

# ZOE KAHN

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## Education

*University of California, Berkeley*, 2018 – Present

PhD Candidate, School of Information

Research co-advisors: Jenna Burrell and Joshua Blumenstock

Thesis committee: Jenna Burrell (chair), Joshua Blumenstock, Deirdre Mulligan, and Morgan Ames

Topic: Bridging perspectives: data privacy and social cohesion in digital social protection in rural Togo

*Academic Affiliations*: Global Policy Lab; Algorithmic Fairness and Opacity Group (AFOG);  
Connecting the EdTech Research EcoSystem (CERES) Network

*New York University*, 2010 – 2014

B.A. with Honors in Sociology, summa cum laude

Honors thesis co-advisors: Deirdre Royster and Ruth Horowitz

Topic: State variation in collateral consequences in the US criminal justice system

## Journal Articles and Conference Proceedings

**Zoe Kahn**. “Digital Social Protection and Social Cohesion: The Role of Human Intermediaries in Rural Togo.” *World Development*. (under review).

**Zoe Kahn**, Meyebinesso Farida Carelle PERE, Emily Aiken, Nitin Kohli, and Joshua E. Blumenstock. “Expanding perspectives on data privacy: insights from rural Togo.” *ACM Computer Supported Cooperative Work (CSCW)*. (accepted subject to major revisions)

Amy Heger, Samir Passi, Shipi Dhanorkar, **Zoe Kahn**, Ruotong Wang, and Mihaela Vorvoraneau. “Responsible AI maturity model” *ACM Computer Supported Cooperative Work (CSCW)*. (under review)

**Zoe Kahn**, and Jenna Burrell. “A sociocultural explanation of Internet-enabled work in rural regions.” *ACM Transactions on Computer-Human Interaction (TOCHI)* 28, no. 3 (2021): 1-22.

Jenna Burrell, **Zoe Kahn**, Anne Jonas, and Daniel Griffin. “When users control the algorithms: values expressed in practices on twitter.” *Proceedings of the ACM on human-computer interaction* 3, no. CSCW (2019): 1-20.

Batya Friedman, Lisa P. Nathan, Milli Lake, Nell Carden Grey, Trond T. Nilsen, Robert F. Utter, Elizabeth J. Utter, Mark Ring, and **Zoe Kahn**. “Multi-lifespan information system design in post-conflict societies: An evolving project in Rwanda.” In *CHI'10 Extended Abstracts on Human Factors in Computing Systems*, pp. 2833-2842. 2010.

## Fellowships

AI Policy Hub Fellow, 2023-2024

Algorithmic, Fairness, and Opacity Group Fellow, 2018-2019

Center for Long-Term Cybersecurity Fellow, 2018-2019

Center for Technology, Society, and Policy Fellow, 2018-2019

## Grants

Social Science Research Council, Just-Tech Covid-19 Rapid Response Grant, 2020 (\$7,000)  
Center for Technology, Society, and Policy, 2018 (\$5,000)

## PhD Internships at Microsoft

*Product Manager*, Microsoft Office AI, Summer 2024 (Topic: Microsoft Copilot)  
*Product Manager*, Microsoft Office AI, Summer 2023 (Topic: Red-teaming LLMs)  
*Design Researcher*, Microsoft Office, Summer 2022 (Topic: Inclusive Research)  
*Researcher*, Microsoft Research, Summer 2021 (Topic: Responsible AI Maturity Model)

## Teaching

*INFO288*: Big Data & Development, Co-instructor (Prof. Joshua Blumenstock, Emily Aiken), 2024  
*INFO203*: Social Issues of Information, TA (Prof. Morgan Ames), 2022  
*INFO188*: Behind the Data: Humans and Values, lead TA (Prof. Deirdre Mulligan), 2021  
*INFO203*: Social Issues of Information, TA (Prof. Morgan Ames), 2021  
*INFO188*: Behind the Data: Humans and Values, TA (Prof. Deirdre Mulligan), 2020

## Teaching Awards

Berkeley School of Information Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award (Info 203), 2022  
Berkeley School of Information Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award (Info 188), 2021

## Work Experience

*Legal Assistant*, Rekhi & Wolk, P.S., *Seattle, Washington*, 2016 – 2018  
*Product Manager*, Honest Buildings, *New York City, New York*, 2015  
*Customer Success Specialist*, Honest Buildings, *New York City, New York*, 2014  
*Research Assistant*, University of Washington, *Seattle, Washington*, Summer 2013

## Invited Talks, Workshops, Panels

White House OSTP, Workshop on Participatory Algorithm Design, July 2024  
Microsoft, July 2024  
Center for Effective Global Action, May 2024  
Connected by Data Panel on Public Participation in Data and AI Governance, October 2023  
Stanford CS 46N (Prof. Jennifer Widom), April 2023  
Stanford CS 46N (Prof. Jennifer Widom), November 2022  
Stanford CS 46N (Prof. Jennifer Widom), April 2022  
UC Berkeley Info 288 (Prof. Joshua Blumenstock), April 2021  
Othering and Belonging Conference Panel on AI and Big Data, March 2019

## Other Talks

UC Berkeley School of Information PhD Research Reception, March 2024  
UC Berkeley School of Information PhD Research Reception, April 2022

## **Service**

### *External*

FACCT Program Committee, 2024

FACCT Student Volunteer, 2020

### *UC Berkeley*

PhD Representative, 2024-2025

PhD Representative on Dean Search, 2024

PhD Application Review for Students from Non-dominant Backgrounds, 2021-2024

Student Technology Council, 2021-2022