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Education

Stanford University

Stanford, CA

Sep 2014 to
Dec 2019 *Ph.D. Computer Science* (on leave)
(Advisor: Michael Bernstein)

University of California, Irvine

Irvine, CA

Aug 2012 to
Jun 2014 *B.A. Anthropology*
Honors thesis: “Quantified Self: Ethnography of a Digital Culture”
(Advisor: Tom Boellstorff)

B.S. Informatics
Specialization: Human–Computer Interaction

Phi Beta Kappa

Affiliations

University of San Francisco

San Francisco, CA

Jan 2020 to
Apr 2023 *Center for Applied Data Ethics*
DIRECTOR
Research & advocacy in data ethics and algorithmic justice
Managing independent data ethics research fellows

Stanford University

Stanford, CA

Aug 2014 to
Dec 2019 *Stanford Computer Science*
PHD STUDENT
Research & advocacy in data ethics and algorithmic justice
Managing independent data ethics research fellows

Microsoft Research

Redmond, WA

Jun 2015 to
Sep 2015 *FUSE Labs*
RESEARCH INTERN
Conducted study of piecework (or gig) workers
Designed front–end for worker–centric labor market platform

University of California, Irvine

Irvine, CA

Apr 2014 to
Jun 2014 *Evoke Laboratory & Studio*
RESEARCHER
Ethnographic research of values in design
Assembled guide for data co–ownership

Jan 2013 to
Jun 2013 *Multidisciplinary Design Program*
RESEARCHER
Studied use of space on campus grounds
Brainstormed changes to sociofugal spaces to promote sociopetality

Publications

- 2021 **Ali Alkhatib**. “To Live in Their Utopia: Why Algorithmic Systems Create Absurd Outcomes”. In: *Proceedings of the 2021 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1GIosevTOY>). CHI '21. Yokohama, Japan: Association for Computing Machinery, 2021. ISBN: 9781450380966. DOI: [10.1145/3411764.3445740](https://doi.org/10.1145/3411764.3445740). URL: <https://doi.org/10.1145/3411764.3445740>
- 2020 **Ali Alkhatib**. “We Need to Talk about Digital Contact Tracing”. In: *Interactions* 27.4 (July 2020), pp. 84–89. ISSN: 1072-5520. DOI: [10.1145/3404205](https://doi.org/10.1145/3404205). URL: <https://doi.org/10.1145/3404205>
- 2019 **Best Paper** **Ali Alkhatib** and Michael Bernstein. “Street-Level Algorithms: A Theory at the Gaps Between Policy and Decisions”. In: *Proceedings of the 2019 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems* (Glasgow, Scotland UK). CHI 2019. Glasgow, Scotland UK: ACM, 2019, 530:1–530:13. ISBN: 978-1-4503-5970-2. DOI: [10.1145/3290605.3300760](https://doi.org/10.1145/3290605.3300760). URL: <http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/3290605.3300760>
- 2018 **Ali Alkhatib**, Justin Cranshaw, and Andrés Monroy-Hernández. “Laying the Groundwork for a Worker-Centric Peer Economy”. In: *CoRR abs/1807.08189* (2018). arXiv: [1807.08189](https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.08189). URL: <http://arxiv.org/abs/1807.08189>
- 2017 **Honorable Mention** **Ali Alkhatib**, Michael S. Bernstein, and Margaret Levi. “Examining Crowd Work and Gig Work Through The Historical Lens of Piecework”. In: *Proceedings of the 2017 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems* (Denver, Colorado, USA). CHI 2017. Denver, Colorado, USA: ACM, 2017, pp. 4599–4616. ISBN: 978-1-4503-4655-9. DOI: [10.1145/3025453.3025974](https://doi.org/10.1145/3025453.3025974). URL: <http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/3025453.3025974>
- 2015 **Honorable Mention** Niloufar Salehi, Lilly C. Irani, Michael S. Bernstein, **Ali Alkhatib**, Eva Ogbe, Kristy Milland, and Clickhappier. “We Are Dynamo: Overcoming Stalling and Friction in Collective Action for Crowd Workers”. In: *Proceedings of the 33rd Annual ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems*. CHI '15. ACM, 2015, pp. 1621–1630. ISBN: 978-1-4503-3145-6. DOI: [10.1145/2702123.2702508](https://doi.org/10.1145/2702123.2702508). URL: <http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/2702123.2702508>
- 2014 **Ali Alkhatib** and Tom Boellstorff. “Quantified Self: Ethnography of a Digital Culture”. In: *UC Irvine Undergraduate Research Symposium* (University of California, Irvine, USA). UC Irvine Undergraduate Research Symposium. 2014
- 2013 Erin Costino, **Ali Alkhatib**, Fady Barsoum, Ian Brown, Wendy Yang, Geoffrey Bowker, Judith Gregory, and Sanjay Mazumdar. “Values in Design: Designing for Hesitation and Presence”. In: *UC Irvine Undergraduate Research Symposium* (University of California, Irvine, USA). UC Irvine Undergraduate Research Symposium. 2013

Presentations

- 2022 “Race Data Science Lecture Series” – *Columbia University Data Science Institute*. New York, NY, USA. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1v2KIIdL5Rs>
- 2021 “To Live in Their Utopia: Why Algorithmic Systems Create Absurd Outcomes” — *CHI '21*. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1GIosevTOY>
- 2019 “Street-Level Algorithms and Seeing the Forest for the Trees in AI” — *University of San Francisco, Center for Applied Data and Ethics Seminar*. San Francisco, CA, USA. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nT09UhcrlQ0>
- 2019 “Street-Level Algorithms: A Theory at the Gaps Between Policy and Decisions” — *CHI 2019*. Glasgow, Scotland UK
- 2017 “Examining Crowd Work and Gig Work Through The Historical Lens of Piecework” — *CHI 2017*. Denver, Colorado, USA
- 2015 “Designing Worker-Centric Labor Markets” — *Platform Cooperativism*. New York, NY
- 2014 “Quantified Self: Ethnography of a Digital Culture” — *UC Irvine Undergraduate Research Symposium*. University of California, Irvine, USA

Press and Other Appearances

- 2023 [Now That ChatGPT Is Plugged In, Things Could Get Weird](#) (WIRED)
- 2022 [“Elon Musk Has Fired Twitter’s ‘Ethical AI’ Team”](#) (WIRED)
[“Musk wanted transparency in Twitter, yet fired the team behind it”](#) (Analytics Insight)
[After Saying He Wanted an Open Algorithm, Elon Musk Just Fired the Twitter Team Responsible for Doing Just That](#) (Futurism)
- 2021 [“Google AI chief Jeff Dean sparks cries of hypocrisy as he urges marginalized groups to work with its researchers: ‘After what you did to Timnit?’”](#) (Yahoo News)
[Individual Profile](#) (Offscreen Magazine)
[“Center for Applied Data Ethics suggests treating AI like a bureaucracy”](#) (Venture Beat)
[“Data Ethics Researcher Cautions Against Algorithmic Reordering of Society”](#) (The Newstack)
[“You can poison the data that Big Tech uses to monitor you”](#) (Tribune)
- 2020 [“Open Letters by Tech Industry, Google Employees Criticize Google’s Lack of Transparency in AI Research”](#) (The Swaddle)
[“Is your boss spying on you while you work remotely?”](#) (WHYY Podcast)
[“Google workers reject company’s account of AI researcher’s exit as anger grows”](#) (The Guardian)
[“The Dark Side of Big Tech’s Funding for AI Research”](#) (WIRED)

Service

- 2021 Reviewed for CSCW *Virtual*
- 2020 Reviewed for CHI *Virtual*
- 2019 Reviewed for CSCW *Austin, Texas, USA*
- 2018 Reviewed for CHI *Glasgow, Scotland, UK*
- 2017 Reviewed for CSCW *New York, New York, USA*
- 2017 Reviewed for CHI *Montreal, Canada*
- 2017 Reviewed for DIS *Hong Kong*
- 2016 Lunch@CHI co-chair — CHI 2016 *San Jose, CA, USA*
- 2015 Student Volunteer — CHI 2016 Program Committee Meeting *San Jose, CA, USA*