

Curriculum Vitae

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EXPERIENCE

Fellow, Berkman Center for Internet & Society, Harvard University, 2010 –

Lecturer in Law, Boston University School of Law, 2004 –

Visiting Professor, Bowdoin College, Economics, Spring 2005

Visiting Scholar, MIT Sloan School of Management, 2002-3

Editor, *Technological Innovation and Intellectual Property*, 2002-8

Director and Founder, Research on Innovation, 1998-

Consultant, 1994-6

CEO, Bestinfo Division, Intergraph Corporation, 1993-4

Founder, CEO, Chairman, Bestinfo, 1983-1993 (developed first WYSIWYG desktop publishing program)

EDUCATION

A.B. Harvard College, 1972; Graduate courses in economics

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

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