2024 Midwest Ethics Symposium: Ethics and AI

**April 16**

4:30 - 5:30  Registration
5:30 - 7:00  Conference Dinner
7:00 - 8:30  Keynote: Jon Gertner

**April 17**

8:30 - 9:00  Registration/Coffee

  Ricky Mouser (Indiana University) “Superintelligence and Suicide”
  Commentator: Gabriel Sanchez Ainsa (Northwestern University)

  Commentator: James Day (Purdue University)

11:00 - 12:00  Panel: The Future of Work

  Mercedes Kelley Tunstall ’95 (Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft)
  Vincent Aguirre ’12 (DePauw University and Distinct)
  Henry Dambanemuya ’13 (Northwestern University)

12:00 - 1:30  Lunch

1:30 - 2:50  Paper Session: AI Welfare

  Griffin Kiegiel (Wayne State University) “Conscious AI and the Climate Crisis”
  Commentator: Abigail Iturra (Northwestern University)

  Patrick McKee (Brown University) “Experience Machines and Experiencing Machines”
  Commentator: Scott Casey (University of Iowa)

3:00 - 4:20  Paper Session: AI and Biomedical Ethics

  Rosie Wilkinson ’06 (University of Cincinnati) “Brain/Computer Interfaces, Relational Ethics, and the Habitus of Ableism”
  Commentator: Frankie Knuckles (Purdue University)

  Alexander Zhang (Saint Louis University) “Exploring the Ethical Landscape of AI Medical Surrogates”

7:00 - 8:30  Keynote: Nate Nichols ’05
8:30 - 9:30  Reception
April 18

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9:00-11:00  Paper Session: Responsibility Gaps

Huzeyfe Demirtas (Chapman University) "AI Responsibility Gap: Not New, Inevitable, Unproblematic"
Commentator: Jeremy Anderson (DePauw University)

Jared Nathaniel Smith (Baylor College of Medicine) "Moral Responsibility Gaps for Medical AI: An Analysis of Physicians' Perspectives"
Commentator: Bodhi Hayes (DePauw University)

Christine Susienka (Sacred Heart University) "Bearing the Moral Weight: What's Lost When AI Decides"
Commentator: Corinne Nelson (University of Birmingham)

11:10 - 12:20  Panel: AI and Education

Andrew Rosner '05 (Franklin College)
Samuel Bennett (Purdue University)
Robert Earle (University of Northern Iowa)
Joshua Paschal (Indiana University)

12:20 - 1:30  Lunch

1:30 - 2:50  Paper Session: Existential Risk

William D'Alessandro (University of Oxford) "AI, Domination and Control of Humanity's Future"
Commentator: Kristin Schaup (University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire)

Zach Peck (University of Cincinnati) "A cyborgian middle way between AI alignment and AI fairness"

3:00 - 4:20  Paper Session: AI in Deeply Human Settings

Aaron Yarmel (Ohio State University) & Jonathan Lang (University of Wisconsin) "The Ethics of Customizable AI-generated Pornography"
Commentator: Joseph Porter (DePauw University)

Rachel Robison-Greene (Utah State University) "The Ethics of AI and Robotics in Kitchens and Food Systems"
Commentator: Jen Everett (DePauw University)

4:30 - 5:30  Closing Reception