

# 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 advisor: Deirdre Royster

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

## Awards

AI Policy Hub Fellowship, 2022-2023

Berkeley School of Information Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, 2022

Berkeley School of Information Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, 2021

## Journal Articles and Conference Proceedings

**Zoe Kahn**, Meyebinesso Farida Carelle PERE, Emily Aiken, Nitin Kohli, and Joshua E. Blumenstock.

“Expanding Perspectives on Data Privacy: Insights from Rural Togo.” (*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.

## 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)

## **Grants**

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

## **Teaching**

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

## **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

## **Service**

### *External*

FACCT Program Committee, 2024  
FACCT Student Volunteer, 2020

### *UC Berkeley*

PhD Application Review for Students from Non-dominant Backgrounds, 2021-2024  
Student Technology Council, 2021-2022