

## Statement from Neri Oxman

In October 2015, Joi Ito, Director of the Media Lab, asked me to make a presentation about my group's research to Jeffrey Epstein along with other members of the MIT faculty who also presented their work. As part of my job at the Media Lab, I give presentations to sponsors and potential donors typically several times a week. This was the first and only time I met Epstein. Joi assured me that Epstein was an approved donor who wished to devote his fortune to science and technology, in part to make amends for wrongs he had committed earlier in his life. Joi vouched for Epstein and his sincerity about his desire to do good. I took him at his word. From Epstein's gifts to the Media Lab, my group received \$125,000 with MIT's requirement that it be kept confidential so as to not enhance his reputation by association with MIT, and with the understanding that he would not be considered a sponsor of our group's research or have any involvement in how the funds were spent. I regret having received funds from Epstein, and deeply apologize to my students for their inadvertent involvement in this mess.