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About:

Former founding tech startup executive and now faculty member in UCSB's Technology Management Program; Digital Fellow at Stanford and MIT. Studies work involving intelligent machines, with specific focus on robotics.

Ideas:

Researches how machines and human beings can work together productively. Left his career in consulting in 2010 to study at MIT because he believed he "would live to see changes in technology and the world of work that would make a mockery of what had come before".

Content:

His TED talk "How do we learn to work with intelligent machines"
has 1.8 million views. "To Adapt to Tech, We're Heading into the
Shadows", "Robots Might Not Take Your Job — But They Will
Probably Make it Boring" and "Students are Getting Terrible
Training In Robotic Surgery," on Wired.com. "Working with robots
in a post-pandemic world" in MIT Sloan Management Review.

T50 Verdict: "Leading researcher on better working relationships with robots."