transparency Reports</i> 105 th Annual Conference, Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Communication Technology Division	August 2022
Panelist, <i>Memory Laws, Critical Race Theory, and Academic Freedom</i> 105 th Annual Conference, Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Critical and Cultural Studies and Law and Policy Divisions	August 2022
Panelist, <i>Content Moderation and Election-Related Speech</i> First Amendment Law Review Symposium	January 2022

Panelist, *Exploring the Ethical and Legal Implications of Facial Recognition Technology* April 2021
Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Law and Policy
and Ethics Divisions

Guest Lectures/Training Sessions

**Know your rights: Access and First Amendment protections for
campus reporters** February 22, 2025
North Carolina College Media Association

**North Carolina's "Parents' Bill of Rights" and Implications for High School
Teachers** September 23, 2023
North Carolina Scholastic Media Association

Section 230, SLAPP Suits, and Introduction to Privacy March 22, 2023
MEJO 341: Introduction to Media Law, Hussman School of Journalism and Media,
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Taught by Dr. Amanda Reid.

Defamation and Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress October 19, 2021
MEJO 341: Introduction to Media Law, Hussman School of Journalism and Media,
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Taught by Dr. Amanda Reid.

Media Appearances/Public-Facing Scholarship

**Evan Ringel, *In 2025, journalists must negotiate a climate of legal uncertainty:
'All ideological spectrums are vulnerable,'*** DONALD W. REYNOLDS JOURNALISM
INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI January 29, 2025

Interviewed on campus speech and the First Amendment, *BBC Newshour* April 30, 2024
British Broadcasting Company

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, International Communication Association 2023-Present

Member, Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication 2022-present

Member, North Carolina Bar Association 2021-present

Member, 18th Judicial District of North Carolina Bar Association 2021-present

SERVICE

Conference Reviewer, Great Ideas for Teaching Division 2025
Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication

Member, Daily Tar Heel Board of Directors 2023-2024
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Graduate Advisor, Democracygram Challenge 2023
Zietlow Civic Engagement Initiative, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Academic Reviewer, The Information Society The Information Society Journal	2023
Conference Reviewer, Graduate Student Interest Group Association of Education in Journalism and Mass Communication	2023
Moderator, Admitted Ph.D. Student Life Panel	2022-2023
Member, Admitted Ph.D. Student Planning Committee Hussman School of Journalism and Media, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2022
Member, Daily Tar Heel Editor-in-Chief Selection Committee University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2021, 2024
Volunteer, Love Hope Strength Foundation Two-time bone marrow donor, used position as musician to speak at concerts/record promotional material	2014-2020