

# Sai

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## EDUCATION

**University of Chicago, M.A. candidate, Social Neuroscience** [s.ai/essays/thesis.pdf](https://s.ai/essays/thesis.pdf) 2011 (medical leave)  
 Thesis, completed (A): Motor imitation & imagery correlation with emotion recognition accuracy & confidence

**University of California, Berkeley, B.A. Cognitive Science** 2006  
 Emphases in Computer Modeling, Cognitive Neuroscience, & Linguistics

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Hon. Alex Kozinski, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Judicial Extern** 2017  
 Drafted bench memos & *en banc* vote memos; did various academic & legal research. Worked on cases involving administrative law, bankruptcy, and tort.

**Make Your Laws (MYL), Founder** [makeyourlaws.org](https://makeyourlaws.org) 2012–present  
 Founded 527 hybrid Super PAC, 501(c)(4), & 501(c)(3) to promote liquid democracy. Invited speaker at Council of Europe, European Parliament, and conferences worldwide. Defeated unsafe Federal Election Commission advisory opinion request (AOR) re Bitcoin campaign finance contributions, and wrote safe alternative (approved unanimously). Wrote AOR to permit foreign national volunteers to contribute to open source code (approved). Wrote petition for rulemaking and AOR re contribution laundering, *pending*.

**Language Creation Society (LCS), Founder** [conlang.org](https://conlang.org) 2006–present  
 President, 2006–2011; Director, 2006–present. Founded 501(c)(3). Initiated first ever conference for language creators; 7th conference upcoming. Directed *amicus* successfully opposing Klingon language copyright in *Paramount v. Axanar*. Negotiated contract for Dothraki language in *Game of Thrones*. Interviewed field experts for LCS Podcast.

**SaiCorp, Founder** 2005–present  
 Assisted clients with full stack Ruby on Rails coding, application/game design, refactoring, security auditing, statistical analysis, user interface/experience design, multinational customer management systems, etc. Independent security research helped lead to changes in W3C standards and patch of privacy vulnerability in all major browsers. Transitioning to work for civil rights advocacy and governmental transparency. Awarded 2x by Google's Vulnerability Rewards Program ("bug bounty") for finding vulnerabilities in major Google products.

**Lookout, Senior Engineer** [lookout.com](https://lookout.com) 2013  
 Created secure methods for authenticating and remotely wiping potentially compromised mobile devices, SMS (GSM-7) compatible message compression. Made existing code faster and simpler.

**Zynga, Producer, Social Games** [zynga.com](https://zynga.com) 2008  
 In charge of social games silo with 6 online games, ~500k total unique daily active users, ~30 million installs, in Ruby on Rails. Reported to CTO. Administered ~18 Fedora 8 servers. Created statistical analysis tools for complex performance issues (economic, social, ludic, etc.) with millions of data points per day.

**LEGAL ADVOCACY**

2014-present

*Sai v. DHS et al.*, 149 F. Supp. 3d 99 (D. D.C. 2016): APA. *Holdings*: TSA unlawfully withheld & unreasonably delayed responses to Rehabilitation Act complaints. Procedural rights for a timely response under DHS Rehabilitation Act regulations may be privately enforced under 5 USC 706, even if independent substantive relief (e.g. *Bivens*) is available. TSA enjoined to respond. Declared prevailing party & costs awarded. *Pro se.* [s.ai/tsa/legal/rehab\\_act](https://sai.ai/tsa/legal/rehab_act)

*Sai v. TSA*, No. 1:14-cv-403 (D. D.C.): FOIA / Privacy Act. >5,900 pages released, including previously secret TSA policies, procedures, and internal validation studies. Ongoing. *Pro se.* [s.ai/foia](https://sai.ai/foia) & [s.ai/tsa/legal/foia](https://sai.ai/tsa/legal/foia)

*Sai v. Neffenger*, No. 15-2356 (1st Cir.): APA & 49 USC 46110(a), 4105(b). Challenging TSA policies & procedures (§46110 "orders") that violate 1st and 4th amendments, APA, & Rehabilitation Act. Specifically supported by Privacy Coalition (ACLU, CAIR, EFF, EPIC, etc.) in letter to Congress. Ongoing. *Pro se.* [s.ai/tsa/legal/46110](https://sai.ai/tsa/legal/46110)

*Sai v. USPS*, 135 S. Ct. 1915 (2015): *Cert. re in forma pauperis* affidavit privacy. Amici: MD. Volunteer Lawyers Serv., Western Center on Law & Pov., Legal Aid Assoc. of CA. ALJ Brief of the Week. BIO requested. *Cert denied.* Re-raised, together with question of appealability of denials of counsel, as collateral appeals in *Sai v. TSA et al.*, No. 15-2526 (1st Cir.), *cert. denied*, No. 16-1065 (2017) & *Sai v. TSA* No. 16-5004 (D.C. Cir.), *cert. denied*, No. 16-287 (2016). SCOTUSblog Petition of the Day. *Pro bono* counsel, W&M SCOTUS/appellate clinic. [s.ai/ifp](https://sai.ai/ifp) & [s.ai/tsa/legal/ifp](https://sai.ai/tsa/legal/ifp)

Judicial Conference proposals 15-CV-EE, 15-AP-E: proposed changes to federal rules of procedure for fairness to *pro se* and IFP litigants. Testified at Nov. 2016 FRCP hearing in D.C. to oppose rule change creating presumption against CM/ECF access for *pro se* litigants. Proposal to remove SSN question from appellate IFP affidavit (FRAP Form 4) approved by rules committee. Public notice & comment period ongoing.

**PRESENTATIONS (partial)**[s.ai/presentations](https://sai.ai/presentations)Blind navigation crash course (*workshop*)

Conlanging and US intellectual property law

Make Your Laws: practical liquid democracy

CSS History Hack history

Cognitive psychology for hackers

TSA screenings &amp; your rights

Meditation for hackers (*workshop*)

Conlanging 101: I make languages (and you can too)  
conference paper: [conlang.org/26c3.pdf](https://conlang.org/26c3.pdf)

Introduction to anti-telemarketer law

Non-linear fully 2-dimensional writing systems

**AFFILIATIONS**

ACLU Surveillance Coalition

EPIC Privacy Coalition

**LANGUAGES***conversational*

English (native), Russian (native), American Sign Language, French, Spanish

*studied*

Japanese, Mandarin, Arabic

*computer*

Ruby, Rails, MySQL, HTML, JavaScript, CSS, etc.

**HOBBIES**

engineered language creation

e.g. non-linear written language: [s.ai/nlws](https://sai.ai/nlws)

computer security research

e.g. privacy flaw in all major browsers, now fixed

MIT Mystery Hunt (cowrote 5 puzzles, 2011)

17 years classical piano, 5 years harpsichord

ASL music interpretation

aikido