RACHEL FREEDMAN

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Education

2019-2025 (expected)	**Artificial Intelligence PhD, *UC Berkeley***	**3.92 GPA**

- I work with the Center for Human-Compatible Artificial Intelligence (CHAI) on AI safety via reinforcement learning, reward modeling, and assistance games. My advisor is Prof. Stuart Russell.

2013-2017	Computer Science/Psychology BA, ***Duke University***	**3.93 GPA**

- Graduated Phi Beta Kappa and *magna cum laude*
- Earned High Distinction in Computer Science for my research thesis (now published in the journal *Artificial Intelligence*)
- Designed original interdepartmental major entitled "Artificial Intelligence Systems," combining computer science, neuroscience and philosophy to explore interdisciplinary perspectives on AI

2015-2016	CS/Philosophy Registered Visiting Student, ***Oxford University***	**3.93 GPA**

- Co-founded "Stop the Clock", an existential risk research discussion society that held weekly meetings at the Future of Humanity Institute

2011-2017	Part-Time Student, ***UNC Chapel Hill***	**4.00 GPA**

Publications

Rachel Freedman, Rohin Shah, and Anca Dragan. "Choice Set Misspecification in Reward Inference". In *Workshop on Artificial Intelligence Safety at IJCAI* 2020.
Best Paper Award at IJCAI 2020 AISafety Workshop.

Rohin Shah, Pedro Freire, Neel Alex, **Rachel Freedman**, Dmitrii Krasheninnikov, Lawrence Chan, Michael Dennis, Pieter Abbeel, Anca Dragan and Stuart Russell. "Benefits of Assistance over Reward Learning". In *Cooperative AI Workshop at NeurIPS* 2020.
Best Paper Award at NeurIPS 2020 CoopAI Workshop.

Rachel Freedman, Jana Schaich Borg, Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, John Dickerson, and Vincent Conitzer. "Adapting a Kidney Exchange Algorithm to Align with Human Values". *Artificial Intelligence*, v. 283, 2020.
Also presented at *AAAI 2018, AIES 2018*, *MD4SG 2018*, and the *Participatory ML workshop* at *ICML 2020*.
Outstanding Student Paper Honorable Mention at AAAI-18.

Rachel Freedman. "Aligning with Heterogeneous Preferences for Kidney Exchange". In *Workshop on Artificial Intelligence Safety at IJCAI* 2020.

Honors

Conferences & Workshops	**Best Paper Award** *CoopAI Workshop at NeurIPS (2020)* **Best Paper Award** *AISafety Workshop at IJCAI-PRICAI (2020)* **Outstanding Student Paper Honorable Mention** *AAAI (2018)*
Graduate	**Rising Star in AI Ethics** *Women in AI Ethics (2021)* **EECS Excellence Award** *UC Berkeley (2019)* **EECS Departmental Fellowship** *UC Berkeley (2019)*
Undergraduate	**Phi Beta Kappa** *Duke University (2017)* ***magna cum laude*** *Duke University (2017)* **High Distinction in Computer Science** *Duke University (2017)* **Robertson Scholarship** *Robertson Scholarship Leadership Program (2013-2017)* **Thomas J. Watson Memorial Scholarship** *IBM (2013-2016)*

Other	**Rhodes Scholarship Finalist** *Rhodes Trust (2017)*
	Gates Cambridge Finalist *Gates Cambridge Trust (2019)*
	President's Volunteer Service Gold Award *US Government (2013)*

Work and Research

2019-pres.	**CHAI PhD Researcher** *UC Berkeley (Berkeley, CA)*
	• Research topics include reinforcement learning, active learning, and reward modeling in support of robustly beneficial and safe AI
	• Advised by Prof. Stuart Russell, also worked with Prof, Anca Dragan
	• Pivoted from interdisciplinary undergraduate degree to technical graduate program by via extensive independent study of foundational mathematics, reinforcement learning, deep learning and advanced robotics alongside coursework and research
2017-2019	**Software Engineer and Consultant** *Galatea Associates (London, UK)*
	• Designed and developed complex position-keeping and regulatory compliance solutions for financial institutions
	• Collaborated with international team of consultants, engineers, contractors and stakeholders to manage ever-changing business problems and constraints
	• Learned new tools and languages rapidly as required
2016-2017	**Moral AI Researcher** *Duke University (Durham, US)*
	• Conducted a year-long independent research project incorporating computer science and psychology methodologies into the field of artificial morality
	• Adapted a kidney exchange algorithm to align with human values by modeling underlying frameworks in human responses to moral dilemmas
	• Awarded High Distinction for my thesis research; presented and published this work at AAAI 2018, where it won Outstanding Student Paper Honorable Mention
	• Published in *Artificial Intelligence*, poster presented at AIES 2018 and MD4SG 2018.
2015 summer	**Software Engineering Intern** *Microsoft (Seattle, US)*
	• Collaborated with a team of interns to build a data processing and visualization service that delivered actionable insights for the Skype for Business team
2013-2014	**Psychology and Neuroscience Research Assistant** *Duke University (Durham NC, US)*
	• Evaluated the impact of technology-based intervention on at-risk students' numerical cognition, and contributed to a manuscript submitted for publication

Service and Leadership

2022	**Facilitator and Instructor** *AGI Safety Fundamentals Course*
	• Mentored cohort and facilitated discussion on AI capabilities, dangers and research approaches in 8-week course run by Effective Altruism Cambridge
2020-2022	**AI Ambassador and Mentor** *Effective Altruism Global (Berkeley, CA and London, UK)*
	• Advised over 25 aspiring AI safety researchers on resources, career decisions and research directions via the EAG conference fellowship programmes
2020	**Program Committee Member** *IJCAI Workshop on Artificial Intelligence Safety*
2015-2016	**Co-founder and President** *Oxford Existential Risk Society (Oxford, UK)*
	• Co-founded the society, which grew to comprise over twenty five students, academics, and community members who met weekly at the Oxford Future of Humanity Institute to discuss academic research on
	• ·Recruited speakers from Machine Intelligence Research Institute, Oxford Future of Humanity Institute, and UT Austin
	• Advised students founding similar groups at Princeton and Cambridge

Skills and Hobbies

Programming	Java, python, git; extensive practice learning new technologies quickly and proactively via engineering and consulting work
Service	Tutored and mentored at-risk elementary school students regularly for two years in North Carolina (for which I earned the President's Volunteer Service Gold Award), volunteered full-time for several months to support creative opportunities for students in rural Mississippi, mentor young people seeking a career in AI (particularly those from underrepresented backgrounds) on an ongoing basis
Martial Arts	Earned World Taekwondo Federation-certified master (4th degree) black belt in Taekwondo after a decade of training. Trained, taught and competed for 12 years.
Creative Writing	Served as writer-in-residence at Italian artist residency "Arte Studio Ginestrelle." Stories and plays published at Duke, UNC and Oxford University student publications, and performed at Duke New Works Festival in 2014.