

Ali Alkhatib

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Education

Sep 2014 to Dec 2019	Stanford University	Stanford, CA
	<i>Ph.D. Computer Science</i> (on leave) (Advisor: Michael Bernstein)	
Aug 2012 to Jun 2014	University of California, Irvine	Irvine, CA
	<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>	

Affiliations

Jan 2023 to current	LOGIC(s)	New York, NY
	<i>LOGIC(s) Magazine</i> DATA EDITOR Providing technical expertise to the developmental editors Designing data journalism and critical data reporting program	
Jan 2020 to Apr 2023	University of San Francisco	San Francisco, CA
	<i>Center for Applied Data Ethics</i> DIRECTOR Research & advocacy in data ethics and algorithmic justice Managing independent data ethics research fellows	
Aug 2014 to Dec 2019	Stanford University	Stanford, CA
	<i>Stanford Computer Science</i> PHD STUDENT Research & advocacy in data ethics and algorithmic justice Managing independent data ethics research fellows	
Jun 2015 to Sep 2015	Microsoft Research	Redmond, WA
	<i>FUSE Labs</i> RESEARCH INTERN Conducted study of piecework (or gig) workers Designed front–end for worker–centric labor market platform	
Apr 2014 to Jun 2014	University of California, Irvine	Irvine, CA
	<i>Evoke Laboratory & Studio</i> 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
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Publications

2021	Ali Alkhatib . “To Live in Their Utopia: Why Algorithmic Systems Create Absurd Outcomes”. In: <i>Proceedings of the 2021 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems</i> (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ClGIosevT0Y). CHI '21. Yokohama, Japan: Association for Computing Machinery, 2021. ISBN: 9781450380966. DOI: 10.1145/3411764.3445740 . URL: https://doi.org/10.1145/3411764.3445740
2020	Ali Alkhatib . “We Need to Talk about Digital Contact Tracing”. In: <i>Interactions</i> 27.4 (July 2020), pp. 84–89. ISSN: 1072-5520. DOI: 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 Andrés Monroy-Hernández. “Laying the Groundwork for a Worker-Centric Peer Economy”. In: <i>CoRR</i> abs/1807.08189 (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

2022	“Race Data Science Lecture Series” – <i>Columbia University Data Science Institute</i> . New York, NY, USA. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1v2KIdL5Rs
2021	“To Live in Their Utopia: Why Algorithmic Systems Create Absurd Outcomes” — <i>CHI '21</i> . https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ClGIosevT0Y
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. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nT09UhcrlQ0
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
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Press and Other Appearances

2024	Is AI Disconnected from Reality? (Analytics India)
2023	The top 12 people in artificial-intelligence policy, ethics, and research (Business Insider)
2023	OpenAI's 'unreasonable claims' exhaust AI-ethics researchers (Business Insider)
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	<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>