

# Current Topics in Privacy Seminar

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## Privacy Story Time: Explaining Privacy Concepts to Four-year-olds (and Their Parents)

**Abstract:** In this talk I will discuss why I wrote “Privacy, Please!” a picture book about privacy, my sources of inspiration and information, and how I went about explaining privacy concepts to young children. I will discuss how I define privacy for this audience and how I give children the vocabulary to ask for privacy and examples of how they can achieve it, despite the need for adult supervision. I’ll talk about boundaries and discuss how privacy can help children calm down and recharge, be creative, keep their bodies safe, and more. Finally, I’ll talk about what I’ve learned from my discussions about privacy with children and caregivers and lessons for privacy engineers. (Signed books will be available for \$12 after the talk.)

**Bio:** Lorrie Faith Cranor (<https://lorrie.cranor.org>) is Director and Bosch Distinguished Professor in Security and Privacy Technologies of CyLab and FORE Systems University Professor of Computer Science and of Engineering and Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon University. She directs the CyLab Usable Privacy and Security Laboratory (CUPS) and co-directs the Privacy Engineering program. In 2016 she served as Chief Technologist at the US Federal Trade Commission. She co-founded Wombat Security, a security awareness training company acquired by Proofpoint. She founded the Symposium On Usable Privacy and Security (SOUPS) and co-founded the Conference on Privacy Engineering Practice and Respect (PEPR). She serves on the Center for Democracy and Technology (CDT) Board of Directors, the Aspen Institute Cybersecurity Group, the Future of Privacy Forum (FPF) advisory board, and the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) advisory board. In 2003 she was honored as one of the top 100 innovators 35 or younger by Technology Review. She was elected to the ACM CHI Academy and named a fellow of ACM, IEEE, and AAAS. She received the ACM CHI Social Impact Award and Lifetime Research Award, the International Association of Privacy Professionals Privacy Leadership Award, and (with colleagues) the IEEE Cybersecurity Award for Practice. She was previously a researcher at AT&T-Labs Research. She holds a doctorate in Engineering and Policy from Washington University in St. Louis. She has authored or edited several books, including a privacy book for kids (<https://priacypleasebook.com>). She plays soccer, walks to work, sews her own clothing with pockets, and tries not to embarrass her three young adult children.