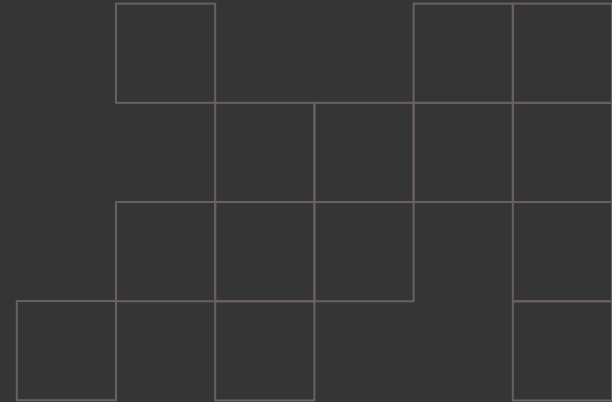


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# Scholar Profiles

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Getting to know each other beyond the resume and CV





# Template - Name

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## **Faith Background / Story**

- Help us get to know how you came to faith, current faith learning / practice

## **Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?**

- celebrate a career moment

## **What excites you currently about your work?**

- what are you currently working on

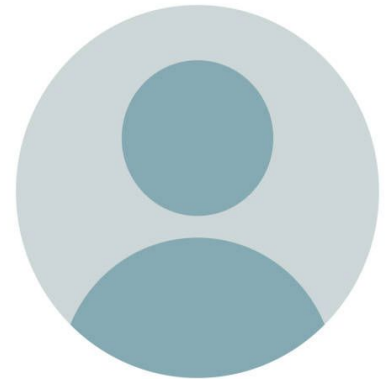
**Family:** optional, but would allow to get to know better and pray for each other

## **Why is your favorite “God moment” / testimony?**

- celebrate a moment God impacted your life

## **Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?**

- help us understand your goals and what you would like to get out of this project



## **Educational Summary**

- undergraduate
- graduate work

## **Professional Summary**

[ LinkedIn Profile and/or Website]

- professional career summary

- **Current:** professional position

# Cheng-Ho Jimmy Lin

## Faith Background / Story

- Grew up in a Buddhist home in Taiwan
- First exposure to Christ in missionary school in Taichung
- Came to faith through InterVarsity at Yale
- Currently attend Redeemer Bible Fellowship in Mountain View, California
- Denomination: Reformed
- Major Influences: Van Til, Bavinck

**Family:** married, wife Mandy, kids JT (13) and Karissa (11)

## Why is your favorite “God moment” / testimony?

- First child just born, started faculty at WashU, was in adult emergency room for eye pain, JT got fever - checked out of adult ED to go home to drive family to child ED, lost sight in one eye > time where God asked me clearly - “do you trust me?”

## Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

- help map the first cancer genomes
- led development of Signatera cancer monitoring test, affecting thousands of cancer patients annually

## What excites you currently about your work?

- working on a blood test to screen for colorectal cancer, which is expected to roll out next year

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- AI without doubt will be the largest disruptive force in our generation and making sure that there is robust research in values and moral reasoning is essential
- Being in a group of likeminded and committed individuals who want to encourage each other and actively build and contribute
- Unique set of talents to be able to make a difference in the future trajectory of AI



## Educational Summary

- BA/BS Yale, CogSci, Biochem
- MD/PhD/MHS Johns Hopkins, Cancer Genomics
- MAR Reformed Theological Seminary

## Professional Summary

- [ [LinkedIn Profile](#) / [Website](#) ]
- Instructor, WashU St. Louis
- Director, NIH/NCI Cancer Genomics
- CSO, Naterra
- **Current:** CSO, Freenome / CEO Rare Genomics Institute

# Rui Guo

## Faith Background / Story

- Encountered Jesus in college through campus ministry, and determined to serve God as an academic
- Attended house churches in China, and committed to a scholar's ministry
- Currently attend: Christ Redeemer Church
- Denomination: Reformed
- Major Influences: Bonhoeffer, Jacques Ellul

**Family:** Married with Dawn; have two boys (4yo and 10yo).

## Why is your favorite “God moment” / testimony?

- I went to visit a university for job, and at the main entrance stood a permanent, metal sign that says “no religious activity allowed”; I eventually joined the university faculty.

## Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

- a Christian faculty brother challenged me to enter the AI field, and I prayed for it; a few days later, I got an invitation to do a major AI project that started my AI research.

## What excites you currently about your work?

- I am editing a journal
- I am working on a student ministry
- I also do research on Ai, disability and corporate law

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- Living out faith in this field that has so much potential is exciting. Let's do it!



## Educational Summary

- LL.B China University of Political Science and Law
- LL.M, S.J.D, Harvard University

## Professional Summary

[ [LinkedIn Profile](#) and [Website](#) ]

- Associate Professor, Renmin University
- Member, Sub-committee of AI National Standardization Committee of Information Technology.
- **Current:** Visiting Scholar at Harvard University

# Dawn Zhang

## Faith Background / Story

- Raised as an atheist. Came to learn about Christianity when I went to college in the US and became a follower of Christ soon after.
- Attended house churches in China.
- On a quest to integrate faith with work, marriage, parenting etc.
- Denomination: Reformed
- Major Influences: Richard Foster, Dallas Willard

**Family:** Married with Rui; have two boys (4yo and 10yo).

## Why is your favorite “God moment” / testimony?

- in college just became a new Christian, didn't get any offer from the summer internships I applied to, ended up doing an unpaid internship while staying in the house of a gracious alumnae. Ended up getting great help from that alumnae in business school application process, getting a rec letter from senior leadership in the company I interned for, had plenty of time preparing for GMAT, and eventually got into HBS. God's plan is better than mine!

## Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

- designed and mass produced a coding robot to teach young kids coding without screens
- influenced thousands of parents in China to love their kids unconditionally while helping them to love to learn more.

## What excites you currently about your work?

- I currently spend most of my time on homeschooling my kids.

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- I'm interested in helping this great cause be known and hence get the resources it needs.



## Educational Summary

- B.A. Mount Holyoke College
- M.B.A. Harvard Business School

## Professional Summary

- [ [LinkedIn Profile](#) ]
- VW Strategy / PMO
- CEO Mangobot (Little Tinkerer)
- Author & TikTok influencer on home education

- **Current:** free agent

# Nathan Gaw

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## Faith Background / Story

- Grew up in a Southern Baptist Church (started going since I was six days old)
- After being held up at gunpoint, took my life seriously and committed my life to him as an adult
- Gave my life to missions during college
- Currently attend: New North Church
- Denomination: Charismatic
- Major Influences: Derek Prince, Henry Blackaby

**Family:** son of Craig (electrical engineer) and Susan (chemistry), brother David, dating an *amazing* girl named Annabella

## Why is your favorite “God moment” / testimony?

- God making a way for me to live in the Bay with so much favor; this year has been such a God year (faith to quit my job and walk in the promises God has before me).

## Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

- landing a tenure track position and successfully managing the job securing ~\$800k in funding in under four years
- writing a paper with Harvard Med School highlighting issues with saliency maps with evaluating deep learning models prediction on medical images (issues with interpretability, localizability, repeatability, and reproducibility)
- building research community of multi-modal data fusion in industrial engineering/operations research world (review paper, contributed book, etc.)

## What excites you currently about your work?

- having conversations with how to use AI across so many fields (e.g., military, water sanitization, blue collar businesses, etc.)

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- have a better understanding of best practices of using AI with an ethical lens, and implement these practices in my own work & research



## Educational Summary

- B.S.E., Biomed Eng., AZ State
- M.S., Biomed Eng., AZ State
- Antioch Discipleship School (non-accredited seminary)
- Ph.D., Indust. Eng., AZ State

## Professional Summary

[www.tinyurl.com/nathangaw](http://www.tinyurl.com/nathangaw)

- Postdoc @ Mayo Clinic & Georgia Tech
- Asst Prof of Data Science @ Air Force Institute of Tech

- **Current:** CTO @ [sudo-rndm.ai](https://sudo-rndm.ai)

# Anji Zhang

## Faith Background / Story

- Grew up atheist
- During undergrad, started self-studying the humanities more deeply
- Recognized the is/ought chasm through reading *The Righteous Mind* and *Mere Christianity* in parallel – I became intellectually convinced of the existence of God
- Officially accepted Christ at the start of graduate school after understanding who Jesus is

**Family:** Married for ~1.5 years! My younger brother became a Christian shortly after I did. We're praying for our parents' conversion.

## Why is your favorite “God moment” / testimony?

I initially rejected my husband when he asked me out! Not long after, he became one of the reasons I could really understand the Gospel in a way that wasn't just intellectual, as he demonstrated to me (and still does every day) what a life dedicated to Christ really looks like

## Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

- Passing qualifying exams my advisor said he would have failed – less than a month before getting married!

## What excites you currently about your work?

- I'm working on a Nature Perspective article on the epistemological justification modes invoked by AI

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- AI alignment is finally being recognized as a normative task! Let's try and do it right.



## Educational Summary

- BSc. in Chemistry from the University of Toronto

## Professional Summary

[[LinkedIn Profile](#)]

### - **Current:**

PhD student in Chemistry at MIT using ML to predict reaction outcomes

Research Scholar, Social and Ethical Responsibilities of Computing (SERC), MIT Schwarzmann College of Computing

# Alex Chao

## Faith Background / Story

- Grew up in a Christian household, went to church, nominal Christian
- Father passed away at 10 years old
- Began questioning the purpose of life then, didn't necessarily have compelling answers
- Started to be recognized for achievement (i.e. valedictorian) in middle school. Built my identity around that to counter the narrative that I was just another orphan. Pursued similar ambitions in high school
- Freshman year, my friend shared with me a YouTube sermon on Matthew 7. Was convicted that Jesus could say "I never knew you". Realized that it was not about whether I knew God but if God knew me and that it was through Jesus that I could be made right with him.
- Now with a new heart and as a new creation, I strived (and continue to strive) for excellence not for my glory but for God!

## Family:

- only child. Married in 2021 (during Covid!).

## Why is your favorite "God moment" / testimony?

- Too many to count but the core is bringing me from death to life and being my Heavenly Father despite my earthly father passing

## Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

- Really fun to see the evolution of self-driving cars in the "driver's seat". Lots of unique experiences across multiple sectors (robotics, semiconductors, enterprise AI, LLMs, open-source)

## What excites you currently about your work?

- Being able to work on the frontier of AI. In the past working on robotics and computer vision systems for self-driving cars to now training the next generation LLMs and agents

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- Doing research with fellow believers to use our God-given talents to better build AI! Make a meaningful dent towards the development of more ethical AI



## Educational Summary

- BA Statistics with Computer Science at UC Berkeley

## Professional Summary

Uber ATG (self-driving), C3 AI, SambaNova Systems, Microsoft

## - Current:

Bytedance Seed

# Roger Cheng

## Faith Background / Story

- Attended church my whole life (parents are very involved in the church)
- Accepted Jesus at 7 at a Summer camp
- Got more serious about faith in college
- Currently attend Reality SF

**Family:** Single with no kids. My parents and brother's family live nearby.

## Why is your favorite “God moment” / testimony?

- At an interview, a Hindu man commented about the faith items I wrote on my resume
- On a trip in Ireland, encountered a single Chinese woman with an infant son, and had to trust God that I could help her find shelter and return to Hong Kong safely

## Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

- Shipped the first multi-modal LLM on-device LoRA adapter at Apple
- Worked for the analytics department of the New York Yankees (my favorite baseball team)

## What excites you currently about your work?

- Anything our team builds will be used by over a billion people
- The computing power in your phone is better than your desktop from a couple years ago

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- Want to use my professional skills for the greater good, towards a cause that will genuinely help people
- Want to learn something new



## Educational Summary

- BSE Princeton, Electrical Engineering
- MS University of Illinois, Electrical and Computer Engineering

## Professional Summary

[\[LinkedIn Profile\]](#)

- Microsoft, Amazon, Twitter

- **Current:** Apple

# Andrew Wagenmaker

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## Faith Background / Story

- Raised in deeply Christian home, committed my life to Christ at a young age
- Re-committed to the faith in college through the campus ministry I was a part of, after a period of intellectual questions on the validity of the faith
- Currently attend Eucharist SF
- Denomination: Anglican
- Major Influences: Jacques Ellul, Church Fathers

**Family:** Parents and four siblings

## Why is your favorite “God moment” / testimony?

- Going on a missions trip to Haiti my junior year of college. Was almost ready to walk away from the faith before going, but encountered God in a deeply personal way on this trip, and have not looked back

## Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

- have done a lot of the foundational work building a comprehensive theory of “exploration” in RL/sequential decision making
- more recently have developed state-of-the-art algorithms in RL for robotics

## What excites you currently about your work?

- Lots of exciting algorithmic questions in AI for robotics. The field is several years behind where LLMs are and feels wide open; lots of opportunities to make meaningful contributions

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- I believe AI is perhaps the most consequential technology of our lifetimes (maybe ever), and that it’s critical that it’s built in a way that promotes human flourishing



## Educational Summary

- BS/MS at University of Michigan, Electrical Engineering
- MS/PhD at University of Washington, Computer Science

## Professional Summary

- <https://wagenmaker.github.io>

## Current:

- Postdoc in EECS at UC Berkeley

# Chris Yohn

## Faith Background / Story

- Grew up in a Christian (Baptist) home in Missouri – came to faith as a child
- Wandered from faith during early college years
- Came back to church as my then girlfriend/ now wife became a believer
- Currently attend Christ Church East Bay (Presbyterian)
- Major influences: Tim Keller, C.S. Lewis

**Family:** Married to Denise for 34 years; chose to be child-free; many “spiritual” children

## Why is your favorite “God moment” / testimony?

- Planting a “church for people who don’t like church” in San Diego
- Seeing people “get” the Gospel of Work through faith and work integration ministries (like the Bay Area Center for Faith, Work and Tech which my wife co-founded)

## Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

- Training and mentoring a number of scientists during their biotech careers, many of whom are now leading their own groups or companies, impacting patients, sustainability goals, and more
- Deep Biology TargetID engine based on multiomics data; First ever transgenic algae field trial; Protein engineering of the most abundant protein on the planet (RuBisCo)

## What excites you currently about your work?

- Helping small biotech companies unlock the power of computational and data strategies to discover new therapeutics and working with them to execute those plans

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- AI is obviously a transformational technology with many current and future positive impacts. I am concerned but not fearful of potential negative repercussions. I want to work toward the positive and mitigate the negative.



## Educational Summary

- BS, Northwestern, Biomed Eng
- PhD, Scripps Research, Cell Bio

## Professional Summary

[ [LinkedIn Profile](#) / [Website](#) ]

- 20+ years at Biotech startups
- Various IC and leadership positions in biology, genomics, bioinformatics and data science

**Current:** Principal at CompBio Bridge, Computational Biology consulting and contracting

# Xin Chen

## Faith Background / Story

- Raised in an agnosticism family with buddhism influence in Shenzhen, China
- First exposure of Christianity of age 7, best friend's mom took me to a christian home and taught how to pray
- Believed in God through a betting game with my friend
- Started going to Church in high school
- Currently attend Midtown Baptist Temple
- Current and past services: co-president/student leader of ECCM campus ministry (KC), Bridges International (UIUC)

**Family:** Parents, 1 sibling

## Why is your favorite “God moment” / testimony?

- Knowing God since 7 and started to pray nearly every night without telling any family members, and now, after 20 years later, my parents and my grandma got saved this past summer.

## Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

- Witnessed a liver cancer patient achieve remission through nutrition and lifestyle therapy during my final year of medical school, and followed this calling in nutrition-based cancer survivorship care despite having little nutrition background then-No regrets!

## What excites you currently about your work?

- Get to research on nutrition for head and neck, breast and blood cancer collaborating with multidisciplinary medical professionals.
- As a member of digital health co/lab of KU Cancer Center, being exposed to various information & communication technologies for healthcare.
- Campus ministry

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- Gaps exist in nutrition care for patients. Want to develop an ethical AI model that enhances access to nutrition care for underserved cancer patients.



## Educational Summary

- MBBS (M.D. equivalent) at Southern Medical University, Clinical Medicine (minor: pathology)
- MS at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Human Nutrition

## Professional Summary

[LinkedIn](#) / [ResearchGate](#)  
Graduating next May! (open for opportunities)

## Current:

- PhD Candidate at University of Kansas Medical Center, Medical Nutrition Science

# Millie McKaylin

## Faith Background / Story

- Grew up in a Christian home in the UK (cradle Christian)
- Had a few lapses through adolescence as increasing secularism in my area of the UK led to bullying through school
- Came back to faith during my undergraduate and was baptised
- Denomination: URC, Charismatic, curr. Anglican
- Home Church: St Pete's Fireside, Vancouver BC

**Family:** Married, with 1 dog (Stitch)

## Why is your favorite "God moment" / testimony?

- God is endlessly faithful, and we are so awed by his grace to us!
- My favourite example of his grace is his faithfulness in "spontaneous non-believer prayer" we regularly offer to pray for our secular friends, whenever they reach out for prayer on matters big and small - God is so good!

## Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

- First in my family to attend university
- Amazon internship project saved Amazon \$1bn
- Leading and landing some big projects on multi-modality and generalisation for AVs at Wayve

## What excites you currently about your work?

- Exploring deeper topics in multi-modality and applying this to LLMs

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- Grateful to have the opportunity to merge my faith and work in a meaningful and targeted way, and believe that ethical considerations of AI are currently underdeveloped.



## Educational Summary

- BSc Computer Science Durham University
- MPhil Advanced Computer Science, University of Cambridge

## Professional Summary

- Amazon, Wayve

- **Current:** (f)unemployed.. Joining Cohere as Senior MoTS (pending work permit 🙏)

# Joy Zhong

## Faith Background / Story

- Baptized at Efree after graduating from WashU in St. Louis School of Law. Professor Lou invited me to the MSG fellowship.
- I believed as a child, later explored Buddhism, Daoism, and philosophy. encountering the Bible “clicked”—I finally found answers.
- In a difficult season, Christian friends in Houston and St. Louis supported me financially and emotionally, that grace taught me to “pay it forward.”
- These experiences shape my calling to promote human flourishing through HCI / well-being research

## Why is your favorite “God moment” / testimony?

- God trained me to “be joyful under any circumstances.” I learned to reinterpret events with hope and love, which helps me comfort others and be a channel of blessing—and that brings me countless joy.

## Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

- In my CHI 25 paper, I “code love into AI”: designing an empathetic AI assistant to comfort and support frontline representatives who face nonstop incivility.

## What excites you currently about your work?

- Seeing how findings from science and positive psychology converge with biblical wisdom
- Building a positive-psychology intervention that trains empathy, compassion, altruism, and gratitude

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- Truth renews lives. If more people gain these skills and mindsets, they can experience a durable “living-water” kind of joy—and then pass that grace forward.



## Educational Summary

- CS Ph.D, Umass Amherst
- MSIS, NEU
- LL.M, WashU
- LL.M, BNU
- B.Econ. & Fin, TFSU

## Professional Summary

- [[Linkedin](#)] [[google scholar](#)]
- CITIC Investment Banking
- Jingsh Law Firm

## - Current:

First year CS PhD student at Umass Amherst

# Alex Wu

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## Faith Background / Story

- Raised in Christian home in NY nearby large extended family that also prioritized faith
- Re-committed to faith in college
- Constantly reminded of God's faithfulness as He teaches me new things in the different cities He's placed me in
- Currently attend Radiance SF

**Family:** twin sister, younger brother, mom

## Why is your favorite "God moment" / testimony?

- So many moments of God showing His creativity and humor in unexpected ways by bringing certain people in my life at the right time (from meeting grad school housemates to chance encounters that would save a close family member's life)

## Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

- Deciding to pursue a PhD in computational biology after not knowing what a PhD or computational biology were for the majority of my time in college
- Got to work on developing graph ML methods for identifying drivers of disease with amazing colleagues during grad school

## What excites you currently about your work?

- Opportunity to bring together large-scale biological data generation efforts with AI/ML to develop therapies for unmet medical needs

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- Opportunity learn how I may be able to use experiences, skills God has blessed me with to contribute to AI alignment
- Interest in AI safety/alignment for biomedical applications



## Educational Summary

- BS Operations Research, Columbia
- MS Comp Bio, Harvard
- PhD Comp Bio, MIT CSAIL

## Professional Summary

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/alexander-wu-57122678/>

**Current:** Senior Machine Learning Scientist at Genentech

# Mike Lee

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## Faith Background / Story

- Grew up in an extended family of faith (dad, uncle, grandpa are all pastors)
- Never ‘walked away’ but have been increasingly cognizant of how little I know and the depth of my need for Jesus
- Denomination: Reformed Charismatic (spent an equal amount of time in both Presbyterian and Charismatic churches)
- Current church: Radiance SF

**Family:** Parents and a younger brother

## Why is your favorite “God moment” / testimony?

- My family was involved in a HOA corruption case last year that I was admittedly skeptical that we would win given the imbalance of power. But God may a way through the local government — he does hear the prayers of the weak!

## Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

- PhD: selected into AAAI doctoral consortium my final year and received mentorship from Subbarao Kambhampati as a capstone
- Master’s: cold-emailed a UMich professor to organize a joint gamma radiation-mapping experiment with live sources, a ground robot, and a 100k radiation sensor

## What excites you currently about your work?

- Working on a few interesting benchmarks: just wrapped up one on moral reasoning [\[link\]](#) and am currently working on another one on national security

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- I’m drawn to building systems that are not only technically capable, but are also introspective and able to help humans interact with them thoughtfully (e.g. through helpful explanations on tradeoffs that underpin a decision)



## Educational Summary

- BS Mechanical & Aerospace Eng, Princeton
- MS Robotics, Carnegie Mellon
- PhD Human-AI Interaction, Carnegie Mellon

## Professional Summary

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/symikelee/>

**Current:** Research Scientist at Scale AI

# Erik Nordby

## Faith Background / Story

- Grew up as a pastor's kid in the ELCA.
- While in college I was fortunate enough to have an ELCA-funded faith center
- Continually seeing just how much I still need to learn about my faith and the church
- Denomination: Lutheran
- Current church: St. Luke's Lutheran Church,, Greater Pittsburgh Region.

## Family:

- My long term partner Megan. She and I met freshman year of college
- Mom, Dad and Brother
- Megan's family (Dad, Mother, 2 sisters, and Bernadoodle) who recently moved to the Greater Pittsburgh Region

## Why is your favorite "God moment" / testimony?

- Seeing an agnostic family member pray for the first time in a VERY long because they were awed by la Sagrada Familia Cathedral in Spain.
- (Almost) daily walks in a local park which make me feel a close connection to creation and God

## Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

My work at UPMC directly supported clinicians in our Children's Hospital. Touring the hospital was quite impactful

## What excites you currently about your work?

- Able to learn about exciting and interesting problems
- Fortunate to have the time to volunteer with AI safety organizations and programs like SPAR
- Able to work with enthusiastic, kind, and incredibly intelligent team mates

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- Use the skills I was given by God to do work that can benefit others
- General interest in alignment and AI safety/control more broadly
- Happy to help in whatever way is most useful :)



## Educational Summary

- BSc Computer Science, University of Pittsburgh
- Bsc Mathematics/Economics, University of Pittsburgh
- MSCS Computer Science, GaTech (In Progress)

## Professional Summary

<https://nordbyerik.github.io/>

- **Current:** Master's Student

# Ziwen Han (sorry I'm at work during this time)

## Faith Background / Story

- Not from a Christian family, I've been to church as a child but didn't really obey.
- Jesus called me back to Him through college fellowship. Accepted Christ & baptized in 2024.
- Denomination: Anglican
- Home church: EucharistSF

**Family:** Parents and me.

## Why is your favorite "God moment" / testimony?

- There's just so many! I once ran into my fellowship (unplanned) on top of a mountain all far from home, and we had a good time of prayer and reading the Word while admiring God's great creation.

## Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

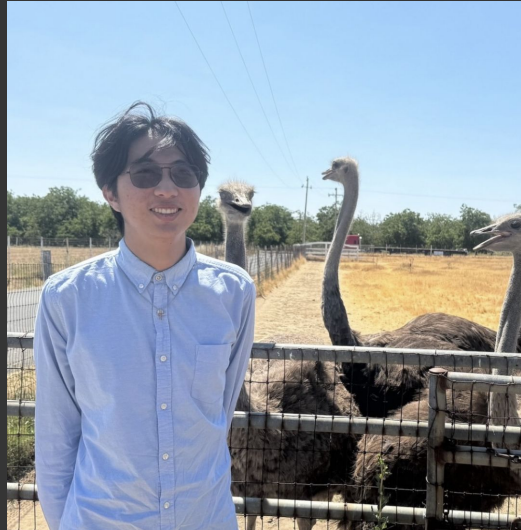
- My work on "Humanity's Last Exam" has been covered in the New York Times (I didn't choose the name)

## What excites you currently about your work?

- I build models to be safe & aligned. I'm driven by the hope that my work keeps humanity flourishing.
- What does flourishing mean? -> What are the greatest commandments?

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- Use the gifts and opportunities that God gave me to glorify Him through my work
- (My research was focused on LLM evals)



## Educational Summary

BSc. Computer Science from the University of Toronto

## Professional Summary

[Google Scholar](#)  
[linkedin.com/in/ziwen-han](https://www.linkedin.com/in/ziwen-han)

- **Current:** Research Engineer @ Meta Superintelligence Labs

(my views and opinions my own)

# Richard Zhang

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## Faith Background / Story

- Grew up atheist
- After being discipled by a friend in college, I started going to “church” but fell into guilt, shame and legalism
- Saw the “real deal” in a conference with missionaries and was radically changed!
- Currently attend: Echo Church
- Denomination: Charismatic
- Major Influences: Heidi & Rolland Baker, John Piper

**Family:** Love my parents!

## Why is your favorite “God moment” / testimony?

- Went on a missions trip to China and saw miracles + transformations.
- After giving away all of my money, God sent a random financial deposit into my bank account, called the “Power Award”

## Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

- Open sourced hyperparameter search algorithms that help optimize Alphabet
- Led the main prompt optimization effort for Google Deepmind

## What excites you currently about your work?

- CHAI ([bit.ly/chai-global](https://bit.ly/chai-global))

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- Glorify God in the midst of a transformational moment



## Educational Summary

- BA Princeton, Mathematics
- PhD Berkeley, Applied Math

## Professional Summary

[qiuyiz.github.io](https://qiuyiz.github.io)

### - **Current:**

Staff Research Scientist at  
Google Deepmind

# Toby Li

## Faith Background / Story

- Grew up in a Buddhist family. Attended Buddhist summer camps in high school but was never really convinced.
- Encountered Christianity in college in Freshman year and started going to bible studies.
- Made the salvation decision in Sophomore year.
- Attends Michiana Chinese Christian Church now. Have been co-leading (with my wife Julia) a Mandarin speaking non-denominational student ministry group on campus for the past 5 years.

**Family:** Wife (Julia), Two daughters (Talia 6 and Melody 3), a dog and a cat

## Why is your favorite “God moment” / testimony?

- Seeing the baptism of one of my own graduate students (who knew God through our bible study group).
- Feeling God’s calling for our campus ministry work and see God works miracles beyond our imagination to prepare the ways.

## Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

- Built up the human-centered responsible AI group at Notre Dame and put us on the map for this research area.
- Developed and released several tools that demonstrated human-centered and end-user-empowering approaches to task automation agents, LLM evaluations; algorithmic auditing, and more.

## What excites you currently about your work?

- Consolidating several lines of research towards a vision towards fostering user critical reflection, value discernment, and agency in AI workflows
- Recently took on a new project on human-in-the-loop bible translation for extremely low-resourced languages

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- Take the challenge to further and more comprehensively align my professional work to my faith to glorify His name.



## Educational Summary

B.S. in Computer Science, University of Minnesota.  
Ph.D. in Human-Computer Interaction, Carnegie Mellon University

## Professional Summary

<https://toby.li/>

## Current:

Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Engineering; Director of Human-Centered Responsible AI Group; and Concurrent Professor of Education at the University of Notre Dame

# Marcus Schwarting

## Faith Background / Story

- Raised in a Methodist household
- Baptized at 8 years old
- Confirmed within the Anglican Church, 2021
- Currently living in St Andrews, Scotland

**Family:** Wife (Melody) and Pembroke Welsh corgi (Pevensie)

## Why is your favorite “God moment” / testimony?

- In the second year of my PhD, God first introduced me to other Christians in the ML/AI research space who were thinking through the ethical implications of their work.

## Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

- PhD dissertation successfully defended, May 2025. Title: “Multi-fidelity Active Learning for Efficiently Solving Inverse Problems”.
- PhD program endowed by 3M Company after ML for shape optimization implemented on N95 mask manufacturing lines (Aug 2019).

## What excites you currently about your work?

- AI-driven replacement of perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in industrial/commercial applications.
- ML/AI applied to spectroscopy for accelerating materials discovery and characterization.

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- Taking good intentions from a non-technical audience (ethicists, theologians, etc.) and turning them into action items for devs/researchers (primarily via benchmarks, red-teaming, pen testing, etc.).



## Educational Summary

B.S. in Chem Eng., U. of Louisville  
B.S. in Mathematics, U. of Louisville  
M.S. in Computer Science,  
University of Chicago  
Ph.D. in Computer Science,  
University of Chicago

## Professional Summary

Researcher, NREL and Argonne  
AI for Chemistry and Mat. Science  
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/marcus-s-a7779486/>

## Current:

AI Research Scientist, SUNY Buffalo  
Dept of Materials Informatics. Senior  
Editor, AI and Faith.  
Contributing Member, Partnership  
for Applied Biblical NLP

# John Slattery

## Faith Background / Story

- Roman Catholic evangelical by birth
- In an interdenominational family now
- Studied theology, worked for the Church, now teach in Christian theology and Christian ethics related to tech
- Influences: Gustavo Gutierrez, Shawn Copeland, Johann Baptist Metz, Ellul, Pope Francis!

**Family:** wife + 4 children, 13, 14, 15, 25; 4 cats, 2 snakes, 9 chickens....

## Why is your favorite “God moment” / testimony?

- silent retreats, family life in faith, seeing effects of faith and teaching over time.

## Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

- currently on a Vatican Dicastery committee on AI & Christian Ethics, and co-authoring 2 books on AI ethics with the Vatican.

## What excites you currently about your work?

- helping to empower and educate students and the public when it comes to AI. I direct a Center for ethics, faith, and AI at a university, and it's been exciting to be doing this work as GenAI explodes.

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- passionate about any project that tries to bring ethics to AI! Have worked on many, many well meaning projects that don't have much teeth, so I was excited about the possibility of building some practical applications.



## Educational Summary

- BS, Georgetown, Computer Science
- MATS, Saint Paul School of Theology
- PhD, Systematic Theology and History and Philosophy of Science, Notre Dame

## Professional Summary

- [Univ Website](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- [Personal website](#)

## - Current:

- Exec Director, Grefenstette Center for Ethics, Duquesne University
- teaches courses, run conferences, host lectures, programs, etc.

# Nathan Wan

## Faith Background / Story

- Grew up Catholic - receiving sacraments from baptism, communion to confirmation
- Found fellowship in college where I had the opportunity to find my own faith
- Currently attend New City Church of Los Angeles

**Family:** just married in May

## Why is your favorite “God moment” / testimony?

- Retreats are times when I have felt most close and least close to God. You can't really predict it but it has been awesome to feel his presence when we dedicate time to step away and intention to meet him.

## Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

- Getting rejected from nearly every graduate school I applied to, and most companies I interviewed with - Google was kind of an awesome, but last resort for me

## What excites you currently about your work?

- Finding better ways to help hospitals improve their financial health, and preserve their ability to serve patients

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- I actually just learned about this last week when I caught up with Jimmy
- Always been interested in opportunities to combine my faith with my work - excited for this opportunity



## Educational Summary

- BS from CMU

## Professional Summary

Google → biotech startup (w/ Jimmy) → another biotech startup → healthtech

### - **Current:**

VP, AI at Ensemble Health Partners

# Emily Wenger

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## Faith Background / Story

- Grew up in evangelical home in Midwest
- Came to Jesus at a young age
- Lots of slow, steady growth since then, through rich experiences at Wheaton College and at many great churches

**Family:** married, 2 yo girl, baby boy due in mid-Nov 2025! (and a rabbit named Jeff)

## Why is your favorite “God moment” / testimony?

Often when I am in nature alone, I tangibly feel God’s presence. He has guided me through so many decisions and challenges through quiet times of retreat in His beautiful Creation.

## Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

- Being named to Forbes 30u30 for my work on Glaze

## What excites you currently about your work?

- I study ways that AI models go wrong in the real world (usually wrt security and privacy issues) and develop technical tools to help correct these problems. I’m particularly interested in building tools that give people more agency over how or if their data is used in AI models.

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- I think we need more Christian voices in AI, gently demonstrating the limitations of these tools and guiding them to be helpful, not harmful.



## Educational Summary

- BS Math and Physics, Wheaton College
- PhD Computer Science, UChicago

## Professional Summary

[emilywenger.com](https://emilywenger.com)

Wheaton → US Department of Defense → UChicago → Meta (Research Scientist) → Duke

- **Current:** Assistant Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Duke University

# Brandon Handoko

## Faith Background / Story

- Grew up in the church: born to ~Catholic family, led worship between 14 - 16 in a faith-exploring-eventually-Protestant? church in Indonesia
- Did the Berkeley thing, struck out on my own and was very focal on myself through college + postgrad
- Had a very spiritual experience in 2023, back to church
- Have been serving in the church since through Acts Ministries International: Tapestry (LA), Lighthouse (Indonesia), Radiance (SF)

**Family:** middle child of 3 (younger brother, older sister), mom and dad

## What is your favorite “God moment” / testimony?

I say quite cornily that I feel that God speaks to me through software. Don't believe in coincidence → leading a fellowship group at Scale through Ziwen + Mike is a privilege

## What is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

- [MoReBench] is my first ever research paper!
- Voluntarily taking on \$XXXk in student loans → drop in and out of school → mingle in SF → harass investors on Twitter → land gigs by being annoying on social media → sell a company by being annoying on social media → recruited for Scale by being annoying on social media

## What excites you currently about your work?

Feel like ML has adopted me - it's a privilege that the curiosity and questions that I ask are rewarded the way they are coming from 0 background

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- Selfishly want to be more open about my faith + use my career to platform that - “[it is [dire] to have theologians embedded into safety teams to uphold human dignity]”



## Educational Summary

BS Cognitive Science from UC Berkeley (tried to drop out 6 times)

## Professional Summary

- [Experience] and [Projects]
- PM1 at survey Marketplace
- PM2 at videogame Marketplace
- Founder of Marketplace of Marketplaces

**Current:** Super IC at Scale

# Jenny Zhu

## Faith Background / Story

- No one in my family is Christian; grew up in China through high school.
- First encountered God in elementary school through Christian friends and a Christian nanny. Joined Bible studies and had faith.
- In middle school, faith drifted away.
- In high school, two classmates reminded me of the Gospel. During a season of weakness and fear, I realized how small I was and turned back to Christ.
- Got baptized in undergrad, have been walking with God for 5 years now.
- Now attending Antioch Baptist Church; Harvard: Asian Baptist Student Koinonia (ABSK), Veritas Forum, Harvard Grad School Christian Fellowship.

**Family:** I have a twin brother (2 min older than me!).  
He also works in AI.

## Why is your favorite “God moment” / testimony?

- Not a particular moment, but looking back, I see God’s miracles in my life that I didn’t understand at the time. He softened my stubborn heart and kept bringing me back to Him.
- “He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake.” (Psalm 23:3)

## Why is your favorite academic/career achievement(s)?

I’m still at the start of my career, so I don’t have big achievements others have yet. But I want to share my journey so far:

In undergrad, I wanted my research to help people, so I did 3 research on mental health + ML/AI:

- Prediction: ML model to identify high-risk depression patients using mobile data, for suicidal intervention.
- Intervention: Causal inference to inform adaptive mobile intervention -> deliver the right support at the right time.
- Reframing: Helped build an “emotionally intelligent” LLM & dataset & benchmark (based on CBT theories) that detect negative attributional mindsets and reframe into positive ones.

But through this work, I realized that even the best mental-health tools **cannot** solve the ultimate human problem: *Sin* is our broken relationship with God, and true flourishing needs our **restored connection** with Him and **moral alignment** with His truth to fill the God-shaped void in every human heart.

I’m still on my way figuring out how I can honor God through my work

## What excites you currently about your work?

- N/A

## Why are you interested in this project? What excites you most?

- I’ve been thinking a lot about AI’s future impact on humanity, and as a Christian I feel a growing conviction to take part in this new era. Honestly it’s been the main burden on my heart lately.
- I also attended the “Christianity and AI” conference at Harvard recently, where I met many like-minded people. It made me want to be part of this unity in the Christian + AI community, because “For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” (Matthew 18:20).



## Educational Summary

BSc Data Science,  
BSc Statistics @UMich

## Professional Summary

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photos and blogs

Incoming DS intern @ Google  
(Sunnyvale, Summer 2026).

- **Current:**  
MS Data Science @Harvard