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EXPERIENCE

External Researcher | Cal OES Policy Projects

July 2026 – Present | Berkeley & Sacramento, CA

- Helping Michael Chen with developing “Internal Deployment Risk Reporting Guidelines:”
 - (1) Creating a voluntary template for frontier AI developers to report catastrophic risk from internal use
 - (2) Drafting individualized risk reports for major AI developers (Anthropic, OpenAI, xAI, Google DeepMind, and Meta Superintelligence Labs) based solely on public information, identifying key gaps in what each company has disclosed.

Volunteer with Independent Group | Alex Bores for Congress (NY-12) – Canvassing Lead, Field Operations

June 2, 2026 – June 23, 2026 | Manhattan, NY

- Full-time canvassing and helping lead field operations (~70 hours/week) across Manhattan — managing canvassers, mobilizing voters, and contributing to strategy.

Special Projects (under Sydney von Arx) | AI Protest — Operations Manager, Logistics & Distribution

July 6-11, 2026 | San Francisco, CA - Mox

- Managed inventory, ran logistics/distribution, route plans for the 7/11 Stop the AI Race protest, the “[largest AI protest](#)” marching from OpenAI to Anthropic to Google DeepMind's SF offices.

External Contributor | METR

July 2026 | Berkeley, CA

- Drafting inline edits to “Frontier AI Safety Regulations: A Reference for Policymakers” note, adding coverage of Illinois SB 315 alongside the existing analysis of CA SB 53, the EU Code of Practice, and NY’s RAISE Act.

Brown AI Safety Team (BAIST) — Executive

September 2025 – Present | Providence, RI

- Formed and leading Policy Team, actively working/testifying for 4 RI, 1 CT Bill:
 - CT [SB-5](#) (Senator Maroney, enacted): The Artificial Intelligence Responsibility and Transparency Act establishes a state framework for frontier model safety, whistleblower protections, and algorithmic risk mitigation.
 - RI [S2195](#) (Senator Urso, Rep. Tina Spears, passed both chambers): Establishing mandatory safety guardrails and multi-threat detection protocols for AI companion technologies to prevent user self-harm and financial exploitation.
 - RI [S2197](#) (Senator Urso, Rep. Tina Spears, passed both chambers): Establishing clinical oversight, auditing protocols, and deployment regulations for algorithmic systems used in specialized mental health care treatments.
 - RI [S2010](#) (Senator Gu, passed Senate): Enforcing transparency and reporting standards on corporate health insurers utilizing artificial intelligence to automate patient claims processing and coverage denials.
 - RI [S2499](#) (Senator Gu, passed Senate): Comprehensive statutory framework regulating automated decision systems (ADS) to protect workers from high-risk algorithmic bias and invasive electronic monitoring.
- Past Projects
 - Ran experiments testing response rate from the RI Congressional Delegation; both U.S. Senators wrote back in agreement with our policy team’s stance on Executive Order 14365.

Office of Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan / Senator Wiener / Common Sense — Advocate / Lobbyist

June 2025 | Sacramento, CA

- Brief lobbying efforts with Common Sense and Encode AI in support of AI Safety/Regulation Policies — 2 passed (SB 53, AB 56)
 - SB 53 (Wiener, 2025): Transparency in Frontier Artificial Intelligence Act — mandating developers of advanced AI models publish safety frameworks, report critical incidents to the state, and protect whistleblowers.
 - AB 56 (Bauer-Kahan, 2025): Social media warning labels law in which social media platforms are required to display mental health warnings to users under 18.

EDUCATION

Brown University — B.A. Applied Mathematics |2025-2029 | 4.0 GPA

Providence, RI

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

[Recursive](#) in San Francisco, Action Potential in Bodega Bay, AISST/MAIA Policy Workshop

MISCELLANEOUS SIDE PROJECTS

Research

Dermatology Research, Brown University — Dr. Eunyoung Cho's Lab

September 2025 — May 2026 | Providence, RI

- Conducted ~150 hours of dry lab research, synthesizing a 50+ page literature review on eczema, focusing on metabolic pathways and the role of maternal nutrition in disease pathogenesis.
- Investigated ~100 hours of dry lab research linking *S. epidermidis* metabolism to *C. acnes* pathogenesis and abundance in acne vulgaris through ultra-deep sequencing of patient skin samples.
- Leading IRB protocol development and study design for an upcoming clinical dermatology study investigating microbial interactions (*S. epidermidis* and *C. acnes*) in acne pathogenesis; findings are advancing to an ongoing clinical pilot, with publication forthcoming.

California State University, Sacramento — Lab Intern

June 2024 — Present | Sacramento, CA

- Conducted *Drosophila* research on the *Cyp6a20* gene's role in pheromone degradation and aggression under Dr. Johannes Bauer.

Policy

Office of Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan / Senator Wiener / Common Sense — Advocate / Lobbyist

January 2025 — October 2025 | Sacramento, CA

- Helped pass SB 754 — Menstrual products: disposable tampons and pad products: concerning chemicals.
- Worked closely with Brown alum Sunny Snell in acquiring/organizing coalitions; organized student/expert testimonials in the first and second chamber; wrote extensively urging for public and executive approval.

California Department of Education — Advocate

March 2022 — June 2025 | Sacramento, CA

- 3-year serving Region 2 Vice President serving 11 California counties; delivered testimonies in Senate and Assembly Education Hearings.
- Worked on and helped pass 3 State Education Bills: AB 1867 (Lee, 2022) — modernized bathrooms in pre-2012 K-12 schools with new faucet aerators and water-saving fixtures; SB 857 (Laird, 2023) — instituted an advisory board addressing LGBTQ+ student needs; SB 1445 (Cortese, 2024) — introduced restorative justice measures in expulsion hearings through increased peer-support.
- Office of Senator Maria Elena Durazo — Legislative Policy Committee / Advocate.

Office of Assemblymember Alvarez — Student Advocate

August 2024 — Present | Sacramento, CA

- Attempted to revive dead bills (Alvarez AB 848, AB 1040).
- Helped connect Alvarez's office to various CA Student Organizations for AB 48: Education finance: College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2026.
- Briefly worked on now-inactive bill SB 716: broadband internet access service.

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