Ali Alkhatib

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Education

Stanford University Stanford, CA

Sep 2014 to | Ph.D. Computer Science (on leave) (Advisor: Michael Bernstein) Dec 2019

> **University of California, Irvine** Irvine, CA

Aug 2012 to B.A. Anthropology

Jun 2014 Honors thesis: "Quantified Self: Ethnography of a Digital Culture"

(Advisor: Tom Boellstorff)

B.S. Informatics

Specialization: Human-Computer Interaction

Phi Beta Kappa

Affiliations

LOGIC(s) International

Jan 2023 to LOGIC(s) Magazine current | AUDIT EDITOR

Providing technical expertise to the developmental editors

Helping shape work with copy editors and fact checkers

University of San Francisco San Francisco, CA

Jan 2020 to Center for Applied Data Ethics

Apr 2023 DIRECTOR

Research & advocacy in data ethics and algorithmic justice Managing independent data ethics research fellows

Stanford University Stanford, CA

Aug 2014 to Stanford Computer Science

Dec 2019 **PHD STUDENT**

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Microsoft Research Redmond, WA

Jun 2015 to **FUSE Labs** Sep 2015 RESEARCH INTERN

Conducted study of piecework (or gig) workers

Designed front-end for worker-centric labor market platform

University of California, Irvine Irvine, CA

Evoke Laboratory & Studio Apr 2014 to

Jun 2014 RESEARCHER Ethnographic research of values in design

Assembled guide for data co-ownership

Jun 2013 RESEARCHER

Studied use of space on campus grounds

Brainstormed changes to sociofugal spaces to promote sociopetality

Publications

- 2021 Ali Alkhatib. "To Live in Their Utopia: Why Algorithmic Systems Create Absurd Outcomes". In: Proceedings of the 2021 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= ClGIosevTOY). 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: *Interactions* 27.4 (July 2020), pp. 84–89. ISSN: 1072-5520. DOI: 10.1145/3404205. URL: https://doi.org/10.1145/3404205
- 2019 Ali Alkhatib and Michael Bernstein. "Street-Level Algorithms: A Theory at the Gaps Between Policy and Decisions". In: Proceedings of the 2019 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (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
- Ali Alkhatib, Justin Cranshaw, and Andrés Monroy-Hernández. "Laying the Groundwork for a Worker-Centric Peer Economy". In: CoRR abs/1807.08189 (2018). arXiv: 1807.08189. URL: http://arxiv.org/abs/1807. 08189
- 2017 Ali Alkhatib, Michael S. Bernstein, and Margaret Levi. "Examining Crowd Work and Gig Work Through The His-Honorable torical Lens of Piecework". In: Proceedings of the 2017 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems Mention (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 Niloufar Salehi, Lilly C. Irani, Michael S. Bernstein, Ali Alkhatib, Eva Ogbe, Kristy Milland, and Clickhappier. "We Honorable Are Dynamo: Overcoming Stalling and Friction in Collective Action for Crowd Workers". In: Proceedings of the Mention 33rd Annual ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems. 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
 - Ali Alkhatib and Tom Boellstorff. "Quantified Self: Ethnography of a Digital Culture". In: UC Irvine Undergraduate Research Symposium (University of California, Irvine, USA). UC Irvine Undergraduate Research Symposium. 2014
 - 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: UC Irvine Undergraduate Research Symposium (University of California, Irvine, USA). UC Irvine Undergraduate Research Symposium. 2013

Presentations

- "Race Data Science Lecture Series" Columbia University Data Science Institute. New York, NY, USA. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1v2KIdL5Rs
- 2021 "To Live in Their Utopia: Why Algorithmic Systems Create Absurd Outcomes" — CHI '21. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ClGIosevTOY
- 2019 "Street-Level Algorithms and Seeing the Forest for the Trees in AI" — University of San Francisco, Center for Applied Data and Ethics Seminar. San Francisco, CA, USA. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nT09UhcrLQ0
- "Street-Level Algorithms: A Theory at the Gaps Between Policy and Decisions" CHI 2019. 2019 Glasgow, Scotland UK
- "Examining Crowd Work and Gig Work Through The Historical Lens of Piecework" CHI 2017. 2017 Denver, Colorado, USA
- 2015 "Designing Worker-Centric Labor Markets" — Platform Cooperativism. New York, NY

Press and Other Appearances

2023 Now That ChatGPT Is Plugged In, Things Could Get Weird (WIRED)

"Elon Musk Has Fired Twitter's 'Ethical AI' Team" (WIRED) 2022

"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	Virtual
2020	Reviewed for CHI	Virtual
2019	Reviewed for CSCW	Austin, Texas, USA
2018	Reviewed for CHI	Glasgow, Scotland, UK
2017	Reviewed for CSCW	New York, New York, USA
2017	Reviewed for CHI	Montreal, Canada
2017	Reviewed for DIS	Hong Kong
2016	Lunch@CHI co-chair — CHI 2016	San Jose, CA, USA
2015	Student Volunteer — CHI 2016 Program Committee Meeting	San Jose, CA, USA