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The Disability & Philanthropy Forum presents, Dr. Joseph Stramondo, assistant professor at San Diego State University.

Dr. Joseph Stramondo:

Technology is powerful. Technology can be a force that helps disabled people live good lives and flourish. If we focus on the idea that disabled people ought to flourish as they are, right? And so, there are many, many barriers to having access to basic things like communication technology, for people that are nonverbal, or power wheelchairs, for people that need them for mobility to do things like leave their house and go to work, and go to school, and go to the bar. And so, I think that if we expand our thoughts about the relationship between technology and human flourishing, to look beyond what kinds of technology can change individual human beings so that they can flourish, and rather think about what technology can be used by disabled people to flourish as they are, that'll go a long way toward thinking about what kinds of projects we can fund or should fund, that address some of these questions around multiply marginalized disabled people that disproportionately don't have access to these kinds of technologies, and so on.

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