AI x Education
Official Conference Handbook

August 5th & 6th 2023
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Conference Overview

We are excited to welcome you to the AI x Education Conference, a student-led national event exploring the transformative impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on the education sector. As we gather virtually on August 5th and 6th, we will be joined by 3300+ educators, administrators, AI experts, and students to engage in a rich and insightful dialogue.

Our objective is to create a platform that demystifies AI, enhancing our collective understanding of its role and potential in education. Through the conference, we aim to address the current challenges and potentials, share innovative solutions, and listen to unique experiences, with a particular emphasis on student voices in the conversation. Our speakers and panelists will offer practical insights and strategies that educators can directly implement in their classrooms. Following this conference, our student volunteers will continue to provide free events and resources to foster a progressive dialogue and collaboration among educators and students, further enhancing a deeper understanding of AI's impact on education.

Thank you for joining us on this exciting journey!

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Support This Conference & Future Events

Our student volunteer team is dedicated to making resources on AI in education freely accessible for all educators, irrespective of their institutions' financial capabilities. We believe that equitable opportunities for knowledge sharing and innovation is especially crucial for AI in education, and we need your help to sustain and expand our efforts. Here's how you can contribute:

- **Share the Event:** Circulate our conference flyer amongst your professional network and on social media. This ensures that we can reach a wide audience, including educators from institutions that historically lack resources. You can find our flyer here.

By supporting us, you are endorsing a platform that promotes inclusive access to AI-in-education resources. We appreciate your support in any form!

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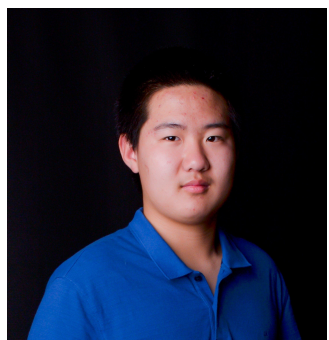
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Conference Software Setup

Our conference will be hosted on the Zoom Event platform. Here's what you need to know

Before the Conference: Upon registration for our conference, an invitation was sent to your email for setting up your account on the Zoom Event platform where we will host all sessions. We kindly request you to devote a few minutes to set up before the day of the conference. If you haven't spotted our email in your inbox, please please kindly check for your spam folder or re-register through this link. Your invitation email should resemble the image below:

Troubleshooting: If you are having trouble with your video or audio, visit Zoom's website for detailed instructions on troubleshooting common issues. If you have difficulty connecting to the conference or experience a technical issue during the event, please contact organizer@aixeducation.com.

Support and Contact

For any technical difficulties or clarifications about the event schedule, please reach out to:

- Name: Johnny Chang
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Day 1 Sessions Overview & Speakers

Delve into the transformative influence of generative AI in higher education, examining its effects from the viewpoints of both students and educators. Discover the innovative AI applications and policies implemented by the speakers in this context.

*Please be aware that all session timings are set according to **Central Daylight Time (CDT)**.*

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3:50 PM - 4:00 PM	Day 1 Closing Note & Future Events

Opening Note & Day 1 Introduction

Time: August 5th 2023, 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM CDT

Overview: Day 1 of our conference begins with highlighting the purpose and unique approach of our event at this pivotal moment in AI-driven education. We will offer a peek into real-world examples of students and educators utilizing AI tools, while simultaneously discussing the inherent limitations and challenges associated with AI in education. The session will encourage open dialogue between students and educators, introduce our future events, and acknowledge the efforts of all who've made this conference possible. After a brief overview of the conference schedule and a guide on the event logistics, we'll invite our partners to share insights.

Johnny Chang, an incoming Computer Science graduate student at Stanford University, is dedicated to creating solutions for global challenges. An alumnus of UIUC, Johnny co-founded Covalence, a student movement battling the impacts of COVID-19 worldwide in 2020, and Zero2One, a 501(c)(3) student-run incubator fostering student non-profits and startups. Initially immersed in robotics research, Johnny has transitioned to the AI realm with a special focus on education due to its urgency. Presently, as the organizer of the AI x Education Conference, his mission is to maximize the positive impact of AI in education, benefitting both students and educators.

Johnny Chang
AI x Education Team Organizer
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Keziah Gopalla is a rising senior at Burlingame High School. She is passionate about the potential of AI in the future of education, and how AI will boost the attainability and accessibility of education. She hopes to bridge the gap between students and teachers, concerning perspectives on how AI will evolve the way we teach and learn.
At BHS she is the Mock Trial Club President, Multicultural Club co-founder and President, plays on the school volleyball team, and is the lead Baritone Saxophone in the Jazz Ensemble. Outside of school she is zealous about giving back to the community via National Charity League and is an enthusiastic Girl Scout.

Keziah Gopalla
AI x Education Team Speakers & Content
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Sharanya Bhardwaj is a rising junior at UIUC, majoring in Information Sciences and is a part of the Operations Team for AIxEducation. She is involved in research on topics like Machine learning through the Office of Undergraduate Research at UIUC and is also the Community Director of Zero2One, a student organization that runs an incubator program for budding student entrepreneurs. Alongside her academic pursuits, Sharanya is the co-founder of Swaranya, a women-centric consulting firm aimed at empowering women in various industries through professional mentoring. Her fascination with the intersection of social work and AI has inspired her to be a catalyst in making education more accessible by enabling interactions through the AIxEducation Conference.

Sharanya Bhardwaj
AI x Education Team Operations
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Keynote: Building AI Applications at Scale

Time: August 5th 2023, 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM CDT

Overview: The rush is on to build new applications of AI in education. This webinar will look at how decades of research help inform efforts to integrate the latest large language models into Khan Academy. You will get a behind the scenes look at how AI features were built into a platform used by millions of learners a year, and hear what is being learned from the rollout of these features to a small group of schools and districts.

Kristen DiCerbo is the Chief Learning Officer at Khan Academy and was the vice-president of Learning Research & Design at Pearson. She drives the pedagogical strategy for Khan Academy: ensuring research-backed offerings that improve learner outcomes. She also leads the content and product management teams. She will overview Khan Academy's progress in integrating the latest large language models and other AI features into their platform.

Dr. Kristen DiCerbo
Keynote Speaker
Linkedin

Sophia Timm, a senior at Lake Forest College, is currently working towards her BS in Neuroscience and BA in Philosophy; she is driven by her desire to connect science with the complexities of the mind. With a deep-rooted passion for healthcare, Sophia looks forward to beginning PA school after finishing college, uniting her medical expertise and empathy to fulfill her lifelong purpose of serving others.

Sophia Timm
Student Moderator
Website

Fireside Chat with AI Experts: Capabilities and Limitations of AI in Education

Time: August 5th 2023, 11:20 AM - 12:00 PM CDT
Overview:
- What educators need to know about AI
- Addressing AI's Limitations, Potentials, and Ethical Considerations
- Future Trends and Opportunities with AI in Education

Dr. Jinjun Xiong is an Empire Innovation Professor with the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at University at Buffalo. He also serves as the Scientific Director and Co-Director for the National AI Institute for Exceptional Education (NSF), and Co-Director for the SUNY-UB Institute for Artificial Intelligence and Data Science. Prior to that, he was a Senior Researcher and Program Director for AI and Hybrid Clouds Systems at the IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center. He co-founded and co-directs the IBM-Illinois Center for Cognitive Computing Systems Research. His research interests are on across-stack AI systems research, which includes AI applications, algorithms, tooling and computer architectures. Many of his research results have been adopted in IBM's products and tools. He published more than 150 peer-reviewed papers in top AI conferences and systems conferences. His publication won 8 Best Paper Awards and 8 Nominations for Best Paper Awards.

Dr. Jinjun Xiong
AI Expert
Linkedin

Julia Hockenmaier is a Professor in Computer Science and an Affiliate with the Linguistics Department and CSL at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She works on Natural Language Processing and has served in a number of leadership positions, including as past chair of the board of the North American chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL).

Dr. Julia Hockenmaier
AI Expert
Linkedin

Fien Van Den Hondel is a Dutch UWC East Africa alumnus and a current social sciences student at Minerva University. She is interested in economics as well as AI. She is a part of AI Consensus: an initiative that aims to incorporate student perspectives in discussions surrounding AI in education and is supported by the Responsible Technology Youth Power Fund.

Fien Van Den Hondel
Student Moderator
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James Collett is a Senior at NYU Stern studying Business and Political Economy with a Minor in Data Science. On campus, James is heavily involved as a student leader, serving as the student representative for the Stern undergraduate college, the Chair of the college's judiciary committee, and the director of NYU's Student Initiative Fund. In these capacities James strives to develop strategic plans for understanding, accommodating, and promoting generative artificial intelligence so that this technology might augment and improve education.

James Collett
Student Moderator
Linkedin

Higher-ed: Student Perspective and Interaction with AI

Time: August 5th, 2023, 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM CDT

Overview:

- Understanding Students' Experiences and Perspectives: Insights, Applications, and Observations on AI in Education
- Fostering Collaboration between Students and Educators in the AI Era

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Jan Bartkowiak is a rising junior at Minerva University, selected by WURI as the most innovative university in the world. Jan is also the Founder & CEO of Econverse, a youth-led NGO that supports Polish high school students in developing entrepreneurship skills and network through startup crash courses, workshops, and ideathons. Econverse garnered the support of LEGO, Baker McKenzie, and Google, with Jan recognized as Transcend Network Fellow, and Finalist of the Emerging Europe Awards, supported by the European Commission. This past year, Jan has also spoken at AIM Conference in Abu Dhabi, European Financial Congress in Sopot, and Global Youth Trends Forum in Taipei.

Jan Bartkowiak
Student Speaker
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Chinat Yu: a Learning, Design and Technology master student at Stanford, has been exploring the potential of AI in education. Recently, he spoke at the Johns Hopkins DELTA Symposium panel about AI's impact on the future of education, and is currently an applied science researcher intern at Microsoft in AI. CTEI, JHU - Welcome to the 2023 DELTA Symposium Student Panel on Teaching (panopto.com). He also developed his own AI digital twin, Chinat AI, https://chinatai.app which offers an experiential perspective on AI's use in personal and educational environments. You can learn more about him here: Chinat Yu | MLH's Top 50 Hackers, Hopkins Life Hacker - JHU Engineering Magazine

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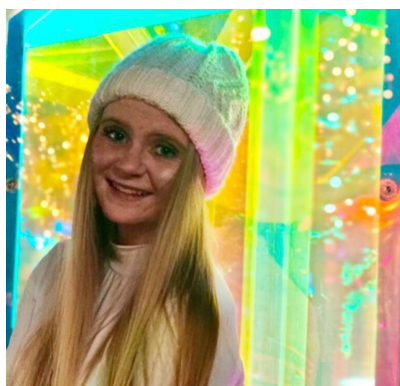
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Fien Van Den Hondel
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Mike Yao is an interdisciplinary researcher and thought leader on digital media, human-computer interaction, and technology-mediated social behavior. His research focuses on the societal and behavioral impacts of emerging technologies such as AI, immersive media, and the Internet of Things (IoT). He teaches on topics like online privacy, technology-driven marketing and advertising, human-machine communication, and digital consumer behavior.

Dr. Mike Yao
Faculty Moderator
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Higher Ed: Redefining Education in the AI Era (Four Parallel Sessions)

Time: August 5th, 2023, 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM CDT

Overview:

- Transforming Education in the Age of AI
- Evaluating Learning Progress and Teaching Success
- Ethics, Plagiarism, and the Role of AI

For this topic, we have four parallel sessions taking place simultaneously. Please choose and attend one session that aligns most with your interests:

1. STEM
2. Humanities & Social Sciences
3. Language & Literature
4. Educational Research & Experimentation

Higher Ed: Redefining Education in the AI Era (STEM)

Time: August 5th, 2023, 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM CDT

Dr. Lawrence Angrave is an award-winning Teaching Professor in the computer science department at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. His research includes innovative teaching, playful learning, security, and creating opportunities for accessible and inclusive equitable education.

Dr. Lawrence Angrave
Faculty Panelist
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Michael Twidale is a professor in the School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His research interests are at the intersection of computer supported cooperative work, computer supported collaborative learning, human computer interaction, and sociotechnical systems design. He is interested in how people learn technologies, and how they do this individually, together and online. He is also interested in metaphors, mental models, misconceptions and metadata. He is currently applying these interests to understanding how people make sense of new technologies that they encounter including conversational user interfaces and Large Language models.

Dr. Michael Twidale
Faculty Panelist
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Shayan Doroudi is an assistant professor at the University of California, Irvine School of Education and (by courtesy) Department of Informatics. His research is at the intersection of the learning sciences, educational technology, and educational data science. He is particularly interested in how artificial intelligence can give us insights into how people learn and how to improve the design of learning environments. Doroudi received his B.S. in Computer Science from the California Institute of Technology, and his M.S. and Ph.D. in Computer Science from Carnegie Mellon University.

Dr. Shayan Doroudi
Faculty Panelist
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Lily Lee is a rising junior at Northwestern University studying Engineering and Music Education with a minor in Data Science. She is passionate about education and is the founder of TechUpTeachers, a free weekly newsletter that updates educators on the latest news, resources, and tools in AI and Edtech.

Lily Lee
Student Panelist
Linkedin

Vinitha Marupeddi is a student at Purdue University majoring in computer science and data science, and is currently a machine learning intern at John Deere. She has been working on AI applications for a couple of years and is super excited about its potential, especially in the education space!

Vinitha Marupeddi
Student Panelist
Linkedin

Aditya Syam is a rising junior studying Mathematics and Computer Science at Cornell, and is currently a software engineer intern at rapStudy. He is really interested in the domain of AI and also has multiple experiences with its applications both in academic and non-academic settings. He looks forward to sharing and learning perspectives about the rise of AI in Education.

Aditya Syam
Student Moderator
Linkedin

Higher Ed: Redefining Education in the AI Era (Humanities & Social Science)

Time: August 5th, 2023, 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM CDT

Jeff Schatten is an associate professor of Business Administration at Washington and Lee University and was also once a high school teacher. His areas of expertise include Negotiations, Organizational Behavior and Artificial Intelligence. He even hosts a podcast: "Demystifying Organizations".

Dr. Jeff Schatten
Faculty Panelist
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Antony Aumann is Professor of Philosophy at Northern Michigan University. He has also held positions at the Ohio State University, St. Olaf College, and Fordham University. His research and teaching primarily focus on existentialism and aesthetics, but he also has interests in the effects of AI on education. His views on ChatGPT made front-page news in the New York Times in January 2023, and he has discussed the topic on numerous TV and radio shows, including NBC News Now, CNN, Fox News, NPR, Dr. Phil, and the Mitch Albom Show.

Dr. Antony Aumann
Faculty Panelist
Linkedin

John Haberstroh is an Assistant Professor-in-Residence of Ancient World History in the History Department at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. His teaching emphasizes interaction with ancient documents, critical reflection, information literacy, and active learning. John uses specifications grading and "ungrading" in his courses to inspire authentic engagement with the ancient world.

Dr. John Haberstroh
Faculty Panelist
Linkedin

Ami Patel is an applied psychology graduate from McMaster University and a master's candidate studying psychology and education at the University of Toronto. Ami is passionate about applying psychological research to enhance student mental health, create transformative learning experiences, and cultivate thriving institutions using a positive psychological framework.

Ami Patel
Student Panelist
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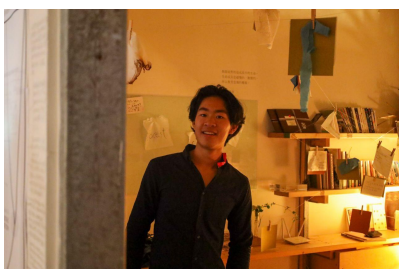
Leo Wu is a Rising Junior at Minerva University, where he studies systems design and economics. He also co-founded AI Consensus, a similar student movement advocating for the ethical use of AI in education. He is passionate about learning and thinks inclusive conversations are essential to move education forwards.

Leo Wu
Student Panelist
Linkedin

Shawn Poncha is a second year student in University of Toronto's Management Specialist Rotman Commerce Program. He is particularly interested in AI within the field of business/social science, and also had a business development internship at Navya: a healthcare company using AI for assistive cancer diagnosis. He aims to continue exploring AI applications for business optimization. His hobbies include jump rope, squash, and playing with his dog and cat. He also has a YouTube channel CareerZ for educating students about college/career options around the world.

Shawn Poncha
Student Moderator
Linkedin

Higher Ed: Redefining Education in the AI Era (Language & Literature)

Time: August 5th, 2023, 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM CDT

Marc Watkins is a lecturer of Writing and Rhetoric as well the Director of the AI Institute for Teachers at the University of Mississippi. He has been teaching for over a decade, while pursuing research in OER (Open Educational Resources) and Open Pedagogy as a part of the WOW fellowship. Some of his areas of expertise include artificial neural networks, machine learning, and digital humanities. He also is a writer and editor and has published work in over a dozen magazines.

Marc Watkins
Faculty Panelist
Website

Sid Dobrin is Professor and Chair in the Department of English at the University of Florida. He is the Founding Director of the Trace Innovation Initiative. He has been named a Digital Thought Leader by Adobe. He serves as a member of the Florida Institute for National Security. He is the author and editor of numerous books and articles, including Talking about Generative AI: A Guide for Educators and AI and Writing.

Dr. Sidney Dobrin
Faculty Panelist
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Lance Eaton is the Director of Faculty Development & Innovation at College Unbound, a part-time instructor at North Shore Community College, and a PhD student at the University of Massachusetts, Boston with a dissertation that is focusing on how scholars engage in academic piracy. He has given talks, written about, and presented at conferences on artificial intelligence generative tools in education, academic piracy, open access, OER, open pedagogy, hybrid flexible learning, and digital service-learning. His musings, reflections, and ramblings can be found on his blog.

Lance Eaton
Faculty Panelist
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Mashiko Lortkipanidze, a student from the Republic of Georgia, is a rising junior pursuing a double major in Computer Science and Social Science at Minerva University. After her involvement in the First Global Challenge as a member of Team Georgia, Mashiko discovered a keen interest in the direct societal impact of technology. Her commitment to this field led her to join the AI Consensus Organization, where she actively works toward the responsible integration of AI tools within education systems to enhance the learning experience.

Mashiko
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Chinat Yu: A Learning, Design and Technology master student at Stanford, has been exploring the potential of AI in education. Recently, he spoke at the Johns Hopkins DELTA Symposium panel about AI's impact on the future of education, and is currently an applied science researcher intern at Microsoft in AI. CTEI, JHU - Welcome to the 2023 DELTA Symposium Student Panel on Teaching (panopto.com). He also developed his own AI digital twin, Chinat AI, https://chinatai.app which offers an experiential perspective on AI's use in personal and educational environments. You can learn more about him here: Chinat Yu | MLH's Top 50 Hackers, Hopkins Life Hacker - JHU Engineering Magazine

Chinat Yu
Student Panelist
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Chinkhuslen (David) Batbayar is an industrious CS major with a unique journey, having started as an art major before making a decisive shift midway to pursue computer science. David has co-founded the App Dev Club at Hamilton College, fostering a vibrant community of aspiring developers and spearheading innovative projects.

David Batbayar
Student Moderator
Linkedin

Higher Ed: Redefining Education in the AI Era (Educational Research and Experimentation)

Time: August 5th, 2023, 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM CDT

Torrey Trust, Ph.D. is a Professor of Learning Technology in the Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies in the College of Education at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Her scholarship and teaching focus on how technology shapes educator and student learning. In 2018, Dr. Trust was selected as one of the recipients of the ISTE Making IT Happen Award: recognizing her efforts to improve "digital learning opportunities for students." More recently, Dr. Trust has been a leading voice in exploring ChatGPT in education and has been featured by several media outlets in articles and podcasts, including U.S. News & World Report, WIRED, Tech&Learning, THE HILL, and NewScientist.

Dr. Torrey Trust
Faculty Panelist
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Nick Haber is an assistant professor at the Stanford Graduate School of Education, and by courtesy, Computer Science. After receiving his Ph.D. in mathematics on Partial Differential Equation theory, he worked on Sension, a company that applied computer vision to online education. He then co-founded the Autism Glass Project at Stanford: a research effort to incorporate computer vision in wearable technologies to help children with autism. He and his research group develop artificial intelligence systems for optimizing human learning--most recently, looking at automatic code generation-based pedagogy as well as machine learning-enabled analyses of video and smartphone data.

Dr. Nick Haber
Faculty Panelist
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Kari Marken is a group lead of the Law & Business Communications Group and a lecturer of the Entrepreneurship & Innovation Group at Sauder School of Business, University of British Columbia. Her areas of expertise include educational design, creativity & innovation, and public speaking & writing. She is also the lead consultant and founder of Edie: an organization that helps teams build quality education services into their business models.

Dr. Kari Marken
Faculty Panelist
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Sophia Timm
Student Panelist
Website

Aaryaman Patel is a senior in mechanical engineering from the University of Illinois. His interests extend far beyond the walls of just engineering. From coding his own website and writing a newsletter, to composing music and spending time working on some of today's most pressing environmental challenges, he is always finding exciting new projects to work on. He is the co-host of 'The UIUC Talkshow' - an initiative that seeks to engage in deep conversations with some of the most interesting people from the Illinois campus. A curious person by nature, he thoroughly enjoys learning from his peers and seeking new challenges to pursue.

Aaryaman Patel
Student Moderator
Linkedin

Higher Ed: Brainstorming & Networking Session

Time: August 5th, 2023, 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM CDT

Overview: In this interactive and dynamic session, we invite all attendees to engage in a brainstorming and networking opportunity tailored to their specific educational fields. Recognizing that educators across different domains face unique challenges and utilize AI in diverse ways within their classrooms, we have organized discussion groups under the following themes:

- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)
- Humanities & Social Sciences
- Language & Literature
- Art, Music, and Drama Educators

Key Highlights:

- Opportunity for targeted networking within your specific field
- Brainstorm on real-world challenges and potential solutions
- Share experiences and best practices related to AI in education
- Generate innovative ideas to improve the role of AI in the classroom
- Forge meaningful connections with educators from across the globe

Higher Ed: Navigating Educational Policies for AI Adoption

Time: August 5th 2023, 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM CDT

Overview:
- Developing and Implementing AI Integration Policies
- Ensuring Ethical and Equitable AI Adoption
- Role of Stakeholders in AI Adoption

Dr. Lawrence Angrave is an award-winning Teaching Professor in the computer science department at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. His research includes innovative teaching, playful learning, security, and creating opportunities for accessible and inclusive equitable education.

Dr. Lawrence Angrave
Faculty Panelist
Linkedin

Dr. Tawnya Means is the Assistant Dean for Educational Innovation and Chief Learning Officer at Gies College of Business at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. With more than 20 years of experience in higher education, course design, and educational consulting, Tawnya has led teaching and learning teams and taught residential, online, and blended courses in entrepreneurship, strategy, technology, and leadership in remote teams. Her research interests include online and blended learning, active learning, learning space design, technology innovation in teaching, access to digital learning resources, and faculty preparation to teach.

Dr. Tawnya Means
Faculty Panelist
Linkedin

Dr. Jina Kang is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. She received a Ph.D. in Educational Technologies from the University of Texas at Austin. She also holds a M.S. and a Bachelor's in Astronomy and Space Science. Her research centers on three interrelated areas: data science, data-driven design, and STEM education. Her work examines different data science approaches to understanding learning and teaching in STEM. Another research strand centers on data-driven design and pertains to the design of technology-enhanced learning environments for science learning using data science methodologies.

Dr. Jina Kang
Faculty Panelist
Linkedin

Bill Cope is a Professor in the Department of Education Policy, Organization & Leadership, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. His recent research has involved the development and application of AI in education, including generative AI with the support of a number of major grants from the US Department of Education, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the National Science Foundation. The result has been the CGScholar multimodal writing and assessment environment. With Mary Kalantzis, he has co-authored or co-edited: New Learning: Elements of a Science of Education, Cambridge University Press, 2008-23 (3 editions); e-Learning Ecologies, Routledge, 2017; and the two volume grammar of multimodal meaning: Making Sense and Adding Sense, Cambridge University Press, 2020.

Dr. William Cope
Faculty Panelist
Linkedin

Rohan Gudipaty is a rising junior at The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign studying Computer Science. + Mathematics and minoring in Business. He is currently interning at Cisco as a Software Engineer, and his interests are in AI, Robotics, and Networking. He is also a software engineer in Disruption Lab at UIUC.

Rohan Gudipaty
Student Panelist
Linkedin

Konark Dhingreja is a junior studying electrical engineering at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and a member of the Outreach & Planning team for AIxEducation. He is a dynamic speaker with a passion for diverse subjects. His enthusiasm and outspoken nature give him an innate ability to connect with audiences. He is also a student advisory board member of the Technology Entrepreneur Center and the Corporate & Networking Director of ECE (Electrical and Computer Engineering) Pulse at UIUC.

Konark Dhingreja
Student Moderator
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Day 1 Closing Note & Future Events

Time: August 5th 2023, 3:50 PM - 4:00 PM CDT

Overview: Day 1's Closing Speech marks not just an end, but also an exciting new beginning. Attendees can anticipate receiving comprehensive conference reports and recordings to continue their exploration into AI's transformative role in education. The excitement builds towards Day 2, as we preview the insightful discussions led by luminaries Stephen Wolfram and Chris Dede. As we close, we're already looking to the future, sketching out a panorama of engaging, freely accessible opportunities for continued learning. These include events and the intriguing prospect of a policy/usage challenge.

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Evan Chen is an accomplished ASIC Design Verification Engineer at NVIDIA, leveraging his strong technical expertise to drive innovation for future generations of GPU's. Having recently graduated with highest honors in Computer Engineering from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, he possesses a profound understanding of complex engineering principles and leadership. With an insatiable curiosity and passion for emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, he has co-organized and lead this transformative conference where he seeks to shed light on AI's profound impact on education.

Evan Chen
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Day 2 Sessions Overview & Speakers

Delve into the transformative influence of generative AI in K12, examining its effects from the viewpoints of both students and educators. Discover the innovative AI applications and policies implemented by the speakers in this context.

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Time (CDT)	Session Name
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10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	If AI is the Answer, What is the Question: Thinking about Learning and Vice Versa (Plenary Talk)
11:20 AM - 12:00 PM	Fireside Chat with Stephen Wolfram: Demystifying AI and the Future of Computational Thinking
12:00 PM - 12:50 PM	K-12: Student Perspective and Interaction with AI
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Day 2 Introduction

Time: August 6th 2023, 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM CDT

Overview: A high-level overview of Day 2's schedule will be provided, introducing our audience to the key themes, notable sessions, and distinguished speakers of the day. We will also provide an overview of our upcoming free events, which we hope will expand our mission of equitable AI utilization in education with a student-centered perspective to more educators and institutions.

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Johnny Chang, an incoming Computer Science graduate student at Stanford University, is dedicated to creating solutions for global challenges. An alumnus of UIUC, Johnny co-founded Covalence, a student movement battling the impacts of COVID-19 worldwide in 2020, and Zero2One, a 501(c)(3) student-run incubator fostering student non-profits and startups. Initially immersed in robotics research, Johnny has transitioned to the AI realm with a special focus on education due to its urgency. Presently, as the organizer of the AI x Education Conference, his mission is to maximize the positive impact of AI in education, benefitting both students and educators.

Johnny Chang
AI x Education Team Organizer
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Aryan Gosaliya is a rising junior at UIUC studying Computer Engineering with a minor in Business. He is interested in startups and new technologies like AI, working on AI apps, and has held leadership roles in clubs like Zero2one and ECESAC. During his internship, he worked on ML-based NLP solutions. Aryan also enjoys playing chess and exploring new places through travel. He is driven to make a positive impact through technology and entrepreneurship.

Aryan Gosaliya
*AI x Education Team Speakers & Content*
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If AI is the Answer, What is the Question: Thinking about Learning and Vice Versa (Plenary Talk)

Time: August 6th, 2023, 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM CDT

Overview: The global economy is moving into an era of Intelligence Augmentation (IA). Science fiction often portrays "intelligence" as involving complementary roles of reckoning and judgment. For example, In the Star Trek series the judgment and decision making of 'Captain Picard' are enhanced by the reckoning skills (calculations, analysis of multidimensional information, predictions) of the android 'Data', a machine without human capacities like emotions. The human and machine work synergistically together to be better than their individual abilities. In the next few years, most occupations will shift to require working with a generative AI-based agent that has complementary skills and knowledge to the human worker. This talk will discuss what types of learning are most valuable for students to prepare for these IA interactions in work and life.
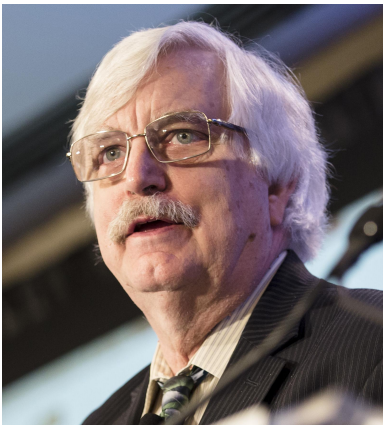
Chris Dede is a Senior Research Fellow at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and was for 22 years its Timothy E. Wirth Professor in Learning Technologies. His fields of scholarship include emerging technologies, policy, and leadership. Chris is a Co-Principal Investigator and Associate Director of Research of the NSF-funded National Artificial Intelligence Institute in Adult Learning and Online Education. His most recent co-edited books include: Virtual, Augmented, and Mixed Realities in Education; Learning engineering for online education: Theoretical contexts and design-based examples; and The 60-Year Curriculum: New Models for Lifelong Learning in the Digital Economy.

Chris Dede
Plenary Speaker
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Angela Chen is pursuing a Master's of International Policy at Stanford and exploring the intersection of policy, innovation, and technology. She is heavily involved in the entrepreneurial ecosystem on campus as a venture fellow, accelerator vice president, and innovation grant recipient. Angela was also a Stanford Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence research associate, investigating the impact of AI on the future of work and learning. Before Stanford, Angela was the founder of an edtech startup. She was also a management consultant and AI policy advisor. Angela is from Toronto, Canada and graduated magna cum laude from the Huntsman Dual Degree Program at the Wharton School and the University of Pennsylvania, with a BA in International Studies and BSc in Economics.

Angela Chen
Panel Moderator
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Fireside Chat with Stephen Wolfram: Demystifying AI and the Future of Computational Thinking

Time: August 6th, 2023, 11:20 AM - 12:00 PM CDT

Overview:
- What Should Educators Teach in the AI Era?
- AI and Computational Thinking in Education
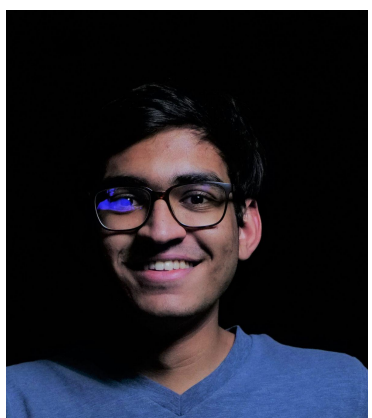- Envisioning the Future of Classrooms with AI

Stephen Wolfram is the creator of Mathematica, Wolfram|Alpha and the Wolfram Language; the author of A New Kind of Science; the originator of the Wolfram Physics Project; and the founder and CEO of Wolfram Research. Over the course of more than four decades, he has been a pioneer in the development and application of computational thinking—and has been responsible for many discoveries, inventions and innovations in science, technology and business.

Dr. Stephen Wolfram
Distinguished AI Expert
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As a Learning, Design and Technology master student at Stanford, **Chinat Yu** has been exploring potential of AI in education. Recently, he spoke at the Johns Hopkins DELTA Symposium panel about AI's impact on the future of education, and is currently an applied science researcher intern at Microsoft in AI. CTEI, JHU - Welcome to the 2023 DELTA Symposium Student Panel on Teaching (panopto.com). He also developed his own AI digital twin, Chinat AI, https://chinatai.app which offers an experiential perspective on AI's use in personal and educational environments. You can learn more about him here: Chinat Yu | MLH's Top 50 Hackers, Hopkins Life Hacker - JHU Engineering Magazine

Chinat Yu
Student Moderator
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Aaryaman Patel is a senior in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Illinois. His interests extend far beyond the walls of just engineering. From coding his own website and writing a newsletter, to composing music and spending time working on some of today's most pressing environmental challenges, he is always finding exciting new projects to work on. He is the co-host of 'The UIUC Talkshow' - an initiative that seeks to engage in deep conversations with some of the most interesting people from the Illinois campus. A curious person by nature, he thoroughly enjoys learning from his peers and seeking new challenges to pursue.

Aaryaman Patel
Student Moderator
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K12: Student Perspective and Interaction with AI

Time: August 6th, 2023, 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM CDT

Overview:
- Understanding Students' Experiences and Perspectives: Insights, Applications, and Observations on AI in Education
- Fostering Collaboration between Students and Educators in the AI Era

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Dhara Mehta
Student Speaker

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Parthiva Tamma
Student Speaker
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Dr. Jadyn Laixely is an abolitionist education scholar with a Ph.D. in Curriculum & Instruction from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and 17 years of combined university and PK-12 teaching experience. An exclusively collaborative researcher, she examines the connections and disconnects that affect social equity in education, specifically for children of color in public schools. Her research has included work with Black girls in alternative school who wished to rewrite narratives they felt had been written for them; examining mindfulness programs in public schools and making space for Black children's refusal; and exploring the benefits of interdisciplinary arts-based learning projects in elementary school. Dr. Laixely currently lives in Ohio with her wife Korina and "super senior" furbabies: their cats Boo and Tiki and their dog Howler.

Dr. Jadyn Laixely
Faculty Moderator
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K-12: Redefining Education in the AI Era (Three Parallel Sessions)

Time: August 5th, 2023, 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM CDT

Overview:

- Transforming Education in the Age of AI
- Evaluating Learning Progress and Teaching Success
- Ethics, Plagiarism, and the Role of AI

For this topic, we have three parallel sessions taking place simultaneously. Please choose and attend one session that aligns most with your interests:

1. STEM
2. Language & Literature
3. Humanities & Social Sciences

K-12: Redefining Education in the AI Era (STEM)

Time: August 6th, 2023, 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM CDT

Steve Dembo is the Director of Digital Innovation for Western Springs District 101. Known for his innovative approaches to integrating technology into classrooms, Dembo recently served as the middle school Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Teacher at Quest Academy, as well as their Director of Technology. Prior to that, he was the Director of Learning Communities and Social Media Outreach for Discovery Education for over a decade, where he helped educators around the world harness the power of the digital world to improve student engagement and achievement. He is also proud to serve as the President of the Board of Education for Skokie/Morton Grove District 69 in Skokie, IL.

Steve Dembo
Faculty Panelist
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Kevin Brookhouser, M.Ed. is the author of The 20time Project: How Educators can Launch Google's Formula for Future-ready Students and Code in Every Class: How All Educators Can Teach Programming. He teaches computer programming, and design thinking at York School in Monterey, California and is a Google for Education Certified Innovator, Google Certified Trainer, Raspberry Pi Certified Educator, and National Association of Independent Schools Teacher of the Future. Kevin has delivered keynotes around the world about AI, the future of education, and how teachers can inspire students to do great work while having a positive impact on their community. Kevin serves as Chair of the Board for The International School of Monterey. He is a learning animal.

Kevin Brookhouser
Faculty Panelist
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Amber Oliver is Managing Director of the Robin Hood Learning + Technology Fund, a collaboration between Robin Hood, Overdeck Family Foundation and Siegel Family Endowment to transform learning for low-income students with technology. Previously, Amber was the COO of GripTape, where she helped build a strategy to put 1M youth in the driver's seat of their own learning. Amber also served as the VP of Globaloria, now Proto and part of Carnegie Learning, which helped thousands of students become knowledge-producers as they learned to design and code their own educational games. Amber has also held positions at UNICEF, the United Nations Secretariat, The World Bank, the Economist Intelligence Unit, and led efforts in Bangladesh, France, India, Niger and Senegal. She holds a Master's degree in International Affairs from Columbia University and a Bachelor's degree from Brown University.

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Student Moderator
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K-12: Redefining Education in the AI Era (Language & Literature)

Time: August 6th, 2023, 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM CDT

Donnie Piercey, the 2021 Kentucky Teacher of the Year, is an innovative educator in Lexington, Kentucky. With a focus on technology-driven student engagement, he has represented Kentucky internationally, and his podcast, "Teachers Passing Notes," garners attention. Donnie's expertise extends to AI in education, with media appearances and a forthcoming book on the topic. As a Google Certified Innovator and Trainer, he leads the Google Earth Education Experts Network. Donnie's influence spans 33 states and five continents as a keynote speaker, and he co-authored "The Google Cardboard Book" for virtual reality-based education. He remains dedicated to empowering Kentucky's educators through regular professional development.

Donnie Piercey
Faculty Panelist
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Stefan Bauschard is the founder of Educating4ai.com and Debateus.org. He is an expert in AI-related educational disruptions, focusing on the rate of change, assessment disruptions, unpredictability, and bots. As the co-editor of Chat(GPT): Navigating the Impact of Generative AI Technologies on Educational Theory and Practice, Stefan contributes extensively to the field. He shares his insights on AI and education through his blog at stefanbauschard.substack.com. With a rich background in academic debate instruction, including online course development since 1994, Stefan brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the intersection of AI and education

Stefan Bauschard
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Arush Jain is a rising Junior in the Bay Area. He has a passion for new technology and wants to major in computer science in the future. He loves using artificial intelligence and learning about its various use cases.

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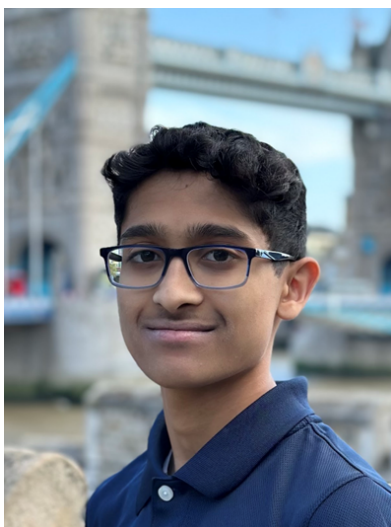
My name is **Yash Yardi** and I am a Junior at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy in the fall. Since my childhood, I have been passionate about computer science and I have studied numerous computer languages and their applications. Now, I am working with AI to understand the impact it makes on the world.

Yash Yardi
Student Moderator

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K-12: Redefining Education in the AI Era (Humanities & Social Sciences)

Time: August 6th, 2023, 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM CDT

Jon Gold is in his 18th year teaching history in the Middle School at Moses Brown School, an independent Quaker school in Providence, RI. Jon is currently the clerk of Moses Brown's Professional Development Committee and the AI Working Group. HIs writing has appeared at Learning for Justice and various other outlets. Jon has a BA in Religious Studies from Brown University and an M.A. in School Leadership from Teachers College, Columbia University. He loves reading, crossword puzzles, learning, and thinking about learning. He lives in the woods outside Providence with his wife, Julia, who works in climate change, their 2 children, Neko (age 11) and Remy (age 8), and two rambunctious kittens, Artemis and Moon.

Jonathan Gold
Faculty Panelist
Website

Sarah Cooper teaches 8th U.S. History & Civics and is Associate Head of school at Flintridge Preparatory School in La Canada, California. She is the author of two books, Creating Citizens: Teaching Civics and Current Events in the History Classroom (Routledge) and Making History Mine (Stenhouse), and writes for educational sites including MiddleWeb, Education Week and Well-Schooled. Earlier this year Open AI solicited her feedback in developing a white paper on educator considerations for ChatGPT. Sarah has two sons, one in college and one in high school, and lives just outside Los Angeles.

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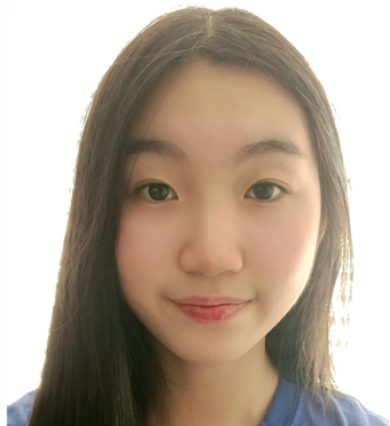
Ashley Lin is an incoming Senior from Mission San Jose High School who is passionate about neurodiversity inclusion, Taiwanese Representation, and providing food to those in need. In the future, she aspires to be a medical doctor.

Ashley Lin
Student Panelist

Konark Dhingreja is a junior studying electrical engineering at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and a member of the Outreach & Planning team for AIxEducation. He is a dynamic speaker with a passion for diverse subjects. His enthusiasm and outspoken nature give him an innate ability to connect with audiences. He is also a student advisory board member of the Technology Entrepreneur Center and the Corporate & Networking Director of ECE (Electrical and Computer Engineering) Pulse at UIUC.

Konark Dhingreja
Student Moderator
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K12: Brainstorming & Networking Session

Time: August 5th, 2023, 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM CDT

Overview: In this interactive and dynamic session, we invite all attendees to engage in a brainstorming and networking opportunity tailored to their specific educational fields. Recognizing that educators across different domains face unique challenges and utilize AI in diverse ways within their classrooms, we have organized discussion groups under the following themes:

- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)
- Humanities & Social Sciences
- Language & Literature
- Art, Music, and Drama Educators

Key Highlights:

- Opportunity for targeted networking within your specific field
- Brainstorm on real-world challenges and potential solutions
- Share experiences and best practices related to AI in education
- Generate innovative ideas to improve the role of AI in the classroom
- Forge meaningful connections with educators from across the globe

K-12: Navigating Educational Policies for AI Adoption

Time: August 6th 2023, 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM CDT

Overview:
- Developing and Implementing AI Integration Policies
- Ensuring Ethical and Equitable AI Adoption
- Role of Stakeholders in AI Adoption

Greg Heideman is the Principal of Lone Star Middle School in Nampa, Idaho and has worked with middle level students for over 30 years. Through a culture of distributive leadership, Lone Star has been recognized as a leader in technology implementation. Collaboration with various organizations (Digital Promise, Khan Academy, Albertsons Foundation, NNU Doceo Center), has enabled teachers to create powerful and personalized learning experiences and is supported by the Nampa School District's Personalized Learning Initiative. Mr. Heideman holds a BA in Business Education and an MA in Educational Leadership from the University of Idaho. He also works closely with Idaho Digital Learning Alliance and is an Adjunct Faculty member at Idaho State University in their Early College Program.

Greg Heidman
Faculty Panelist
Website

David Chan serves as the Director of Instructional Technology at Evanston Township High School (ETHS). He taught math and science for 10 years and was the Technology Integration Specialist for 5 years at ETHS. David is an online instructor with Northwestern University's Center for Talent Development, an adjunct instructor with National-Louis University, the conference coordinator for IDEAcon, and a Google Certified Innovator and Trainer.

David Chan
Faculty Panelist
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Amanda Bickerstaff is the Founder and CEO of AI for Education. A former high school biology teacher and EdTech executive with over 20 years of experience in the education sector, she has a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities that AI can offer. She is a frequent consultant, speaker, and writer on the topic of AI in education, leading workshops and professional learning across both K12 and Higher Ed. Amanda is committed to helping schools and teachers maximize their potential through the ethical and equitable adoption of AI.

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Student Moderator
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Day 2 Closing Note & Future Events

Time: August 6th 2023, 3:50 PM - 4:00 PM CDT

Overview: Day 2's Closing Remarks will bring this enlightening conference to a close, but the journey of discovery doesn't end here. All attendees will receive reports and recordings encapsulating the wealth of knowledge shared after the conference. We're also enthusiastic about the future, with numerous freely accessible, enriching events in the pipeline. With free events and an engaging policy/usage challenge in work, we aim to democratize AI in Education with a student-centered approach.

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Evan Chen is an accomplished ASIC Design Verification Engineer at NVIDIA, leveraging his strong technical expertise to drive innovation for future generations of GPU's. Having recently graduated with highest honors in Computer Engineering from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, he possesses a profound understanding of complex engineering principles and leadership. With an insatiable curiosity and passion for emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, he has co-organized and lead this transformative conference where he seeks to shed light on AI's profound impact on education.

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