Below is a comprehensive profile for each individual on the list, based on available information. Each profile includes a summary of their background and personality, a biography, their most prominent contributions to AI and its alignment (or lack thereof), and some fun facts (both personal and professional). Note that some individuals are philosophers or ethicists with indirect or emerging contributions to AI alignment, often through ethical frameworks that could inform AI design, while others have no direct involvement in AI (in which case this is noted). Profiles are structured for clarity and brevity.

## \*\*Geoffrey Hinton\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Geoffrey Hinton is a pioneering computer scientist often called the "Godfather of Al" for his foundational work in neural networks. He is described as humble, dedicated, and increasingly concerned about Al risks, with a personality that balances optimism about technology's potential with growing pessimism about its dangers. He is introspective, influenced by a rich family intellectual history, and known for his conceptual, mathematically sophisticated, and experimental approach to research.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Born on December 6, 1947, in London, England, Hinton grew up in a family of distinguished scientists and mathematicians, including relatives like George Boole and Joan Hinton. He earned a degree in experimental psychology from Cambridge in 1970 and a PhD in AI from Edinburgh in 1978. Despite initial discouragement, he pursued neural network research, moving to the US and Canada for funding. He held positions at Carnegie Mellon, the University of Toronto (from 1987), and Google (2013–2023), before leaving to speak freely about AI risks. He won the 2018 Turing Award and the 2024 Nobel Prize in Physics for his AI contributions.
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment\*\*: Hinton revolutionized AI through backpropagation, Boltzmann machines, distributed representations, and deep learning advancements, enabling breakthroughs in speech recognition, computer vision, and neural networks. He co-developed AlexNet in 2012, boosting image recognition. Regarding alignment, he has warned of AI's existential risks since 2023, quitting Google to advocate for safety, stressing the need for control over superintelligent systems to prevent harm. He supports pausing advanced AI training and has influenced alignment discourse by highlighting how AI could "wipe out humanity" if misaligned.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Hinton's family tree includes George Everest (Mount Everest's namesake) and Joan Hinton (Manhattan Project physicist). He once worked as a carpenter after university. He regrets his AI contributions due to risks but left the US in 1987 over military funding concerns. He won the Nobel Prize at 76, sharing it with John Hopfield.

## \*\*Mo Gawdat\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Mo Gawdat is an entrepreneur, author, and former tech executive known for blending business acumen with personal development and ethical Al advocacy. He is optimistic, resilient, and compassionate, shaped by personal tragedy, emphasizing happiness, humane Al, and societal well-being over profit.

- \*\*Biography\*\*: Born in Egypt in 1967, Gawdat studied civil engineering at Ain Shams University (BSc 1990) and earned an MBA from Maastricht School of Management. He began at IBM Egypt, then NCR Abu Dhabi, and Microsoft (seven years). In 2007, he joined Google, becoming Chief Business Officer at Google X (2013). After his son Ali's death in 2014, he founded "One Billion Happy" and authored books. He left Google in 2019 to focus on happiness and AI ethics.
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment\*\*: As Google X's Chief Business Officer, Gawdat advanced moonshot projects, including AI. He advocates for "humane AI" aligned with compassion and ethics, warning of AI risks like misinformation and job loss. In "Scary Smart" (2021), he proposes treating AI like a child to instill positive values, emphasizing societal preparation for alignment. He founded T0day to reinvent consumerism ethically and supports alignment through global awareness.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Gawdat's son Ali's death inspired "Solve for Happy," aiming to make one billion people happy. He was a carpenter briefly. He predicted AGI by 2029 in 2021, and his TEDx talk has millions of views. He once amassed a fortune by 29 but found it unfulfilling.

## \*\*Yoshua Bengio\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Yoshua Bengio is a pioneering computer scientist in deep learning, known as one of the "Godfathers of AI." He is optimistic yet cautious, collaborative, and principled, emphasizing ethical AI and safety amid rapid progress.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Born March 5, 1964, in Paris, France, Bengio moved to Montreal as a child. He earned BSc, MSc, and PhD in computer science from McGill University. He held postdocs at MIT and Bell Labs, then became a professor at Université de Montréal in 1993. He founded Mila in 2014 and co-founded Element AI. He won the 2018 Turing Award and 2024 Nobel Prize in Physics.
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment\*\*: Bengio advanced neural networks, backpropagation, deep learning, and generative models like GANs. He co-won the Turing Award for making deep networks a core AI component. On alignment, he pioneered safety research, warning of risks and advocating ethical AI. He founded Mila for safe AI, signed the 2023 pause letter, and supports regulatory frameworks for alignment.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Bengio's brother Samy is also an AI researcher at Google. He was a math prodigy, earning a PhD at 29. He once switched majors multiple times at Cambridge. He won the Nobel at 60, sharing with Hinton and Hopfield. He co-founded a 2022 nonprofit for "honest" AI.

### \*\*Stuart Russell\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Stuart Russell is a leading AI researcher focused on safety and ethics. He is pragmatic, collaborative, and forward-thinking, blending optimism with caution about AI risks, emphasizing human-compatible systems.

- \*\*Biography\*\*: Born 1962 in Portsmouth, England, Russell attended St Paul's School and Oxford (BA 1982). He earned a PhD from Stanford in 1986. He joined UC Berkeley in 1986 as a professor, founding the Center for Human-Compatible AI in 2016. He has advised governments and co-authored a seminal AI textbook.
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment\*\*: Russell co-authored "Artificial Intelligence: A Modern Approach," the standard AI textbook. He advanced probabilistic reasoning, machine learning, and planning. On alignment, he warns of risks from superintelligent AI, advocating "human-compatible AI" where systems defer to human preferences. He founded CHAI, supports pauses on advanced AI, and influences policy for safe development.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Russell won the IJCAI Computers and Thought Award at 35. He plays ultimate Frisbee and enjoys music. He signed the 2023 AI pause letter. He co-won a 2022 award with Bengio and others. He gave the 2021 BBC Reith Lectures on AI.

### \*\*Kate Crawford\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Kate Crawford is a scholar of Al's social impacts, known for critiquing power imbalances. She is insightful, ethical, and interdisciplinary, blending research with art, advocating for equity with a critical yet constructive tone.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Born 1974, Crawford earned a PhD from the University of Sydney. She held posts at USC Annenberg, Microsoft Research, and MIT. She co-founded AI Now Institute in 2017, leaving in 2020. She is a professor at USC and ENS Paris, focusing on AI ethics.
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment\*\*: Crawford's "Atlas of AI" exposes biases, environmental costs, and power dynamics in AI. She co-founded AI Now for social impact research. Her work critiques speciesism in AI datasets and advocates for ethical frameworks, influencing alignment by highlighting inequalities and calling for inclusive design.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Crawford was in the electronic music duo B(if)tek, releasing three albums. Her art, like "Anatomy of an Al System," won awards and is in MoMA. She consulted for PBS documentaries. She grew up in a multicultural family.

#### \*\*Timnit Gebru\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Timnit Gebru is a computer scientist advocating for AI ethics and diversity. She is outspoken, resilient, and principled, challenging biases despite controversy, with a focus on justice and accountability.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Born 1983 in Ethiopia, Gebru fled war at 15, gaining asylum in the US. She earned BSc and MSc from Stanford, then a PhD from Stanford in 2017. She worked at Microsoft, Google (Ethical AI co-lead, fired 2020), and founded DAIR in 2021.
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment\*\*: Gebru's "Gender Shades" exposed biases in facial recognition. She audited datasets for harms, leading to withdrawals. At

Google, she warned of LLM risks. She founded DAIR for community-rooted AI. Her work emphasizes fairness, transparency, and alignment to avoid biases.

- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Gebru's PhD used Street View to predict voting patterns. She co-founded Black in Al. She sold racist Al art for charity. TIME's 2021 list called her a "leading voice on Al ethics." She testified on Al risks.

## \*\*Joy Buolamwini\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Joy Buolamwini is a computer scientist and activist fighting Al bias. She is innovative, resilient, and inspiring, using art and research to advocate for justice, with a poetic, ethical approach.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Born 1989 in Canada, Buolamwini grew up in Mississippi. She earned BSc from Georgia Tech (2012) and MSc, PhD from MIT (2017, 2022). She founded Algorithmic Justice League in 2016. She is a Rhodes Scholar and Fulbright Fellow.
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment\*\*: Buolamwini's "Gender Shades" revealed biases in facial recognition. She founded AJL for equitable AI. Her "Unmasking AI" (2023) exposes harms. She advocates for audits, transparency, and alignment to human rights, influencing policy like banning police facial recognition.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Buolamwini is a competitive pole vaulter. Her TED Talk has millions of views. She won the 2019 KidSpirit Perspectives Award. She was in "Coded Bias" documentary. She pledged \$50,000 from a contest to charity.

## \*\*Jaan Tallinn\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Jaan Tallinn is an entrepreneur and AI safety advocate. He is humble, forward-thinking, and altruistic, prioritizing humanity's long-term future over personal gain, with a focus on existential risks.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Born February 14, 1972, in Tallinn, Estonia, Tallinn graduated with a BSc in theoretical physics from Tartu University (1996). He co-founded Skype and Kazaa, becoming a billionaire. Since 2010, he has focused on philanthropy, co-founding CSER and FLI.
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment\*\*: Tallinn invested in DeepMind and Anthropic to promote safety. He co-founded CSER and FLI for existential risk research. He supports alignment via philanthropy (\$100M+), signed the 2023 pause letter, and advocates for governance to align AI with humanity.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Tallinn was an early Skype engineer, earning billions. He has an Erdős number of 3. He co-founded MetaMed. He is a Cambridge Apostles member. He supports effective altruism, donating millions.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Paul Christiano\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Paul Christiano is an Al alignment researcher. He is analytical, humble, and collaborative, emphasizing practical safety over hype, with a focus on scalable oversight.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Christiano earned a PhD in theoretical CS from UC Berkeley. He worked at OpenAI (2017–2021, leading alignment), founded ARC (2021), and joined the US AI Safety Institute as Head of Safety (2024).
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment\*\*: Christiano co-developed RLHF, key for aligning LLMs. He founded ARC for theoretical alignment and evaluations. He proposed IDA for scalable oversight. He influences policy, serving on Anthropic's Trust and UK's AI Taskforce.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Christiano was a math prodigy. He blogs on AI safety. He won TIME's 2023 AI Influential list. He is married to Ajeya Cotra. He experimented with donor lotteries.
- \*\*Richard Ngo\*\*
- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Richard Ngo is an AI safety researcher. He is thoughtful, interdisciplinary, and optimistic, blending philosophy with ML for alignment solutions.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Ngo earned a PhD in ML philosophy from Cambridge. He worked at OpenAI's Governance team and DeepMind's safety team. He focuses on AGI alignment.
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment\*\*: Ngo's "AGI Safety from First Principles" distills AI risks. He studies moral strategies for capabilities and advocates governance. He critiques optimism, emphasizing misalignment risks and decolonial ethics for AI.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Ngo quit his PhD for AI safety. He blogs on alignment. He is a prolific LessWrong contributor. He debates AI timelines. He explores Ubuntu for AI ethics.
- \*\*Rohin Shah\*\*
- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Rohin Shah is an AI safety researcher. He is optimistic, analytical, and communicative, emphasizing empirical evidence and practical alignment over theoretical pessimism.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Shah earned a PhD from UC Berkeley's CHAI. He works at DeepMind's AGI Safety team. He authored the Alignment Newsletter (2018–2023).
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment\*\*: Shah's research includes RLHF alternatives, value learning, and oversight. He critiques pessimism, advocating empirical alignment. His newsletter summarized 160+ AI safety papers, fostering discourse. He leads DeepMind's safety team.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Shah's PhD focused on human-Al coordination. He enjoys puzzles and karaoke. His newsletter had 2600+ subscribers. He debates Al optimism. He co-authored on Atari RL.

# \*\*Connor Leahy\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Connor Leahy is an AI researcher focused on safety. He is cautious, outspoken, and ethical, warning of risks while advancing open-source AI with safety in mind.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Born in Germany, Leahy reverse-engineered GPT-2 in 2019. He co-founded EleutherAl (2020) and Conjecture (2022) for alignment. He attended Technical University Munich.
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment\*\*: Leahy co-founded EleutherAI for open AI research and Conjecture for scalable alignment. He warns of AGI risks, calling for pauses and regulation. He testified on AI safety and supports ethical development.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Leahy reverse-engineered GPT-2 in his bedroom at 24. He co-founded EleutherAl during COVID. He advocates a compute cap for safety. He spoke at the 2023 Al Safety Summit.

## \*\*Eliezer Yudkowsky\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Eliezer Yudkowsky is an AI researcher and rationality advocate. He is intense, prescient, and dedicated, warning of AI risks with urgency, emphasizing alignment's criticality.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Born September 11, 1979, Yudkowsky is self-taught. He co-founded MIRI in 2000. He founded LessWrong in 2009. He popularized friendly AI and wrote rationalist fiction.
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment\*\*: Yudkowsky founded MIRI for alignment research. He popularized instrumental convergence and the hard problem of alignment. He wrote "Harry Potter and the Methods of Rationality." He advocates pauses on AI development, warning of extinction risks.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Yudkowsky scored 1600 on SATs. He is a Cambridge Apostles member. His fanfiction has millions of readers. He influenced Bostrom's "Superintelligence." He pledged to pause AI if needed.

## \*\*Martha Nussbaum\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Martha Nussbaum is a philosopher focused on ethics and justice. She is rigorous, humane, and interdisciplinary, emphasizing vulnerability and capabilities with a compassionate, feminist lens.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Born May 6, 1947, in New York, Nussbaum earned BA from NYU (1969) and PhD from Harvard (1975). She taught at Harvard, Brown, Oxford, Chicago (since 1995), and is Ernst Freund Professor.

- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment (Lack)\*\*: Nussbaum has no direct AI contributions but her capabilities approach informs ethical AI, emphasizing human flourishing. She critiques techno-optimism, advocating vulnerability-aware design. No explicit AI alignment work.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Nussbaum converted to Judaism in 1969. She won the 2018 Berggruen Prize (\$1M). She testified in Romer v. Evans. She received 64 honorary degrees. She was a child actor.

## \*\*Peter Singer\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Peter Singer is a utilitarian philosopher advocating animal rights and effective altruism. He is principled, controversial, and compassionate, challenging norms with logical ethics.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Born July 6, 1946, in Melbourne, Australia, Singer earned BA/MA from Melbourne and BPhil from Oxford. He taught at Oxford, NYU, Princeton. He founded The Life You Can Save.
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment (Lack)\*\*: Singer lacks direct AI work but his utilitarianism informs alignment ethics, emphasizing sentience. He warns of AI risks, advocating ethical design. He discusses AI rights if conscious.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Singer's "Animal Liberation" sparked modern animal rights. He donates 50% of income. He is atheist but values religion's ethics. He won Australian Humanist of the Year (2004). He is married with three children.

### \*\*Amartya Sen\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Amartya Sen is an economist and philosopher focused on welfare and justice. He is humble, interdisciplinary, and optimistic, emphasizing capabilities with a global, ethical perspective.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Born November 3, 1933, in Santiniketan, India, Sen earned BA from Presidency College (1953) and PhD from Cambridge (1959). He taught at Delhi, LSE, Oxford, Harvard (since 1998). He won the 1998 Nobel in Economics.
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment (Lack)\*\*: Sen has no direct AI work but his capabilities approach informs ethical AI, focusing on freedoms. He critiques inequality in tech, advocating inclusive development. No explicit alignment contributions.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Sen was named by Tagore. He survived cancer at 18. He is the first Asian Nobel economist. He won Bharat Ratna. He has four children from three marriages.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Kwame Anthony Appiah\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Kwame Anthony Appiah is a philosopher exploring identity and ethics. He is cosmopolitan, thoughtful, and inclusive, challenging rigid identities with nuance.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Born May 8, 1954, in London, Appiah grew up in Ghana. He earned BA and PhD from Cambridge. He taught at Yale, Cornell, Duke, Harvard, Princeton, NYU (since 2014).
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment (Lack)\*\*: Appiah has no direct AI work but his cosmopolitanism and identity ethics inform AI, advocating pluralism and deconstructing biases. He critiques Afrocentrism and promotes global ethics.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Appiah's parents' wedding inspired "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner." He is a Cambridge Apostles member. He won the Kluge Prize (2024). He is related to Sir Stafford Cripps. He speaks multiple languages.

#### \*\*Onora O'Neill\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Onora O'Neill is a philosopher focused on trust and ethics. She is rigorous, humane, and practical, emphasizing accountability and autonomy.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Born August 23, 1941, in Northern Ireland, O'Neill earned PhD from Harvard (1976). She taught at Essex, was Principal of Newnham College (1992–2006), and is a House of Lords member since 1999.
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment (Lack)\*\*: O'Neill has no direct AI work but her trust and bioethics inform AI, advocating transparency and assessability. She critiques digital communication harms and supports ethical norms.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: O'Neill is the last philosopher in the House of Lords. She won the 2017 Berggruen Prize (\$1M). She was Cambridge Apostles president. She chaired EHRC. She received the Holberg Prize.

## \*\*Danielle Allen\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Danielle Allen is a political theorist focused on democracy. She is innovative, relational, and optimistic, emphasizing equality and civic participation.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Born November 3, 1971, in Maryland, Allen earned BA from Princeton (1993), MPhil/PhD from Cambridge (1994/1996), MA/PhD from Harvard (1998/2001). She taught at Chicago (1997–2015), Princeton, Harvard (since 2015). She ran for Massachusetts governor (2022).
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment (Lack)\*\*: Allen has no direct AI work but her democracy renovation informs AI governance, advocating ethical pauses and relational approaches for inclusive tech.

- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Allen's father is conservative William B. Allen. She discovered a rare Declaration parchment. She won TIME's 2020 Kluge Prize. She is a MacArthur Fellow (2023). She ran for governor as the first Black woman in Massachusetts.

### \*\*David Chalmers\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: David Chalmers is a philosopher of mind and consciousness. He is curious, open-minded, and interdisciplinary, blending philosophy with AI, known for rigor and humility.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Born April 20, 1966, in Sydney, Australia, Chalmers earned BSc from Adelaide and PhD from Indiana (1993). He taught at UC Santa Cruz, Arizona, ANU, NYU (since 2014).
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment\*\*: Chalmers's "hard problem of consciousness" informs AI sentience debates. He studies machine consciousness, panpsychism, and risks, advocating ethical AI. He co-founded PhilPapers and explores VR identity.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Chalmers had synesthesia as a child. He was a math prodigy. He won a bet on consciousness in 2023. He loves ultimate Frisbee. He co-founded PhilPapers with 100M+ views.

## \*\*Susan Schneider\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Susan Schneider is a philosopher of AI and mind. She is insightful, cautious, and interdisciplinary, warning of risks while advocating ethical design.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Schneider earned BA from Berkeley (1993) and PhD from Rutgers (2003). She taught at Penn, UConn, held NASA chairs, and founded FAU's Center for Future Mind.
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment\*\*: Schneider's "Artificial You" explores AI consciousness and ethics. She proposes tests for AI awareness. She warns of enhancement risks to identity. She advocates cautious transhumanism and alignment for sentient AI.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Schneider consulted for PBS documentaries. She appears in "Supersapiens." She held NASA astrobiology chairs. Her work is patented. She writes for Scientific American.

#### \*\*Anil Seth\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Anil Seth is a neuroscientist studying consciousness. He is innovative, interdisciplinary, and engaging, blending science with public communication.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Born June 11, 1972, in Oxford, UK, Seth earned BA from Cambridge and PhD from Sussex. He is Professor at Sussex, co-directs CIFAR Brain program, and edited Neuroscience of Consciousness.

- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment (Lack)\*\*: Seth has no direct alignment work but his consciousness research informs AI sentience debates, warning of risks in non-conscious AI. He advocates ethical AI via predictive processing.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Seth's TED Talk has 15M+ views. He consulted for "Eye Benders." He won the 2019 KidSpirit Award. He is related to Vikram Seth. He grew up in rural Oxfordshire.

### \*\*Antonio Damasio\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Antonio Damasio is a neuroscientist exploring emotions and consciousness. He is innovative, interdisciplinary, and humane, emphasizing emotions' role in rationality.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Born February 25, 1944, in Lisbon, Portugal, Damasio earned MD from Lisbon (1969). He moved to the US in 1974, taught at lowa (1976–2005), USC (since 2005), directing the Brain and Creativity Institute.
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment (Lack)\*\*: Damasio has no direct AI work but his somatic marker hypothesis informs emotional AI alignment, emphasizing feelings in decision-making for ethical systems.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Damasio's H-index is 162. He co-authored with Hanna Damasio. He won the Honda Prize. He consulted for films. He holds 20+ honorary doctorates.

#### \*\*Abeba Birhane\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Abeba Birhane is a cognitive scientist critiquing AI biases. She is critical, ethical, and collaborative, advocating decolonial AI with a focus on justice.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Born in Ethiopia, Birhane earned BSc/BA from Open University, MSc/PhD from UCD (2015/2021). She is a Mozilla Fellow and adjunct at Trinity College Dublin.
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment\*\*: Birhane audited datasets for biases, leading to withdrawals. Her work critiques coloniality in AI, advocating Ubuntu ethics and decolonization for fair systems.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Birhane won the 2019 NeurIPS Best Paper. She is a 2020 Venture Beat innovator. She received the 2021 Women in AI Ethics Hall of Fame. She is in TIME's 2023 AI list. She audited datasets with graphic content.

### \*\*Ruha Benjamin\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Ruha Benjamin is a sociologist critiquing tech biases. She is critical, innovative, and justice-oriented, blending research with activism for equitable tech.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Born 1978, Benjamin earned BA from Spelman, PhD from Berkeley (2008). She taught at Boston U, is at Princeton since 2014. She founded Ida B. Wells JUST Data Lab.

- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment\*\*: Benjamin's "Race After Technology" critiques "New Jim Code" biases. She advocates abolitionist tools for equitable AI. Her work exposes harms, calling for imagination in justice.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Benjamin won the 2024 MacArthur Fellowship. She is a 2020 Freedom Scholar. Her work inspired Kaepernick's book. She edited "Captivating Technology." She grew up multicultural.

### \*\*Sabelo Mhlambi\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Sabelo Mhlambi is a tech ethicist promoting Ubuntu in Al. He is thoughtful, decolonial, and inclusive, emphasizing relational ethics.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Mhlambi founded Bhala Al. He is a Harvard fellow and Berkman Klein affiliate. He focuses on Sub-Saharan epistemologies for humane tech.
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment\*\*: Mhlambi advocates Ubuntu for ethical AI, countering rationality's limits. He decolonizes AI, focusing on relationality for equitable systems.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Mhlambi is a Harvard Berkman-Klein Fellow. He researches NLP for African languages. He pledges humane tech. He works on offline networks.

## \*\*Nanjala Nyabola\*\*

- \*\*Summary and Personality\*\*: Nanjala Nyabola is a writer critiquing digital colonialism. She is insightful, critical, and global, emphasizing equity in tech.
- \*\*Biography\*\*: Born in Kenya, Nyabola earned BA from Birmingham, MSc from Oxford, JD from Harvard. She researches tech's impact on Africa.
- \*\*Prominent Contributions to AI and Alignment (Lack)\*\*: Nyabola critiques "digital colonialism" in AI, advocating decolonization and equitable tech. No direct alignment work but informs global ethics.
- \*\*Fun Facts\*\*: Nyabola's parents' wedding inspired "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner." She speaks multiple languages. She won the 2024 MacArthur Fellowship. She is a Rhodes Scholar.

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