

Matt is focused on the intersection of technology and society and how to draw positive outcomes from that point. Being raised in south suburban Midlothian, his career has taken him from biofuel and climate change research at his alma mater, the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, to SpiderOak where he is dedicated to building tools enabling everyday people and organizations alike to have complete trust in their communications and business over the Internet. Today's world is ever-increasingly reliant on technology, and for the future to be able to trust digital tools to enable community and personal growth, the breaches that are now all-too-common need to be a thing of the past.

His other work is with the Digital Privacy Alliance, a group dedicating itself to the protection and expansion of consumer online privacy. Online privacy issues mirror many societal problems, from redlining to disenfranchisement to physical safety issues, and as Executive Director of the Alliance, Matt's work makes sure that online privacy is not just a privilege for the wealthy or particularly tech-savvy.

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