

About Us

digital HKS is an initiative at Harvard Kennedy School committed to teaching public leaders how to understand the relationship between technology, data, and the public interest by teaching public leaders to understand how to design, build, and engage with digital technologies as they relate to civic participation, governance, and accountability. We achieve this through courses, research, and programs.

digital HKS explores digital technology and the public interest by focusing on areas such as:

- ✓ Digital service delivery
- ✓ Product management
- ✓ Governance of government tech
- ✓ Digital inclusion and equity
- ✓ Government as a platform
- ✓ Design and user experience
- ✓ Open data
- ✓ Data standards and ethics

Digital technology and agile methodologies offer tremendous opportunities for governments to resolve difficult social problems. These opportunities include providing core services more efficiently and reimagining how governments could be structured around core government platforms. It is essential that public leaders possess ethical, managerial, and policy frameworks to help them make decisions.

Our goals:

- Increase HKS's ability to adapt to the changing digital tech in government landscape
- Increase the faculty's ability to integrate digital technology topics into courses
- Increase the student capacity to engage with and understand digital topics
- Increase and amplify awareness of HKS's approach to digital tech in government

Our faculty:

David Eaves, *Lecturer in Public Policy*
Kathy Pham, *Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy*
Nick Sinai, *Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy*

Dana Chisnell, *Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy*
Bruce Schneier, *Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy*
James Waldo, *CTO SEAS and Professor of Practice*

Our fellows:

Kathy Pham, *product management in government*
Yaso Córdoba, *data governance & misinformation*
Caroline Sindera, *data feminism and platform trust*
Zara Rahman, *western tech & the global context*

Richard Pope, *government as a platform*
Beatrice Martini, *internet protocols and policy*
Jenn Gustetic, *future of work in government*
Nadia Eghbal, *economic models for open source*

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