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Kathleen Bartzen Culver is an assistant professor in the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Journalism & Mass Communication and associate director of the Center for Journalism Ethics. Long interested in the implications of digital media on journalism and public interest communication, Dr. Culver focuses on the ethical dimensions of social tools, technological advances and networked information. She combines these interests with a background in law and the effects of boundary-free communication on free expression. She also serves as visiting faculty for the Poynter Institute for Media Studies and education curator for PBS MediaShift, where she helps advance innovation in journalism curricula and courses.

Dr. Culver credits her diverse professional background, spanning from police reporter to magazine editor to marketing manager, in helping her develop courses to make students adaptable writers and critical thinkers. Her broad variety of academic experience and training includes a master's degree and a doctorate in mass communication from University of Wisconsin-Madison, with an emphasis in media law. Dr. Culver specializes in online media, visual communication, branding, access to information, media ethics and digital media, especially social tools.

Dr. Culver has been teaching journalism and strategic communication for print, broadcast, and online media since 1999. She is currently at work on projects on uses of "drone" technology in journalism, ethics in data reporting and visualization, and social media standards in trial courts.