

NAJARIAN R. PETERS

Associate Professor of Law

University of Kansas School of Law • 1535 West 15th Street, Lawrence, Kansas 66045

najarian.peters@ku.edu • npeters@cyber.harvard.edu

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, KS — Associate Professor of Law (2020–present)

Courses taught: Torts; Privacy Law; The Practice of Privacy Law; AI Governance and Privacy; AI Governance, Policy and Law; and Marginalized Bodies in Literature, Medicine, and the Law

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA — Faculty Associate, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society (2019–present)

Seton Hall Law School, Newark, NJ — Inaugural Faculty Fellow and Assistant Professor, Institute for Privacy Protection (2017–2020)

EDUCATION

Notre Dame Law School, South Bend, IN — Juris Doctor

Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans, LA — Bachelor of Arts

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Torts; Professional Responsibility; Administrative Law; Contracts; Privacy; AI Governance, Policy and Law; Family Law; and Health Law and Compliance

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

- KU IRISE Faculty Fellow (2025–present)
- KU H.O.P.E. Teaching Award (nominated 2025)
- AI Governance Inaugural Fellow, Center for Cyber-Social Dynamics (2025–present)
- Global Home Education Conference Grant, Manchester, UK (2024)
- Linda D. Ferrell and Richard C. Tombari Honors Faculty Fellowship (2023–2026)
- Kansas African Studies Center Travel Grant, University of Kansas (2023)
- The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and Hall Center for the Humanities Grant, The Global Humanities Institute: Chronic Conditions — Childhood and Social Suffering in Global Africa, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (2022)
- Center for Teaching Excellence Grant, Course Redesign for Marginalized Bodies in Literature, Medicine, and Law (2021–2022)
- Harambee II Conference Grant: Black Home Education Researchers, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, Georgia (2022)
- Rotating Co-PI, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, University of Kansas Hall Center for the Humanities, Stories for All: The Jurisprudence and Child Privacy Praxis of Black and Native Home Education (2020–2024)
- Faculty Associate, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society, Harvard University (2019–present)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Kansas Personal Injury Law, LexisNexis, 1st ed. (2024)
- Kansas Personal Injury Law, LexisNexis, 2nd ed. (2026)
- Kansas Personal Injury Law, LexisNexis, 3rd ed. (forthcoming 2027)

Articles

- Racial Privacy I: The Quest for Whiteness by European Immigrants in America, 23 UC L. SF Race & Econ. Just. L.J. 183 (2026)
- Racial Privacy II: The Quest for Whiteness by Law-Denied, 48 N.C. Cent. L. Rev. (2026)
- School Choice Means Curricular Choice: Education Savings Accounts and the Right to Privacy in Home Education, 36 S. Cal. Interdisc. L.J. (2026)
- The Presumption of School Choice (with Timberly Baker, Ph.D.), S.U. J. Race, Gender & Poverty, Special Ed. XVII (2026)
- The Golem in the Machine: FERPA, Dirty Data, and Digital Distortion in the Education Record, 78:5 Wash. & Lee L. Rev.
 - Cited by:
 - Anita L. Allen & Christine Muhawe, Is Privacy Really a Civil Right?, 40 Berkeley Tech. L.J. 1 (2025)
 - Daniel Solove, Information Privacy Law (casebook), Aspen Publishing (2023)
 - Fatima Gamal, The Private Life of Education, 75 Stan. L. Rev. 1315 (2023)
 - Sameer Patel, Transinstitutional Policing, 137 Harv. L. Rev. 808 (2023)
 - Cristina D. Galatanu, The Paradigm Change: From Confidentiality to Collaborative Learning, IEEE EPEi Conference (Oct. 2024)
 - Elana Rips, The Collateral Consequences of School Disciplinary Records, Mich. St. L. Rev. 175 (2024)
 - Elana Zeide, Student Privacy's Student Neglect: Toward a Student-Centric Paradigm, 93 Geo. Wash. L. Rev. 535 (2025)
- The Right to Be and Become: Black Home-Educators as Child Privacy Protectors, 25.1 Mich. J. Race & L. (2020) — cited and discussed by Cheryl Fields-Smith as the foundation for her educational justice framework in *Creating Educational Justice: Learning From Black Home Education*, Harvard Education Press (2024)
 - Cited by:
 - John Fabian Witt, Garland's Million; or, the Tragedy and Triumph of Legal History, 40(1) Law & Hist. Rev. 123 (2022)
 - Brea M. Erby, Surviving the Jim Crow South: “The Talk” as an African American Rhetorical Form, 24(1) J. Hist. Rhetoric 24 (2021)
 - Allen Rostron, Constitutional Issues in Family Law: An Annotated Bibliography (Part 2 of 2), 35 J. Am. Acad. Matrim. Law. 773 (2022)
 - Danielle Wingfield, Pathways to Liberty: What Colonial, Antebellum, and Postbellum Education Can Teach Us About Today, 32 Wm. & Mary Bill Rts. J. 377 (2023)
 - Tehia Dowie-Chin, LaWanda Haynes-Thoby, Chayla Coleman-King & Tabitha Brown, Reimagining Academia: Lessons From Black M(other) Scholars During Our Duel With the Dual Pandemics, 3(2) J. Afr. Am. Women & Girls Educ. 49 (2023)
 - Cheryl Fields-Smith & Timberly L. Baker, Centering the Lived Experiences of Rural Black Homeschool Families, 46(3) Thresholds in Educ. 399 (2023)

- Candice Carter & Emily Milne, Black Home Education and the Politics of State Power: Navigating Policy Enforcement and Racialized Regulation, 24(1) Taboo: J. Culture & Educ. (2026)
- Racial Intrusion Upon Seclusion in the Great Outdoors (with Catherine Smith) (work in progress)
- After Mahmoud v. Taylor I: Parental Decision-Making and Curricular Choice (work in progress)
- After Mahmoud v. Taylor II: Automated Parental Decision-Making and Curricular Choice (work in progress)
- Racial Privacy Part III: A Taxonomy of Passing Praxes (work in progress)
- Louisiana, A Battlefield for Racial Privacy: Colonial Karens and the Tignon Law of 1786 to Naomi Drake, 1949–1965 (work in progress)

Essays

- Black Data Traditions and the Praxis of Childhood Preservation and Anti-Subordination in Child Education in the USA and UK, in Education Data Futures: Critical, Regulatory, and Practical Reflections (Sonia Livingstone & Kruakae Pothong eds., 5Rights Foundation 2022)
- Parallel Pandemics: The American Problem of Anti-Enforcement, Rational Distrust and COVID-19 (Symposium Essay), 52 Seton Hall L. Rev. (2021)
- The Soft Shoe and Shuffle of Law School Hiring Committee Practices, 69 UCLA L. Rev. Disc. (2021)

SELECT MEDIA

- Gloria Oladipo, Black Home Schoolers Push Back Against Racist, Unregulated Curricula: ‘They Called Slavery Immigration,’ The Guardian (2025)
- There's Not One Law That You Can Think of That Controls a Man's Body: Black Women Legal Scholars Sound Off on What Overturning the Constitutionally Protected Right to Abortion Means, The Emancipator (2022)
- Jake Holland, Accellion Breach Highlights Need for Law Firms to Vet Vendors, Bloomberg Law (2021)
- Christina Greer, Homeschooling, Amsterdam News (2021)
- Noah Taborda, ‘Rational Distrust’ of Health System Spurs COVID-19 Racial Disparities, KU Associate Professor Says, Kansas Reflector (2021)
- Drew Harwell, New School Lesson Plan: Surviving the Internet, Washington Post (2018)
- Educating Students and Parents About Privacy and Technology Overuse, Common Sense Media / edWeb.net (2018)

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

- Racial Intrusion Upon Seclusion, Lutie Lytle Conference and Writing Retreat (June 2026)
- Commenter, From Transparency to Product Safety: Reconceptualizing Privacy in the Age of Artificial Intelligence, by Stacy-Ann Elvy (UCLA), Lutie Lytle Conference and Writing Retreat (June 2026)
- AI + Democracy Weekend, William & Mary Law School (Spring 2026, invited)
- School Choice and Home Education in the Age of Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence, with David Tamez, Ph.D. (University of Kansas), International School Choice and Reform Conference, Rome, Italy (January 2026)
- Philosophies of Black Home Education, with Cheryl Fields-Smith, Ph.D. (University of Georgia) and Timberly Baker, Ph.D. (Arkansas State University), International School Choice and Reform Conference, Rome, Italy (January 2026)
- The Right of Passage: Racial Privacy and the Quest for Whiteness, Langston Midwest Writing Workshop, Washington University School of Law (October 2025, invited)

- Teaching Information Privacy, TeachPrivacy, with Daniel Solove (2024)
- Passing Power: The American Tradition of Racial and Ethnic Privacy, Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop and Writing Retreat, Duke Law (2024)
- Passing Power: The American Tradition of Racial and Ethnic Privacy, Georgia State University College of Law (2024)
- AI and Ethics, Law and the Media Conference, Kansas City, Missouri (2024)
- Historical Fact, Whiteness, and the Challenge to Preserve Our Democracy, Wellness in Our Democracy Program, University of Kansas (2024)
- Education for Freedom Praxis: The Enduring Significance for Black Home Education, International School Choice and Reform Conference, Madrid, Spain (2024)
- Octavia Butler and Democracy in the US, Wellness in Our Democracy, University of Kansas (2024)
- Environmental Justice and Climate Change: Ogallala Aquifer, Wellness in Our Democracy, University of Kansas (2024)
- Misinformation, Disinformation, and the Threats of Extremism & Domestic Terrorism, Wellness in Our Democracy, University of Kansas (2023)
- Misinformation, Disinformation, and Understanding Climate Change, Wellness in Our Democracy, University of Kansas (2023)
- Historical Foundations of Misinformation & Disinformation Across Gender and Native Communities, Wellness in Our Democracy, University of Kansas (2023)
- Honors Program Panel, University of Kansas (2023)
- KU Honors Signature Alumni Event, Co-Host (2023)
- Marronage and Modernity: Privacy, Technology, and Black Liberation, Chapters Three and Four, Slavery Past, Present, and Future, 7th Global Meeting, Webster University, Accra, Ghana (2023)
- Marronage and Modernity: Privacy, Technology, and Black Liberation, Chapters Three and Four, 17th Annual Lutie Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop and Writing Retreat (2023)
- Fixing Student & Child Privacy Laws: Practical Solutions (2023)
- Passing Power: The American Tradition of Racial and Ethnic Privacy, Privacy Law Scholars Conference, University of Colorado School of Law (2023)
- Marronage and Modernity: Privacy, Technology, and Black Liberation, Chapters Three and Four, University of Nebraska College of Law Faculty Colloquium (2023)
- Artificial Intelligence and Ethics CLE, Joseph Hollander & Craft (2023)
- Privacy and Privacy Law, Self Fellows Lecture, University of Kansas (2022)
- Misinformation, Disinformation, and the Need for Local Journalism, Wellness in Our Democracy, University of Kansas (2022)
- Historical Foundations: W.E.B. Du Bois's Approach to Misinformation & Disinformation, Wellness in Our Democracy, University of Kansas (2022)
- Historical Foundations of Misinformation & Disinformation, Wellness in Our Democracy, University of Kansas (2022)
- The Threats of Misinformation and Disinformation, Wellness in Our Democracy, University of Kansas (2022)
- Radical Self-Care, The Commons, Spotlight on Care Series, University of Kansas (2022)
- Foundations of Law as a Social Determinant of Health and Legal History, Parts I–III, Marginalized Bodies in the Law Lecture Series, University of Kansas (2022)

- Citizenship, Dignity, and Bodily Security, Marginalized Bodies in the Law Lecture Series, University of Kansas (2022)
- Legal Foundations: Class, Race, and Other-Based Disparities, Marginalized Bodies in the Law Lecture Series, University of Kansas (2022)
- Eugenics and Disability, Marginalized Bodies in the Law Lecture Series, University of Kansas (2022)
- Women and U.S. Healthcare, Marginalized Bodies in the Law Lecture Series, University of Kansas (2022)
- Phenotype, Blood Quantum, Transgender Identity & the Law, Marginalized Bodies in the Law Lecture Series, University of Kansas (2022)
- Medical Debacles from Experimentation to the Plague, Marginalized Bodies in the Law Lecture Series, University of Kansas (2022)
- Anti-Asian Sentiment & Health, Marginalized Bodies in the Law Lecture Series, University of Kansas (2022)
- Introductory Remarks, PrivacyPraxis Conference, University of Kansas (2022)
- The Golem in the Machine: FERPA, Dirty Data, and Digital Distortion in the Education Record, University of Kansas Hall Center for the Humanities (2021)
- Parallel Pandemics and Rational Distrust, Guest Lecture, Marginalized Bodies & Medicine in Literature, University of Kansas Department of English (2021)
- The Urgency of Radical Self-Care, University of Kansas Center for Teaching Excellence Learning Community (2021)
- The Golem in the Machine: FERPA, Dirty Data, and Digital Distortion in the Education Record, Drake University Law School (2021)
- Comparative Digital Privacy Seminar, Guest Lecture, Harvard Law School (March 2021)
- Inaugural Virtual Privacy Praxis Conference, Creator and Convener, University of Kansas School of Law (2021)
- Privacy Law Opportunities, University of Kansas School of Law (2021)
- The Golem in the Machine: FERPA, Dirty Data, and Digital Distortion in the Education Record, University of Missouri School of Law (2020)
- The Golem in the Machine: FERPA, Dirty Data, and Digital Distortion in the Education Record, Washington and Lee School of Law (2020)
- Regulatory Regimes: How the EU and U.S. Approach the Regulation of Privacy, Healthcare, and Artificial Intelligence, Seton Hall Law Review Symposium (2020)
- First Meditation: Radical Self-Care as Anti-Fragility / Past Is Present, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society, Harvard Law School (2020)

Presentations Prior to Appointment at KU Law

- Engaging Community Trust Through Policy Prototyping, Let's Talk About Privacy Webinar Series, MIT Media Lab / Center for Civic Media (2020)
- Blockchain, Cannabis, and Privacy, Webinar, International Cannabis Bar Association (2020)
- Blockchain, Cannabis, and Fintech, Webinar, International Cannabis Bar Association (2020)
- The Right to Be and Become: Black Home-Educators as Child Privacy Protectors, University of Kansas School of Law (2019)
- Child Privacy and Artificial Intelligence, Gamm Symposium, Tulane University Law School (2019)
- Child Privacy and Artificial Intelligence, Second Istanbul Privacy Symposium: Law, Ethics, and Technology, Istanbul Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey (2019)
- Black Parents as Child Privacy Protectors, Lutie Lytle Conference and Writing Retreat (2019)

- Black Parents as Child Privacy Protectors, Privacy Law Scholars Conference (2019)
- Black Parents and Child Privacy Protection, 4th National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference (2019)
- General Data Protection Regulation and Blockchain, NJICLE Corporate Counsel Institute Panel on AI (2019)
- What Life Sciences Companies Need to Know About Employee Use of Social Media, Porzio Compliance Forum, Seton Hall Law School (2018)
- African American Homeschooling: Parental Protection of Child Privacy and Personhood, Lutie Lytle Conference and Writing Retreat (2018)
- Artificial Intelligence and the Law, Future of AI, Seton Hall Law Conference (2018)
- TMI: The Privacy Risk of Social Media Addiction, Institute for Privacy Protection School Outreach Program (2017)
- DSRIP-NY and Telehealth, Panasonic North America, Health and Wellness Business Unit (2016)
- Patient Privacy and Telehealth, Panasonic North America, Health and Wellness Business Unit (2015)
- HIPAA & Patient Privacy Protection, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (2012)
- Stanford v. Roche: Getting Our Contracts Right, Compliance Committee, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (2011)
- Fair Market Value Analysis Under Stark and Anti-Kickback, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (2009)
- Cultural Competencies: Physicians and Compliance Administrators, Research Compliance, Weill Cornell Medical School (2008)
- A Poisoned Gift? Primary Healthcare and Dependency in Post-Apartheid South Africa, Alliance for International Minority Scholars Conference, Atlanta, Georgia (Summer 2003)
- Monetary Policy and Dollarization in Nicaragua and Cuba, Study Abroad Student Conference, Xavier University of Louisiana (2002)
- I Hear You, Do You Hear Me: Community Health Needs, Social Capital, and Communication in Post-Apartheid South Africa, Valley Trust, Bothas Hills, South Africa (2001)

SERVICE

University of Kansas — University-Wide

- Chair, Faculty Research Committee (2025–2026); Member (2024–2026)
- Chair, Faculty Compensation Committee (2025–2026)
- Institute for Information Science Strategic Research Forum (2024–present)
- Faculty Senate, term through 2028
- Judicial Board (2023–2026)
- Ongoing wellness advising to undergraduate honors students, 2021–present
- Ongoing wellness advising of minoritized students who have experienced barriers to belonging in the undergraduate honors program (2023–present)

University of Kansas — Law School

- Spearheaded development of a transparent publication of KU Law faculty research and teaching awards (2022–present)
- Faculty Advisor, Knights and Bishops (Law School Chess Club) (2024–present)
- Research Assistant Advisor (2021–present)

- Faculty Advisor, Privacy and Cybersecurity Law Student Organization (2021–2022)
- SJD Dissertation Committee Member: Abdulrahman Khalaf Almutlaq, The National Security Exception in GATT Article XXI: A Comparative Jurisprudential Approach to Its Interpretation (2022)
- SJD Dissertation Committee Member: Osama Deajim, Towards Effective Bilingual Contracts in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (2022)
- Library Committee, 2023–present
- Faculty Workshops and Lectureships Committee (2020–present)
- Spearheaded partnership between Career Services, the Dean's Office, and students to fund International Association of Privacy Professionals certifications for students (2021)
- Facilitated informal wellness and restorative yoga (breathwork and meditation) practices for the Black Law Students Association during the 2020–2021 period of social unrest
- Ongoing wellness advising to law students (2020–present)
- Weekly and weekend law student pomodoro sessions to strengthen case-law reading comprehension and legal analysis skills (2022–present)

Professional Service Outside the University

- Board Member, Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities Committee on AI in Higher Education (2022–2024)
- Member, Mis/Disinformation Work Group, Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society, Harvard University (2022–2023)
- Member, Association of American Law Schools, Defamation and Privacy Section (2021–present)
- Executive Committee Member, Association of American Law Schools, Balance & Well-Being in Legal Education Section (2021–2023)
- Executive Committee Member, Association of American Law Schools, Children and the Law Section (2020–present)
- Executive Board Member, Green Aid (2019–2023)
- Advisory Board Member, Let's Talk About Privacy, MIT Media Lab / Center for Civic Media (2019–2023)
- Member and Advisor, Lutie Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Workshop (2018–present)
- Pro Bono Work: Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program (2018–present)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Self-Employment, Remote — Healthcare and Privacy Compliance Consultant (2014–present)

Panasonic North America, Newark, NJ — Compliance Manager, Health & Wellness Solutions Business Unit (2015–2017)

National Healthcare Associates (NHCA), Long Island, NY — Chief Compliance/Privacy Officer and Risk Manager (2013–2014)

Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences, New Brunswick, NJ — Senior Compliance and HIPAA Privacy Officer, Office of Ethics, Compliance and Corporate Integrity (2009–2013)

Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY — Research Compliance Senior Auditor/Specialist, Office of Research Compliance (2007–2009)

Capital Area Human Services Mental Healthcare District, Baton Rouge, LA — Compliance Coordinator/Policy Analyst (2006–2007)

Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, Lake Charles, LA — Emergency Room Coordinator/Insurance Compliance Reviewer (2002–2003)

BAR ADMISSION

New Jersey