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Re: Submission for A11y Futures Workshop

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To: KIMBERLY FERNANDES <fernk@gse.upenn.edu>, Jennifer Mankoff <jmankoff@cs.washington.edu>

Hi Kim, nice to meet you! This is perfect.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2023 at 2:24 PM KIMBERLY FERNANDES <fernk@gse.upenn.edu> wrote:
> Good evening Dr. Mankoff,
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> I hope you are doing well today. My name is Kim and I am a doctoral candidate at the University of Pennsylvania. I am writing because I came across the call for submissions for the A11y Futures Workshop on Twitter and would like to participate if there is the chance. By training, I am a statistician and an ethnographer, and toward my dissertation, I have conducted three years of ethnographic fieldwork in India on disabled peoples' experiences with enumeration and biometric identification technologies. While I hope to draw on this research and have it inform my participation in the workshop, I am most interested in thinking about two specific areas: (1) the transition from paper-based to biometric identification technologies and (2) the use of assistive technologies in the lives of children and young adults. Toward the first, I wanted to share as a submission this piece from a Data & Society anthology on AI in/from the Majority World as a way of thinking what comes to be quantified and databased as disability, and how disabled people experience datafication. Toward the second, if this is more suitable, I wanted to share as a submission this blog post on assistive technologies and the ideologies behind them.
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> Please let me know if you would like me to share anything else as a submission, including a CV, and I would be happy to do so.
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> Many thanks for your time and consideration,
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