

# Janna Z. Huang

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## EDUCATION

### 2026 (expected) University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D. Student, Sociology

*Areas of Specialization:* science and technology studies; social theory; economic sociology

### 2020 Stanford University

M.A., Sociology

*Advisor:* Angèle Christin

### 2020 Stanford University

B.S., Computer Science (Emphasis: Human-Computer Interaction)

Interdisciplinary Honors in Science, Technology, & Society

*Thesis:* “A Break in the Cloud: Finding the Local in the Global Internet”

Winner of Firestone Medal for Excellence in Undergraduate Research

*Advisor:* Paul Edwards

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Technology, Environment, Globalization, Social Theory, Science & Technology Studies

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### 2020-22 Global Action on Climate Change

UC Berkeley Department of Sociology

*Graduate Student Researcher for Neil Fligstein*

### 2020-21 Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI), Stanford, CA

*Researcher for Rob Reich, Mehran Sahami, and Jeremy Weinstein*

Researched history of public interest technology and computing ethics for forthcoming book *System Error: How Big Tech Disrupted Everything and Why We Must Reboot* (Harper Collins, 2021)

### 2018-20 Critical Internet Studies Working Group, Stanford, CA

*Advisor: Angele Christin*

Contributed analysis of algorithms used within journalism organizations for Angele's book *Metrics at Work: Journalism and the Contested Meaning of Algorithms* (Princeton U Press, 2020)

### 2015-16 Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis (CESTA), Stanford, CA

*Research Intern*

Researched the political economy of the development of the American West

## PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

“The Business Case for AI Ethics: Moving from Theory to Action” *All Tech is Human* March 2021

“Guide to Responsible Tech: How to Get Involved and Build a Better Future” *All Tech is Human* September 2020

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UC Berkeley Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EECS) Department

Fall 2020 GSI, “EECS for All: Social Justice in EECS” with John Canny

Stanford University Computer Science Department

Spring 2020	Head TA & Course Designer, “Bridging Policy & Technology Through Design” with Lucy Bernholz
Spring 2020/19	Graduate Student Instructor, “Social Computing” with Michael Bernstein
Winter 2020/19	Graduate Student Instructor, “Ethics, Public Policy, and Technological Change” with Rob Reich
Fall 2019	Graduate Student Instructor, “Intro to Human-Computer Interaction Design” with James Landay

## FELLOWSHIPS

2021	John L. Simpson Pre-dissertation Research Fellowship in International & Area Studies (\$5,000)
2021	UC Berkeley Center for Chinese Studies East Asia Fellowship (\$2,200)
2019	Peking University, Chinese Political Economy Summer Fellowship (\$3,000)
2019	U.S. Department of State Fulbright Scholarship Semifinalist, Australia
2018	Stanford in Government Fellowship at the US Federal Communications Commission (\$5,500)

## HONORS & AWARDS

2020	Centennial TA in Engineering Award (\$500)
2020	Stanford Community Impact Award
2020	Stanford Alumni Association Award of Excellence
2018	Firestone Medal for Excellence in Undergraduate Research (\$500)
2018	Interdisciplinary Honors in Science, Technology, and Society
2017	General Electric Digital Technology Leadership Program

## GRANTS

2021	UC Berkeley Chancellor's Advisory Committee Discretionary Fund (\$24,000)
2021	American Sociological Association (ASA) Student Forum Travel Award
2021	UC Berkeley Dean's Graduate Diversity Innovation Fund (\$1,500)
2020	McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society Grant (\$1,500)
2019 – 2020	Haas Center for Public Service Cardinal Course Grant (\$2,000)
2019 – 2020	Haas Center for Public Service Community Engaged Learning and Research (CELR) Grant (\$2,500)
2019 – 2020	Stanford Center for Teaching & Learning Teaching Advancement Grant (\$1,500)
2019 – 2020	Stanford Computer Science Graduate Teaching Assistantship (\$66,000 and tuition)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

08/20 – present	<b>Georgetown Center for Security and Emerging Technology (CSET)</b> , Washington, D.C. <i>Foretell Ambassador Board</i> Analyze and predict emerging technology policies in AI ethics and governance
11/19 – 08/20	<b>Stanford Institute for Innovation in Developing Economies (Stanford Seed)</b> , Stanford, CA <i>Program Assistant</i> Created course materials for the Seed Transformation Program, an entrepreneurship incubator program in emerging markets in India, West Africa, and East Africa
06/20 – 07/20	<b>Berkman Klein Center for Internet &amp; Society at Harvard University (BKC)</b> , Cambridge, MA <i>Summer Institute</i> 1 of 23 students selected globally to join BKC for the Summer Institute, as part of an intellectual community in AI ethics and public policy
09/19 – 06/20	<b>Public Interest Technology Design Lab</b> , Stanford, CA <i>Instructor + Project Mentor</i> Designed new course (CS 184) for interdisciplinary student teams to work with partner organizations at the nexus of technology, policy, and design. Mentored teams working with Facebook AI and the Southern Poverty Law Center.
10/19 – 11/19	<b>American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Technology &amp; Civil Liberties</b> , San Francisco, CA <i>Technology Legal-Policy Intern</i> Researched startups building face surveillance technology, how it might be used by government/law enforcement agencies, and what VC firms are funding the startups
7/18 – 9/18	<b>Federal Communications Commission (FCC)</b> , Washington, D.C. <i>Office of Strategic Planning &amp; Policy Analysis; Technology Policy Fellow</i> Conducted quantitative analysis on the effectiveness of the Connect America Fund (CAF), a program that provides federal monetary support for rural and low-income communities to access reliable Internet and broadband

## INVITED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2021 “States, Finance, and Corporations: Mapping the Response to Climate Change” Harvard Business School, “International Governance, Business, and the State” June 9, 2021

## INVITED CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

2021 “Publishing Public Sociology” American Sociological Association 2021 Annual Conference

2021 “Challenges in Public Interest Tech Student Leadership” PIT Student Leaders Conference, Stanford Public Interest Tech Design Lab

## INVITED TALKS

2020 “Towards a Geopolitics of the Internet.” Stanford University Computer Science Undergraduate Research Symposium

2018 “A Break in the Cloud: Finding the Local in the Global Internet.” Stanford Science, Technology, and Society Honors Thesis Symposium

## SERVICE

2020 – 2021 Berkeley Journal of Sociology Editorial Team  
2020 CS + Social Good Fellowship Interview Committee  
2020 McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society Prize Committee  
2020 Stanford in Government Fellowship Interview Committee  
2019 – 2020 Stanford Association for Sociology Graduate Students Diversity & Inclusion Co-Chair  
2019 – 2020 Stanford Computer Science Diversity + Inclusion Committee Student Representative  
2018 – 2019 Stanford Committee on Academic Computing and Information Systems Student Representative  
2018 – 2019 Stanford Historical Society Student Representative  
2017 – 2018 Student Advisory Committee of Program in Writing & Rhetoric  
2017 – 2018 Stanford in New York Student Ambassador

## FEATURED PRESS

1. Interviewed in Slate (2019) “[The Techlash Has Come to Stanford](#)” by April Glaser

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association  
Society for Social Studies of Science