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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Science and technology studies; legal and cultural history; technology law and policy

EDUCATION

Stanford University 2025 – Present
Ph.D., Communication
Advisor: Fred Turner

University of Cambridge 2021 – 2022
MPhil, Sociology
Thesis: “The Business of Human Rights: Institutional Entrepreneurship by Ethics and Human Rights Employees in Big Tech”

University of California, Berkeley 2017 – 2020
B.A., Media Studies | Minor Public Policy
Thesis: “Human Rights Advocacy in Silicon Valley: Civil Society’s Perceptions of Platform Accountability Efforts and Stakeholder Engagement Processes”

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Dean’s Scholars Fellowship, Stanford University 2025
Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education Fellowship, Stanford University 2025
Gates Cambridge Scholarship, Gates Cambridge Trust 2021
Departmental Citation (valedictorian) in Media Studies, UC Berkeley 2020
Highest Distinction in General Scholarship, UC Berkeley 2020

PUBLICATIONS – REPORTS & WHITE PAPERS

Alexa Koenig, Shakiba Mashayekhi, Diana Chavez-Varela, Lindsay Freeman, **Kayla Brown**, Zuzanna Buszman, Rachael Cornejo, Amalya Dubrovsky, Sofia Jordan, Sang-Min Kim, Lucy Meyer, Pearlé Nwaezeigwe, Sri Ramesh, Maitreyi Sistla, Eric Sype, and Ji Su Yoo. 2021. *Digital Lockers: Archiving Social Media Evidence of Atrocity Crimes*. Human Rights Center, UC Berkeley School of Law.

SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE

<i>Article 30 Inc.</i> Project Manager, Business and Human Rights	Sep 2022 – Nov 2024
<i>FIFA World Cup 2026</i> Policy Consultant, Human Rights and Stakeholder Engagement	Sep 2022 – Nov 2023
<i>Business for Social Responsibility (BSR)</i> Associate Consultant, Responsible Technology	Jan 2021 – Oct 2021
<i>Article 30 Inc.</i> Research Associate, Business and Human Rights	Jun 2020 – Jan 2021

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

<i>Stanford Law School</i> Research Assistant to Jamie O’Connell	Apr 2026 – Present
<i>Human Rights Center, UC Berkeley School of Law</i> Research Assistant, Technology Law & Policy Research Assistant, Online Hate Speech	Aug 2019 – Aug 2020
<i>UC Berkeley School of Information</i> Research Assistant, Center for Long-Term Cybersecurity	Aug 2019 – Aug 2020
<i>Interdisciplinary Research Group on Privacy</i> Research Assistant to Naniette Coleman, Dept. of Sociology	Aug 2018 – Nov 2018
<i>UCSF Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences</i> Research Assistant, Aging, Metabolism and Emotions (AME) Lab	Feb 2017 – Jan 2018

TALKS, PANELS & PRESENTATIONS

18 March 2022. “Corporate Logics and Human Rights Management in the Technology Sector,” AI & Equality Workshop, Women at the Table. Cambridge, United Kingdom.

30 Sept 2020. “Rightsholder Centered Approaches to Business and Human Rights.” International Corporate Accountability Roundtable (ICAR) 9th Annual Meeting. Remote.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Program Coordinator, Technology, Culture and Power Speaker Series, Stanford Department of Communication	Sep 2025 – Present
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Outreach Ambassador, Gates Cambridge Alumni Association	Sep 2023 – Present
Mock Interviewer, UC Berkeley Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships (OURS)	Sep 2023 – Present
Community Manager, Open Science Framework (OSF), Center for Open Science	June 2020 – Jan 2021