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Elena Zheleva is a computer scientist with a background in machine learning, computational social science and online privacy. She is joining NSF's Directorate for Computer and Information Science and Engineering to help develop long-term strategy that supports national Big Data and Data Science initiatives.

After completing her Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of Maryland College Park in 2011, Elena joined LivingSocial where she built and led its Data Science team, working on recommender systems and incentivized social sharing. More recently, she was a principal data scientist at Vox Media.

Elena has presented her research at top-tier conferences, such as KDD and WWW, and she is the co-author of the book "Privacy in Social Networks." She was also fortunate to intern at Microsoft Research, AOL and The Institute for Genomic Research.