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AI4Abolition

2025 Global Fellow



BIG BOLD IDEA

Build the collective political power of BIPOC communities by supporting community-led and participatory product development of artificial intelligence.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

AI4Abolition mobilizes BIPOC communities to harness artificial intelligence (AI) for transformative justice by equipping them with necessary knowledge and tools. It will create an abolitionist future by promoting AI literacy and developing open-source, community-led tools for a just and regenerative world. AI4Abolition prioritizes serving Black and Indigenous women, queer, and youth leaders, while embracing all who strive to use AI as a force for mutual aid. AI4Abolition's vision is a world in which artificial intelligence serves as a tool for liberation rather than oppression, shaping a just society that upholds the dignity, power, and potential of every person.

PERSONAL BIO

Dr. Avriel Epps is a scholar, advocate, and assistant professor at The University of California Riverside's School of Education. Her work focuses on the intersections of algorithmic bias and identity development across racial and gender spectra. As a co-founder of AI4Abolition, she is dedicated to building collective power with and around AI through open-source tools and AI literacy programs in marginalized communities. Avriel is recognized and supported by The Ford Foundation, MacArthur Foundation, Roddenberry Foundation, and National Center on Race and Digital Justice. Their work is featured in both scientific journals and popular outlets, including The Atlantic and the Emmy-nominated PBS documentary "TikTok, Boom." She holds an MS in data science and a Ph.D. in human development from Harvard University. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Cornell University's Citizens and Technology Lab. Their work has garnered an audience of more than 70,000 followers on Instagram and TikTok, with short form videos having received over 25 million views. She is the author of A Kids Book About AI Bias.

Organization/Fellow Location

Los Angeles, United States

Impact Location

United States

Organization Structure

Nonprofit