

# Ali Alkhatib

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## Education

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

## Affiliations

	<b>LOGIC(s)</b>	New York, NY
Jan 2024 to Sep 2024	<i>LOGIC(s) Magazine</i> DATA EDITOR Providing technical expertise to the developmental editors Designing data journalism and critical data reporting program	
	<b>University of San Francisco</b>	San Francisco, CA
Jan 2020 to Apr 2023	<i>Center for Applied Data Ethics</i> DIRECTOR Research & advocacy in data ethics and algorithmic justice Managing independent data ethics research fellows	
	<b>Stanford University</b>	Stanford, CA
Aug 2014 to Dec 2019	<i>Stanford Computer Science</i> PHD STUDENT Research & advocacy in data ethics and algorithmic justice Managing independent data ethics research fellows	
	<b>Microsoft Research</b>	Redmond, WA
Jun 2015 to Sep 2015	<i>FUSE Labs</i> RESEARCH INTERN Conducted study of piecework (or gig) workers Designed front–end for worker–centric labor market platform	
	<b>University of California, Irvine</b>	Irvine, CA
Apr 2014 to Jun 2014	<i>Evoke Laboratory &amp; Studio</i> RESEARCHER Ethnographic research of values in design Assembled guide for data co–ownership	

Jan 2013 to Jun 2013	<b>Multidisciplinary Design Program</b> RESEARCHER Studied use of space on campus grounds Brainstormed changes to sociofugal spaces to promote sociopetality
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## Publications

2021	<b>Ali Alkhatib</b> . “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> ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1GIosevT0Y">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1GIosevT0Y</a> ). CHI '21. Yokohama, Japan: Association for Computing Machinery, 2021. ISBN: 9781450380966. DOI: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1145/3411764.3445740">10.1145/3411764.3445740</a> . URL: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1145/3411764.3445740">https://doi.org/10.1145/3411764.3445740</a>
2020	<b>Ali Alkhatib</b> . “We Need to Talk about Digital Contact Tracing”. In: <i>Interactions</i> 27.4 (July 2020), pp. 84–89. ISSN: 1072-5520. DOI: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1145/3404205">10.1145/3404205</a> . URL: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1145/3404205">https://doi.org/10.1145/3404205</a>
2019 <b>Best Paper</b>	<b>Ali Alkhatib</b> 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: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1145/3290605.3300760">10.1145/3290605.3300760</a> . URL: <a href="http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/3290605.3300760">http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/3290605.3300760</a>
2018	<b>Ali Alkhatib</b> , Justin Cranshaw, and Andrés Monroy-Hernández. “Laying the Groundwork for a Worker-Centric Peer Economy”. In: <i>CoRR</i> abs/1807.08189 (2018). arXiv: <a href="https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.08189">1807.08189</a> . URL: <a href="http://arxiv.org/abs/1807.08189">http://arxiv.org/abs/1807.08189</a>
2017 <b>Honorable Mention</b>	<b>Ali Alkhatib</b> , 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: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1145/3025453.3025974">10.1145/3025453.3025974</a> . URL: <a href="http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/3025453.3025974">http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/3025453.3025974</a>
2015 <b>Honorable Mention</b>	Niloufar Salehi, Lilly C. Irani, Michael S. Bernstein, <b>Ali Alkhatib</b> , 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: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1145/2702123.2702508">10.1145/2702123.2702508</a> . URL: <a href="http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/2702123.2702508">http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/2702123.2702508</a>
2014	<b>Ali Alkhatib</b> 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, <b>Ali Alkhatib</b> , 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. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1v2KIdL5Rs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1v2KIdL5Rs</a>
2021	“To Live in Their Utopia: Why Algorithmic Systems Create Absurd Outcomes” — <i>CHI '21</i> . <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1GIosevT0Y">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1GIosevT0Y</a>
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. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nT09UhcrlQ0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nT09UhcrlQ0</a>
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” — *UC Irvine Undergraduate Research Symposium*.  
University of California, Irvine, USA

## Press, Interviews, Miscellaneous

2025 [Defining, with Ali Alkhatib](#) (The Data Fix with Dr. Mél Hogan)

2024 [Maybe We Should Destroy AI](#) (Tech Won’t Save Us with Paris Marx)  
[Sacrificing for AI](#) (Data Vampires with Paris Marx)  
[Students and staff question UMich AI investments](#) (The Michigan Daily)  
[Is AI Disconnected from Reality?](#) (Analytics India)

2023 [The top 12 people in artificial-intelligence policy, ethics, and research](#) (Business Insider)  
[OpenAI’s ‘unreasonable claims’ exhaust AI-ethics researchers](#) (Business Insider)  
[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>