“Aber Herr Prof. Dr.!” Computer scientists and
Big tech funding : a database of modern lackeys.

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Abstract

Computer scientists and their sources of funding : Google, Facebook,
Amazon, Microsoft, Uber et al..

Google

Name	Filing Type	... with (Company)	Employer (University)	Filed in
Howard, Ayanna	Conflict of Interest	Google.org	Georgia Institute of Technology	2018
Shute, William	Financial Disclosure	Google	University of Texas	2016
Ceberio, Martine	Financial Disclosure	Google	University of Texas at El Paso	2019
Edwards, Ashley	Conflict of Interest	Google	Georgia Institute of Technology	2016
Li, Dennis	Conflict of Interest	Google	Georgia Institute of Technology	2019
Li, Richard	Conflict of Interest	Google	Georgia Institute of Technology	2019
Starner, Thad	Conflict of Interest	Google	Georgia Institute of Technology	2017; 2016
Abbeel, Pieter	Financial Disclosure	GOOGLE; Google Inc	University of California Berkeley	2015; 2014
Martinis, John	Financial Disclosure	Google, Inc.; Google	University of California Santa Barbara	2018; 2017
Roth, Dan	Financial Disclosure	Google	University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign	2016
Oh, Sewoong	Financial Disclosure	Google	University of Illinois	2018
Li, Wayne	Conflict of Interest	Google	Georgia Institute of Technology	2016
Singhose,	Conflict of	Google	Georgia Institute of	2018

William	Interest		Technology	
O'Driscoll, Stephen D.	Financial Disclosure	Google Inc	University of California at Davis	2016
Barranco, Roberto Camacho	Financial Disclosure	Google Inc	University of Texas at El Paso	2019; 2018
Eakins, Lara	Financial Disclosure	Google, Inc.	University of Texas, Austin	2017; 2016
Chuang, John	Financial Disclosure	Google Inc.	University of California Berkeley	2015
Schwartz, Paul	Financial Disclosure	Google, Inc.	University of California Berkeley	2011
Yu, Clare C.	Financial Disclosure	Google Inc	University of California Irvine	2017
Sherr, Elliott H.	Financial Disclosure	Google, Inc.	University of California, San Francisco	2018
Levine, Sergey	Financial Disclosure	Google, Inc.	University of California Berkeley	2018; 2017
Rempel, David	Financial Disclosure	Google, Inc	University of California, San Francisco	2016
Kidd, Celeste E.	Financial Disclosure	Google LLC	University of California Berkeley	2018
Wilcox, Lauren	Conflict of Interest	Google AI Healthcare	Georgia Institute of Technology	2019
Kahlon, Mini	Financial Disclosure	(3) google (“(1) Amazon;(2) Apple;(3) google”)	University of Texas, Austin	2018

Facebook

Name	Filing Type	... with (Company)	Employer (University)	Filed in
Dellaert, Frank	Conflict of Interest	Facebook	Georgia Institute of Technology	2017
Parikh, Devi	Conflict of Interest	Facebook	Georgia Institute of Technology	2018; 2017
Gallant, Jack; Gallant, Jack L.	Financial Disclosure	Facebook	University of California Berkeley	2017 (May; Jul.)
Darrell, Tervor	Financial Disclosure	Facebook	University of California Berkeley	2013
Lavalle, Steven	Financial Disclosure	Facebook	University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign	2008
Madhow, Upamanyu	Financial Disclosure	Facebook, Inc.	University of California Santa Barbara	2016
Batra, Dhruv	Conflict of Interest	Facebook, Inc	Georgia Institute of Technology	2018; 2017

Amazon

Name	Filing Type	... with (Company)	Employer (University)	Filed in
Martin, Lara	Conflict of Interest	Amazon	Georgia Institute of Technology	2018
Denero, John	Financial Disclosure	Amazon	University of California Berkeley	2017
Vishwanathan, S V N	Financial Disclosure	Amazon	University of California Santa Cruz	2017
Shute, William	Financial Disclosure	Amazon	University of Texas	2016
Song, Le	Conflict of Interest	Amazon	Georgia Institute of Technology	2017
Rehg, James	Conflict of Interest	Amazon Lab126	Georgia Institute of Technology	2018
Stojanov, Stefan	Conflict of Interest	Amazon Inc	Georgia Institute of Technology	2019
Bravo, Marisela	Conflict of Interest	Amazon Flex	Georgia Institute of Technology	2018
Kalia, Alok	Financial Disclosure	Amazon Digital Services	University of Texas Med Br Galveston	2016
Howard, Ayanna	Financial Disclosure	Audible (an Amazon company)	Georgia Institute of Technology	2019
Kahlon, Mini	Financial Disclosure	(1) Amazon (“(1) Amazon;(2) Apple;(3) google”)	University of Texas, Austin	2018

Research notes

Period : early 21st century.

Not all people here are necessarily computer scientists : they are however likely to be working in areas or fields connex to computer science (e.g. biology, psychology, the latter found under various labels e.g. "neuroscience" also, etc.).

E.g. Jack Gallant of Berkeley, who works in the dubious area of "neuroscience" and is the owner (he or his partner) of anywhere from 10,000\$ to 100,000\$ in Facebook investments... (*Herr Prof. Gallant!*) The same Institute where Aleksandr Kogan obtained his B.A., in that very same – and little sane – discipline of psychology...

His topic of research?

"*Decoding imagined speech from brain activity*". With zealous and most adroit researchers like that, in this century still people may soon find that their thoughts, including those they do not express, are not theirs anymore.

A lot of them seem like small fry – "average intellectuals", but some names are recognized immediately : Richard Karp (Turing Award), Pieter Abbeel (guru of AI...), John Denero (computer science pedagogue!¹), etc..

In filling out his form, Abbeel first crossed "no" under investments in Google, then thought again, and discovered himself to be the owner of 100,000 to 1 million dollars in investments in that company (or their spouse)...

Funding from (disreputable) companies seem easier and more common at so-called "Institutes of Technology" (which by their nature do not provide a full education, merely one in select few sciences - with consistent exclusion of the more critical humanities and social sciences, and if taught there only in a watered-down form).

Google.org is not the same as **google.com**. More philanthropy... Focused, this time, on "accelerating social good with artificial intelligence"!

The database was mostly limited to public universities, hence the absence of private ones, which may not be subject to the same requirements (MIT, for instance, is completely absent, but Stanford is there).

There are extreme recidivists : like Shute, whose arm is so long it reaches in the pockets of all of Google, Amazon and Apple in addition to dozen of other companies (including VISA). They, in turn, had bought his brain and mind. Shute... Chute.

¹Received 50,000\$ from, Amazon and an Echo as a bonus. The cherry on top, so to speak. (Our advice to him : both gifts were Maussian in nature...)

Ayanna Howard (who works in Robotics) had her arms in the pockets of Google and Apple (through their subsidiary Audible). As for herself, Maninder Kahlon (neuroscience, again) liked the trio of Google, Amazon and Apple better.

Finally :

A James Carville of Louisiana State (the Carville of the Democratic Party, Hillary Clinton?) was found here doing "paid consulting" for Palantir; paid for "*services rendered*" ...

"*I fear the Greeks, even those bearing gifts...*" – had these half-minds read more than manuals, they would recognize these lines instantly. And, they would have known better than to meddle with these dangerous, Trojan-like "gifts". (They are the horses...)

Of his father, James Baldwin wrote in *The Fire Next Time* (the letter to his nephew, in particular) : "defeated long before his death".

They never even tried...

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TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT			
Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing			

1. Information Regarding Funding Entity

(Use a separate Form 700-U for each funding entity.)

Name of Entity:

Microsoft Corporation

Address of Entity:

One Microsoft Way, Redmond, WA 98052-6399

Principal Business of Entity:

software

Amount of Funding: \$ 100,000

Estimated ☐ Actual ☒

2. Type of Statement (Check at least one box)

☒ Initial (for new funding)

Date of initial funding: 07 / 10 / 13

☐ Interim (for renewed funding)

Funding was renewed on: / /

3. Filer Information

A. Are you a director, officer, partner, trustee, consultant, employee, or do you hold a position of management in the entity listed in Part 1? No ☒ Yes ☐

Title:

B. Do you, your spouse or registered domestic partner, or your dependent children have an investment of \$2,000 or more in the entity listed in Part 1 above?

No ☒ Yes ☐ - value is:

☐ \$2,000 - \$10,000

☐ \$10,001 - \$100,000

☐ \$100,001 - \$1,000,000

☐ Exceeds \$1,000,000

Date Disposed: / / , if applicable

C. Have you received income of \$500 or more from the entity listed in Part 1 during the reporting period?

No ☒ Yes ☐ - amount is:

☐ \$500 - \$1,000

☐ \$1,001 - \$10,000

☐ \$10,001 - \$100,000

☐ Exceeds \$100,000

Was this income received through your spouse or registered domestic partner? ☐ No ☐ Yes

3. Filer Information - Cont.

D. Have you received loans from the entity in Part 1 for which the balance exceeded \$500 during the reporting period?

No ☒ Yes ☐ - highest balance:

☐ \$500 - \$1,000

☐ \$1,001 - \$10,000

☐ \$10,001 - \$100,000

☐ Exceeded \$100,000

If you checked "yes," was the loan:

☐ Secured ☐ Unsecured Interest rate: %

Was the loan entirely repaid within the last 12 months?

☐ No ☐ Yes

E. Have you received gifts from the entity listed in Part 1 within the last 12 months valued at \$50 or more?

No ☒ Yes ☐ - describe below.

Description:

Value: \$ Date Received: / /

F. Has the entity in Part 1 paid for your travel during the reporting period? No ☐ Yes ☒ - describe below.

Type of Payment: (check one) ☒ Gift ☒ Income

Amt: \$ 300 date(s): MARCH 13, 2013
(If applicable)

Description: LECTURED AT

MSR REDMOND

4. Verification

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement. I have reviewed this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in any attached schedules is true and complete. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date Signed

08/02/2013
(month, day, year)

Signature

Richard M Karp

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TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT			
Google Faculty Research Gift			

1. Information Regarding Funding Entity

(Use a separate Form 700-U for each funding entity.)

Name of Entity:

Google Inc

Address of Entity:

1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 9403

Principal Business of Entity:

Internet-related services and products

Amount of Funding: \$ 90,879

Estimated ☐ Actual ☒

2. Type of Statement (Check at least one box)

☒ Initial (for new funding)

Date of initial funding: 10 / 09 / 14

☐ Interim (for renewed funding)

Funding was renewed on: ____ / ____ / ____

3. Filer Information

A. Are you a director, officer, partner, trustee, consultant, employee, or do you hold a position of management in the entity listed in Part 1? No ☒ Yes ☐

Title: _____

B. Do you, your spouse or registered domestic partner, or your dependent children have an investment of \$2,000 or more in the entity listed in Part 1 above?

No ☒ Yes ☒ - value is:

☐ \$2,000 - \$10,000

☐ \$10,001 - \$100,000

☒ \$100,001 - \$1,000,000

☐ Exceeds \$1,000,000

Date Disposed: ____ / ____ / ____, if applicable

C. Have you received income of \$500 or more from the entity listed in Part 1 during the reporting period?

No ☒ Yes ☐ - amount is:

☐ \$500 - \$1,000

☐ \$1,001 - \$10,000

☐ \$10,001 - \$100,000

☐ Exceeds \$100,000

Was this income received through your spouse or registered domestic partner? ☐ No ☐ Yes

3. Filer Information - Cont.

D. Have you received loans from the entity in Part 1 for which the balance exceeded \$500 during the reporting period? No ☒ Yes ☐ - highest balance:

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If you checked "yes," was the loan:

☐ Secured ☐ Unsecured Interest rate: ____ %

Was the loan entirely repaid within the last 12 months?

☐ No ☐ Yes

E. Have you received gifts from the entity listed in Part 1 within the last 12 months valued at \$50 or more?

No ☒ Yes ☐ - describe below.

Description: _____

Value: \$ _____ Date Received: ____ / ____ / ____

F. Has the entity in Part 1 paid for your travel during the reporting period? No ☒ Yes ☐ - describe below.

Type of Payment: (check one) ☐ Gift ☐ Income

Amt: \$ _____ date(s): ____ / ____ / ____
(if applicable)

Description: _____

4. Verification

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement. I have reviewed this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in any attached schedules is true and complete. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date Signed 10/20/2014
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TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT			
Alexa Competition			

1. Information Regarding Funding Entity

(Use a separate Form 700-U for each funding entity.)

Name of Entity:

Amazon

Address of Entity:

PO Box 80683, Seattle, WA 98108-0683

Principal Business of Entity:

Electronic Commerce
Cloud Computing

Amount of Funding: \$ 50,000

Estimated ☐

Actual ☒

2. Type of Statement (Check at least one box)

☒ Initial (for new funding)

Date of initial funding: 01 / 03 / 17

☐ Interim (for renewed funding)

Funding was renewed on: ____ / ____ / ____

3. Filer Information

A. Are you a director, officer, partner, trustee, consultant, employee, or do you hold a position of management in the entity listed in Part 1? No ☒ Yes ☐

Title: _____

B. Do you, your spouse or registered domestic partner, or your dependent children have an investment of \$2,000 or more in the entity listed in Part 1 above?

No ☒ Yes ☐ - value is:

☐ \$2,000 - \$10,000

☐ \$10,001 - \$100,000

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Date Disposed: ____ / ____ / ____, if applicable

C. Have you received income of \$500 or more from the entity listed in Part 1 during the reporting period?

No ☒ Yes ☐ - amount is:

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Was this income received through your spouse or registered domestic partner? ☐ No ☐ Yes

3. Filer Information - Cont.

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No ☒ Yes ☐ - highest balance:

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Was the loan entirely repaid within the last 12 months?

☐ No ☐ Yes

E. Have you received gifts from the entity listed in Part 1 within the last 12 months valued at \$50 or more?

No ☐ Yes ☒ - describe below.

Description: Amazon Echo Device

Value: \$ 200 Date Received: 11 / 1 / 16

F. Has the entity in Part 1 paid for your travel during the reporting period? No ☒ Yes ☐ - describe below.

Type of Payment: (check one) ☐ Gift ☐ Income

Amt: \$ _____ date(s): ____ / ____ / ____
(If gift)

Description and, if Gift, Travel Destination: _____

4. Verification

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Date Signed 11 / 18 / 17
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TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT			
Decoding imagined speech from brain activity			

1. Information Regarding Funding Entity

(Use a separate Form 700-U for each funding entity.)

Name of Entity:

Facebook

Address of Entity:

1 Hacker Way, Menlo Park, CA 94025

Principal Business of Entity:

Technology / Internet

Amount of Funding: \$ 392,000

Estimated ☐ Actual ☐

2. Type of Statement (Check at least one box)

☒ Initial (for new funding)

Date of initial funding: 04 / 19 / 17

☐ Interim (for renewed funding)

Funding was renewed on: ____ / ____ / ____

3. Filer Information

A. Are you a director, officer, partner, trustee, consultant, employee, or do you hold a position of management in the entity listed in Part 1? No ☒ Yes ☐

Title: _____

B. Do you, your spouse or registered domestic partner, or your dependent children have an investment of \$2,000 or more in the entity listed in Part 1 above?

No ☐ Yes ☐ - value is:

☐ \$2,000 - \$10,000

☒ \$10,001 - \$100,000

☐ \$100,001 - \$1,000,000

☐ Exceeds \$1,000,000

Date Disposed: ____ / ____ / ____ if applicable

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No ☒ Yes ☐ - amount is:

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☐ \$10,001 - \$100,000

☐ Exceeds \$100,000

Was this income received through your spouse or registered domestic partner? ☐ No ☐ Yes

3. Filer Information - Cont.

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☐ \$1,001 - \$10,000

☐ \$10,001 - \$100,000

☐ Exceeded \$100,000

If you checked "yes," was the loan

☐ Secured ☐ Unsecured Interest rate _____%

Was the loan entirely repaid within the last 12 months?

☐ No ☐ Yes

E. Have you received gifts from the entity listed in Part 1 within the last 12 months valued at \$50 or more?

No ☒ Yes ☐ - describe below.

Description: _____

Value: \$ _____ Date Received: ____ / ____ / ____

F. Has the entity in Part 1 paid for your travel during the reporting period? No ☒ Yes ☐ - describe below.

Type of Payment: (check one) ☐ Gift ☐ Income

Amt: \$ _____ date(s): ____ / ____ / ____
(if gift)

Description and, if Gift, Travel Destination: _____

4. Verification

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement. I have reviewed this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in any attached schedules is true and complete. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date Signed 18 April 2017

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Signature

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