

Lawyer and advocate. I help teams mix politics, messaging, and law to build power and make change. Twenty years leading small, nimble teams against concentrated power - in tech, labour, and national security.

EXPERIENCE

Future of Tech Institute & Meliore Foundation - Director

Jan 2026 - present

Interim from Sept 2025; permanent from Jan 2026

- Direct the Future of Tech Institute, a think/do tank building a fairer and more resilient tech future, and a wider tech and society programme at the Meliore Foundation.
- Set strategy and lead a growing team; own funder relationships across a multi-foundation portfolio.
- Advocate directly with European vice-presidents and cabinets, publishers, and trade groups on tech market power.
- Convene European antimonopoly organisations and allied civic actors to loosen monopoly control of critical technologies.
- Regular commentary in Project Syndicate, Politico Europe, Le Monde, and Le Grand Continent; speaker at public events on tech power and democracy.

Future of Tech Institute - Senior Fellow

Sept 2024 - Sept 2025

- Designed and led FOTT's market power strategy as a fellowship project, in partnership with the Open Markets Institute.
- Worked with Club de Madrid, Nobel laureates, and a coalition of civil-society organisations to build the public case for a European breakup of Google.

Independent strategy consultant

Sept 2024 - Sept 2025

- Drafted a new strategy on concentrated market power in tech for a consortium of major philanthropies.
- Advised organisations large and small on strategy, messaging, and the use of law to build power.

Foxglove, London - Co-founder and Director

June 2019 - Sept 2024

Co-led political strategy and served as chief spokesperson. Built Foxglove from a concept note into a reference NGO in tech-justice litigation: 12 staff and core consultants, c.£1.5m budget.

- Won the UK's first two lawsuits against biased state algorithms, on visas (*JCWI v Home Office*) and student grading (*Parfitt-Ford v Ofqual*).
- With co-counsel Mercy Mutemi in Kenya, secured the first judgment globally holding Facebook responsible as the "true employer" of its outsourced content moderators (*Motaung & ors v Meta*).
- Filed a \$2bn claim against Meta over viral hate that fuelled killings in the Ethiopian war, seeking reform of Facebook's algorithm; approved to proceed over Meta's objections (*Tekle and Meareg & ors v Meta*).
- Built a cross-party coalition that stopped 55m NHS health records flowing into a new state database without consent; litigated and campaigned against Palantir's expanded NHS role.
- Pushed UK and EU antitrust authorities to act: coalition submissions on Amazon's abandoned iRobot purchase and Microsoft's roll-ups of OpenAI and other AI firms.

- Profiled in the Observer, the Times, the Wall Street Journal, and Politico, and in a chapter of Madhumita Murgia's *Code Dependent*.

Consultant, presenter, and writer

July 2016 - June 2019

- Presented the feature-length documentary *The World According to AI*, Al Jazeera English, 2019.
- Lead consultant on Amnesty International's *Surveillance Giants* report, 2019. Writing for the Atlantic and the New Republic on drones and intelligence oversight.

Reprieve, London - Strategic Director, Senior Counsel, Staff Attorney

2006 - June 2018

Harvard Human Rights Fellow, 2006-07. Directed counter-terrorism strategy for seven years, leading ten lawyers and investigators in London and twelve more across the US, Yemen, Tunisia, and Pakistan.

- Won an apology from the UK Prime Minister for the rendition of a Libyan dissident and his pregnant wife to Gaddafi; led strategy, investigation, advocacy, and press. Led and settled a second CIA kidnap case for £2.2m.
- Persuaded the Obama White House to compensate survivors of drone attacks in Yemen; investigated strikes in Yemen and Pakistan.
- Devised and managed the first successful case against the UK security services in the Investigatory Powers Tribunal.
- Guantánamo litigation: Reprieve secured the release of almost 80 detainees, more than any other NGO or firm, and roughly a tenth of the camp's total population.

AFFILIATIONS AND HONOURS

- Honorary Professor of Practice, University College London Faculty of Laws
- Senior Fellow, Open Markets Institute
- Advisory Council, Foxglove
- Gary Bellow Award, Harvard Law School's prize for public service by a graduate

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School - J.D., *cum laude*. University Human Rights Fellow; Irving R. Kaufman Fellow. 2006

University of Texas - B.A. with highest honours, History / Plan II. Normandy Scholar; Churchill Scholar; Phi Beta Kappa. 2003

QUALIFICATIONS AND INTERESTS

Dual US-UK national. Admitted to practice law in New York. Held US Secret clearance for a decade, with extensive experience handling classified intelligence. Intermediate Spanish, working French, limited Arabic. Sailing, scuba, and walking the Western Highlands of Scotland.