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Bio:

Edward Lee is a professor of law and the Director of the internationally recognized Program in Intellectual Property Law at IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law. He graduated summa cum laude from Williams College with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and classics, and cum laude from Harvard Law School.

He has written extensively about copyright, the Internet, free speech, and the history of the freedom of the press. His article Freedom of the Press 2.0 was selected as one of the best First Amendment articles of 2008 and as one of the year's best articles related to intellectual property for 2008-2009. He is a co-author of a leading casebook on International Intellectual Property published by West. Previously, he worked at the Stanford Center for Internet and Society, including on *Eldred v. Ashcroft* and *Golan v. Holder*, two of the most significant cases involving the First Amendment and copyright law. As a contributor to the Huffington Post, he has written various articles related to the Internet, copyright, and pop culture. His Boston Review article "The Day Wikipedia Went Dark" was published on the one-year anniversary of the Wikipedia blackout.

Book:

Wikipedia went dark on January 18, 2012. So did thousands of other websites, including search giant Google, all to protest a controversial copyright bill called the Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA). The protest even helped to ignite mass demonstrations on the streets of over 250 cities in all 27 countries of the European Union to stop a similar attempt to regulate the Internet under the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement (ACTA). This book provides a gripping, behind-the-scenes look at how people organized the largest Internet protest in history, plus the largest single-day demonstration on the streets of 27 countries of the European Union. The Internet helped people fight for their Internet freedoms--and do the unthinkable in stopping powerful lobbyists, Hollywood, and the entertainment industry in their effort to clamp down on online piracy at all costs. In the end, this grassroots movement involving millions of people won an unexpected, but historic first victory in the fight for a "free and open Internet."

Talk:

The audience will learn not only how people defeated SOPA and ACTA with historic mass protests, but also what is at stake today in the fight for the future of the Internet.