

Conference Schedule

THE MIDWEST ETHICS SYMPOSIUM: TECHNOLOGY AND WELL BEING

APRIL 7-8, 2026

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

TIME (ET)	EVENT	LOCATION
8:30AM	Check-In; Coffee	Lobby; Great Room
9:00AM	Paper Session: Attention and Technology Wishy Kane (Arizona State University) "Disconnection Capital: The Privilege to Unplug" Frankie Knuckles (Purdue University) "Sticky Agencies: How Gamification and Enshittification Trap and Exploit Us" Chair/Commentator: Aaron Schultz (Michigan State University)	Prindle Auditorium
11:00AM	Break	
11:30AM	Lunch Talk: Rachel Hanebutt (Georgetown University) "Your Phone Isn't the Problem: Rethinking Digital Wellness in College"	Olin Auditorium (Main Campus)
12:30PM	Break	
1:00PM	Paper Session: Creativity and Technology Samuel Bennett (Purdue University) "Separating the Art from the Machine: What can Dystopian Literature Teach Us About Aesthetic Principles?" Xavier Schultze (University of Wisconsin-Madison) "Remixing Labor: The Lockean Proviso in the Age of AI" Chair/Commentator: William Kanwischer (UNC, Chapel Hill)	Prindle Auditorium

3:00PM	Break	
3:15PM	Paper Session: AI, Emotions, and Morality	Prindle Auditorium
	Dane Leigh Gogoshin (University of Wisconsin-Madison) "Why AI Agents aren't Good Moral Advisors"	
	Steven Gubka (Rice University) "AI-Generated Writing and Emotional Intimacy"	
	Chair/Commentator: Alison Duncan Kerr (University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign)	
5:15PM	Break	
5:30PM	Conference Dinner and Undergraduate Infographic Poster Session	Great Room
7:00PM	Keynote Address: Katie Siek (Indiana University)	Prindle Auditorium
	"The Right to Be [REDACTED]: Consent, Equity, and Fairness in the Future of Fitness Data"	

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

TIME (ET)	EVENT	LOCATION
8:30AM	Check-In; Coffee	Lobby; Great Room
9:00AM	Paper Session: Dangers in AI Development	Prindle Auditorium
	Joel Adams (Washington and Lee University) "Quixote or Panza? Character development and the hermeneutic turn in AI ethics"	
	A.G. Holdier (University of Notre Dame) "The Actual Lovelace Objection: On Deskilling, Epistemic Trash, and AI Surrogates"	
	Chair/Commentator: Ed Ferrier (Boise State University)	

11:00AM	Break	
11:30AM	Lunch Panel: Beyond Individual Wellness: How Digital Platforms Shape Collective Norms and Community Health	Julian Atrium (Main Campus)
	Henry Dambanemuya (University of Chicago) Rachel Hanebutt (Georgetown University)	
12:30PM	Break	
1:30PM	Paper Session: Technology in Healthcare	Prindle Auditorium
	Meredith McFadden (Northeastern University) "AI, Health Metrics, and the Moralization of Well-Being"	
	Tyler Cook (Emory University) & Taylor Martin (Piedmont Healthcare) "Mitigating Nurse Burnout Through Automation: Which Nursing Tasks Should Machines Be Performing?"	
	Chair/Commentator: Joseph Porter (University of Colorado)	
3:30PM	Closing Remarks	Prindle Auditorium
3:45PM	Break	
4:30PM	Women in Computer Science TigerHacks Competition	Julian Auditorium