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Education

	Stanford University	Stanford, CA
Sep 2014 to Dec 2019	<i>Ph.D. Computer Science</i> (on leave) (Advisor: Michael Bernstein)	
	University of California, Irvine	Irvine, CA
Aug 2012 to Jun 2014	<i>B.A. Anthropology</i> Honors thesis: “Quantified Self: Ethnography of a Digital Culture” (Advisor: Tom Boellstorff) <i>B.S. Informatics</i> Specialization: Human–Computer Interaction <i>Phi Beta Kappa</i>	

Past Affiliations

	University of San Francisco	San Francisco, CA
Jan 2020 to current	<i>Center for Applied Data Ethics</i> Publications Research, Speaking, etc...	
	Microsoft Research	Redmond, WA
Jun 2015 to Sep 2015	<i>FUSE Labs</i> 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	<i>Evoke Laboratory & Studio</i> Ethnographic research of values in design Assembled guide for data co-ownership	
Jan 2013 to Jun 2013	<i>Multidisciplinary Design Program</i> Studied use of space on campus grounds Brainstormed changes to sociofugal spaces to promote sociopetality	
	Foothill College & Columbia University	Cangahua, Ecuador
Jun 2012 to Aug 2012	<i>Pambamarca Archaeological Project</i> Mentored 20 students in ethnographic methods Administered lab artifact database consisting of more than 8000 entries	

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=ClGlo-sevT0Y>). 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: <i>Proceedings of the 2019 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems</i> (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 . URL: http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/3290605.3300760
2018	Ali Alkhatib , Justin Cranshaw, and André s Monroy-Herná ndez. “Laying the Groundwork for a Worker-Centric Peer Economy”. In: <i>CoRR abs/1807.08189</i> (2018). arXiv: 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: <i>Proceedings of the 2017 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems</i> (Denver, Colorado, USA). CHI 2017. Denver, Colorado, USA: ACM, 2017, pp. 4599–4616. ISBN: 978-1-4503-4655-9. DOI: 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: <i>Proceedings of the 33rd Annual ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems</i> . CHI ’15. ACM, 2015, pp. 1621–1630. ISBN: 978-1-4503-3145-6. DOI: 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: <i>UC Irvine Undergraduate Research Symposium</i> (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: <i>UC Irvine Undergraduate Research Symposium</i> (University of California, Irvine, USA). UC Irvine Undergraduate Research Symposium. 2013

Presentations

This is an incomplete list.

2021	“To Live in Their Utopia: Why Algorithmic Systems Create Absurd Outcomes” — CHI ’21. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ClGlosevT0Y
2019	“Street-Level Algorithms and Seeing the Forest for the Trees in AI” — <i>University of San Francisco Center for Applied Data and Ethics Seminar</i> . San Francisco, CA, USA
2019	“Street-Level Algorithms: A Theory at the Gaps Between Policy and Decisions” — <i>CHI 2019</i> . Glasgow, Scotland UK
2017	“Examining Crowd Work and Gig Work Through The Historical Lens of Piecework” — <i>CHI 2017</i> . Denver, Colorado, USA
2015	“Designing Worker–Centric Labor Markets” — <i>Platform Cooperativism</i> . New York, NY
2014	“Quantified Self: Ethnography of a Digital Culture” — <i>UC Irvine Undergraduate Research Symposium</i> . University of California, Irvine, USA

Service

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