Biographies

Michael W. Carroll, Professor of Law and Director, Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property at American University, Washington College of Law

Michael W. Carroll joined the WCL faculty in 2009 after visiting during the 2008-09 academic year. He previously was a member of the faculty of the Villanova University School of Law. He teaches and writes about intellectual property law and cyberlaw.

Prior to entering the academy, he served as a law clerk to Judge Judith W. Rogers, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, and Judge Joyce Hens Green, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. He practiced law at Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering in Washington, D.C. He is a graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center and the University of Chicago.

Professor Carroll's research focuses on the search for balance in intellectual property law over time in the face of challenges posed by new technologies. He is a founding member of Creative Commons, Inc., a global organization that provides free, standardized copyright licenses to enable and to encourage legal sharing of creative and other copyrighted works. He also is on the sub-group of Board Members who advise the organization's Science Commons division and its education division, ccLearn.

Anil Dash, Founding Director, Expert Labs

Anil Dash is an entrepreneur, technologist and writer acknowledged as a "blogging pioneer" by the New Yorker for having started his site Dashes.com in 1999 as one of the earliest and most influential blogs on the Internet. Today his work focuses on applying the pioneering techniques and technologies of the startup world in order to transform major institutions in society and culture.

Dash is cofounder of Activate, a strategy consulting firm which helps the world's major media and technology companies reinvent their businesses, and cofounder and CEO of ThinkUp, a new startup which helps make more meaningful connections in social networks. Dash also has a monthly column in Wired magazine which explores the intersection of consumers and technology companies. In addition, Dash is an active advisor to several of the most prominent and innovative technology startups and non-profit organizations.

Dash is a member of the board of the popular question-and-answer site Stack Exchange and sits on the board of the New York Tech Meetup which serves as the political and social hub for the New York technology community.

Bram van der Werf, MSc, Executive Director, Open Planets Foundation

Bram is executive director of the Open Planets Foundation (OPF). OPF has been established to provide practical solutions and expertise in digital preservation. Before this he was Technical Director at Europeana responsible for moving it from a project and prototype basis to a robust production quality service. Prior to his appointment at Europeana he was a management consultant expert/advisor on Software Development Best Practices for Open Source and Collaborative Technologies. He has previously held Director and Senior Management positions in the Software and Services Industry with companies such as Rational Software, Progress Software and IBM Application Management Services. Bram has many years experience in managing large scale projects and organizations on the edge of users, technology practitioners, and in implementing state of the art technologies. Bram has an MSc Total Quality Management.

David Weinberger, Senior Researcher, Berkman Center, Harvard University

The Wall Street Journal called him a "marketing guru." He's the co-author of The Cluetrain Manifesto, the bestseller that cut through the hype and told business what the Web was really about. His next book, Small Pieces Loosely Joined has been published to rave reviews hailing it as the first book to put the Internet in its deepest context. His previous book, Everything Is Miscellaneous: The Power of the New Digital Disorder, which has been called "an instant classic", explains how the new rules for organizing ideas and information are transforming business and culture. He's been a frequent commentator on National Public Radio's All Things Considered. He's written for the "Fortune 500" of business and tech journals, including The New York Times, Harvard Business Review, The Miami Herald, The Boston Globe, USA Today, The Guardian, and Wired. Journalists from The New York Times, Newsweek, The Boston Globe, The Los Angeles Times, InformationWeek, The Economist, Foreign Policy, the Wall Street Journal and many more turn to him for insight. He is a columnist for Knowledge Management World and has been a columnist for il sole 24 ore. He writes a well-known weblog, Joho the Blog. He has a Ph.D. in philosophy and is a Senior Researcher at the prestigious Harvard Berkman Center for Internet & Society and is Co-Director of the Harvard Library Innovation Lab, and was a Franklin Fellow at the United States State Department (2010-12).