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## Appointments

**University of Pennsylvania** | Raj & Neera Singh Term Assistant Professor, July 2022 - curr.  
Department of Computer & Information Science (primary)  
Annenberg School for Communication (secondary)

**Stanford University** | Postdoctoral Scholar, September 2021 - July 2022  
Center for Philanthropy and Civil Society – Department of Political Science

## Keywords

Human-Computer Interaction; Human-Centered AI; Algorithm Audits; Social Justice & Technology

## Education

**Stanford University** | PhD, Computer Science, 2021

**Stanford University** | MSc, Computer Science, 2018

**Brown University** | BA, Computer Science *with honors*;  
BA in Science, Technology, and Society, 2015

## Awards & Honors

Stanford Human-Centered AI Seed Grant (2020-21)  
EECS Rising Stars Participant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2019)  
Stanford McCoy Center for Ethics in Society Grad Student Fellowship (2018)  
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (2017, Declined)  
Stanford Graduate Fellowship (2015-2020)  
Google Anita Borg Memorial Scholarship (2015)  
Brown University Outstanding Computer Science Undergraduate Award (2015)  
CRA Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher - Runner Up (2014)  
CRA Distributed Research Experiences for Undergraduates Award (2014)  
Box Engineering Diversity Scholarship (2013)  
Brown University Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award (2013)

# Publications

## Refereed Conference Publications

Lam, M. S., Gordon, M. L., **Metaxa, D.**, Hancock, J. T., Landay, J. A., & Bernstein, M. S. (2022). “End-User Audits: A System Empowering Communities to Lead Large-Scale Investigations of Harmful Algorithmic Behavior.” CSCW 2022.

[https://hci.stanford.edu/publications/2022/Lam\\_EndUserAudits\\_CSCW22.pdf](https://hci.stanford.edu/publications/2022/Lam_EndUserAudits_CSCW22.pdf)

**Metaxa, D.**; Gan, M.; Goh, S., Hancock, J.; Landay, J.A. “An Image of Society: Gender and Racial Representation and Impact in Image Search Results for Occupations.” CSCW 2021.

<https://dl.acm.org/doi/10.1145/3449100>

Xiao, S.; **Metaxa, D.**; Park, J.S.; Karahalios, K., Salehi, N. “Random, Messy, Funny Raw: Fintast as Intimate Reconfigurations of Social Media.” CHI 2020.

<https://dl.acm.org/doi/fullHtml/10.1145/3313831.3376424> *Honorable mention award.*

**Metaxa, D.**; Park, J.S.; Landay, J.A.; Hancock, J. “Search Media and Elections: A Longitudinal Investigation of Political Search Results in the 2018 U.S. Elections.” CSCW 2019.

<https://dl.acm.org/doi/abs/10.1145/3359231>

**Metaxa, D.**; Maas, P.; Aldrich, D. “How Social Ties Influence Hurricane Evacuation Behavior.” CSCW 2018. <https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=3274391>

Che, X.; **Metaxa, D.**; Hancock, J. “Fake News in the News: An Analysis of Partisan Coverage of the Fake News Phenomenon.” CSCW 2018. <https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=3274079>

**Metaxa, D.**; Wang, K.; Landay, J.A.; Hancock, J. “Gender-Inclusive Design: Stereotypes and Biases in Web Interfaces.” CHI 2018. <https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=3173574.3174188>

Daskalova, N.; **Metaxa, D.**; Tran, A.; Nugent, N.; Boergers, J.; McGeary, J.; Huang, J. “SleepCoacher: A Personalized Automated Self-Experimentation System for Sleep Recommendations.” UIST 2016. <https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=2984534>

**Metaxa, D.**; Rusak, G.; Teevan, J.; and Bernstein, M. “The Web is Flat: The Inflation of Uncommon Experiences Online.” CHI 2016. <https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=2892424> *Best short paper award.*

Papoutsaki, A.; Guo, H.; **Metaxa, D.**; Gramazio, C.; Rasley, J.; Xie, W.; and Huang, J. “Crowdsourcing from Scratch: A Pragmatic Experiment in Data Collection by Novice Requesters.” HCOMP 2015.

<https://www.aaai.org/ocs/index.php/HCOMP/HCOMP15/paper/view/11582> *Best paper runner-up.*

## Books

**Metaxa, D.**, et al. *Auditing Algorithms: Understanding Algorithmic Systems from the Outside In*, Foundations and Trends in Human-Computer Interaction 14 (4)

## Book Chapters

**Metaxa, D.;** Raji, D. “A Tale of Two Audits: Investigating the Politics of Algorithm Audit Evaluations” in *AI // Assembly* edited by Bernholz, L. (*in progress*)

## White Papers

Garton Ash, T.; Gorwa, R.; **Metaxa, D.** [Glasnost! Nine ways Facebook can make itself a better forum for free speech and democracy](#). 2019. Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism.

Sheuerman, M. K. et al. [HCI Guidelines for Gender Equity and Inclusivity](#). 2019.

**Metaxa, D.;** Torres-Echeverry, N. [Google’s Role in Spreading Fake News and Misinformation](#). SSRN. 2017.

## Popular Press

Gorwa, R.; **Metaxa, D.** [Here’s how Mark Zuckerberg can save Facebook from itself](#). *Wired UK*. March 4, 2019

Hancock, J.; **Metaxa, D.;** Park, J. S. [Are Google search results politically biased?](#) *The Guardian*. September 6, 2018.

Aldrich, D. P.; **Metaxa, D.** [How your social network could save you from a disaster](#). *The Conversation*. July 16, 2018.

## Invited Talks

**University of Pennsylvania** | Annenberg Conversations on Gender. “From Algorithm Audits to Accountability” (September 3, 2021) [Link](#)

**Virginia Commonwealth University** | Camp Qmunity (July 12, 2021)

**Mobile Data Management Conference** | Diversity and Inclusion Session. (June 15, 2021)

**Cornell University** | Graduate Students for Gender Inclusion in Computing Group. “Bias and Representation in Sociotechnical Systems.” (April 6, 2021)

**Carnegie Mellon University** | Human-Computer Interaction Institute. “Bias and Representation in Sociotechnical Systems.” (March 25, 2021)

**University of Pennsylvania** | Computer and Information Science Department. “Bias and Representation in Sociotechnical Systems.” (March 18, 2021)

**University of Texas at Austin** | School of Journalism and Media. “Bias and Representation in Sociotechnical Systems.” (March 8, 2021)

**Johns Hopkins University** | Computer Science Department. “Bias and Representation in Sociotechnical Systems.” (February 26, 2021)

**University of Washington** | Information School. “Bias and Representation in Sociotechnical Systems.” (February 23, 2021)

**Simon Fraser University** | Computer Science Department. “Bias and Representation in Sociotechnical Systems.” (February 22, 2021)

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** | CS598RK: Human-Computer Interaction for Machine Learning. “Inclusive Design from the Lab to the Classroom.” (October 31, 2019)

**Stanford University** | CS247i: Design for Understanding. “Inclusive Web Design.” (October 22, 2019)

**Stanford University** | Democracy & Internet Scholars Workshop. "Search Media and Elections: Investigating Partisanship in Political Search Results. (February 22, 2019)  
**Stanford Law School** | Project on Democracy and Internet Seminar Series. "Algorithm Audits and Political Bias in Web Search." (November 29, 2018)  
**Wellesley College** | Computer Science Department. "So you're thinking about graduate school..." (November 17, 2016)  
**Smith College** | Computer Science Department. "So you're thinking about graduate school..." (November 18, 2016)

## Professional Service

### Reviewing

**Editorial Boards** | *Journal of Online Trust and Safety*, 2020 - current  
**Conferences** | CSCW '22, FAccT '22 (AC), CSCW '21, FAccT '20, CSCW '20, CHI '20, ICWSM '20, CSCW '19, CHI '18, ICWSM '18

### Committee Leadership

CSCW Conference Steering Committee | Graduate student member, 2019-21  
ICWSM Conference | Web Chair, 2017-18

### University Service

Stanford CS PhD Social Committee | Founder and Chair, 2015-20  
Stanford CS PhD Liaison to the Faculty | Liaison, 2015-16  
Stanford HCI Qualifying Exam Equity & Justice Update | Lead volunteer, 2020-21  
Stanford CS PhD Applicant Student Support Program, Volunteer, 2020-21  
Stanford Out in STEM | Mentor, 2020-21  
Underrepresented in Stanford Computer Science program | Mentor, 2020-21  
Stanford Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education (EDGE) | Mentor, 2017-19

### Other Service

Stanford Alpine Club | President, 2017-18  
Stanford Hellenic Student Association | Board Member, 2015-16

## Student Advising

### PhD Students at Penn

Princess Sampson, 2022 - current  
Ro Encarnacion, 2022 - current

### Undergraduates

Lena Armstrong, current senior at Penn

### Other Advisees

**2021 - current**  
Michelle Lam, current PhD student at Stanford

## Past Advisees

### 2021 - 2022

Melanie Zhou, then first-year at Stanford  
Keitany Alison Jelagat, then first-year at Stanford  
Alison Kim, then junior at Swarthmore College

### 2020 - 2021

Janine Fleming, undergraduate at Stanford  
Hannah Kim, undergraduate at Stanford

### 2019 - 2022

Ayush Pandit, then undergraduate at Stanford, now PhD student in CS at Stanford  
Colin Kalicki, then undergraduate at Stanford, now MSc at Stanford

### 2019 - 2021

Su Goh, then senior at McGill University  
Michelle Gan, undergraduate at Stanford  
Justin Tinker, undergraduate at Stanford

### 2019 - 2020

Aayush Agrawal, then sophomore at Stanford

### 2018 - 2020

Joon S. Park, then recently graduated from Swarthmore, now PhD student in CS at Stanford

### 2018 - 2019

Bec Smith, then junior at Stanford University, now Support Engineer at Microsoft  
Michelle Park, then senior at Stanford, now founder of [stealth] (*based on her senior thesis!*)

### 2017 - 2018

Kelly Wang, then junior at Brown University, now SWE at Oculus  
Xunru Rainy Chen, then junior at Northwestern University, now SWE at Meta

### 2016 - 2017

Mo Tiwari, then engineer at Facebook, now PhD student at Stanford  
Jared Bitz, then first-year undergraduate at Stanford

### 2014 - 2015

Gili Rusak, then high schooler, now Master's student at Stanford