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Russell Wald serves as the Executive Director of the Stanford Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI). In this role he oversees HAI's research, education, finance and administrative activities, communications, industry programs, and policy and society hub. Wald works with HAI's co-directors and faculty leaders to help shape the strategic vision and human-centered mission of HAI. From 2020 - 2022 he served as HAI's first Director of Policy and later Managing Director for Policy and Society.

He is the co-author of various publications on AI including, *Building a National AI Research Resource* (2021), *Enhancing International Cooperation in AI Research: The Case for a Multilateral AI Research Institute* (2022), *The Centrality of Data and Compute for AI Innovation: A Blueprint for a National Research Cloud* (2022, Notre Dame Journal of Emerging Technologies). Currently he is part of a HAI seed grant research project titled, *Addicted by Design: An Investigation of How AI-fueled Digital Media Platforms Contribute to Addictive Consumption*. Additionally, he serves as a member of the AI Index Steering Committee, hosted by HAI.

Wald has held various policy program and government relations positions at Stanford University for over a decade. He also served as special assistant to Amy Zegart and Ashton Carter at Stanford's Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC). In 2014, he co-designed and led the inaugural Stanford congressional boot camp, and has since created numerous tech policy boot camps, establishing a strong and effective tradition of educating policymakers at Stanford and enhancing the collaboration between governments and academic institutions.

Prior to his work at Stanford, he held numerous roles with the Los Angeles World Affairs Council. He is a Visiting Fellow with the National Security Institute at George Mason University, and a former Term Member with the Council on Foreign Relations and the Truman National Security Project. Wald is a graduate of UCLA.