

MINT-Yale Workshop on Normative Philosophy of Computing

This workshop aims to bring together the best philosophical work on normative questions raised by computing, and in addition to identify and connect early career scholars working on these questions. It will feature papers that use the tools of analytical philosophy to frame and address normative questions raised by computing and computational systems. This includes work in moral, legal and political philosophy focused on artificial intelligence, such as (philosophical) work on AI ethics and safety. But it also includes (social) epistemology, (social) philosophy of language, aesthetics, and normative approaches to philosophy of science and philosophy of mind.

Location: Yale Law School, Room SLB 122 (Registration)

Date: 8:45am-6pm, 27 September 2024 &

8:45am-5pm, 28 September 2024 (*light breakfast available from 08:00 both days*)

Registration: bit.ly/npc_workshop



Day 1 – Friday, September 27

Spotlight talks are 25 minutes, followed by a 35-minute Q&A period. Lightning sessions consist of three 15-minute presentations, followed by a 15-minute Q&A period.

08:45-09:00	Welcome
	Spotlight Talk
09:00-10:00	<i>Defining Artificial Agency: Are Frontier AI Systems Agents?</i> Jacqueline Harding, Stanford University
10:00-10:30	Break
	Lightning Talks
	<i>Parrots, Penguins, and Putnam's Ants: Chatbots and the Illocutionary Backstop</i> A.G. Holdier, University of Arkansas
10:30-11:30	<i>Expertise Ex Machina? LLMs and the novice/expert problem</i> Daniel Kilov, Australian National University
	<i>Objectivity, Trust, and the Epistemic Authority of Algorithms</i> Carina Prunkl & Katie Robertson, Utrecht University
11:30-12:00	Break
	Lightning Talks
	<i>AI agents as political persons</i> Ned Howells-Whitaker, University of Pittsburgh & Seth Lazar, Australian National University
12:00-1:00	<i>Decision Procedures for Artificial Moral Agents</i> Tyler Cook, Georgia Institute of Technology
	<i>Algorithms make bad friends: A way in which statistics objectify</i> Zoe Edelson, Simon Fraser University
1:00-2:00	Lunch
	Spotlight Talk
2:00-3:00	<i>Large Language Models are responsive to the semantic properties of their prompts</i> Megan Hyska, Northwestern University

3:00-3:30	Break
3:30-4:30	Spotlight Talk <i>AI Surrogates as Agents of Epistemic Oppression</i> M.J. Crockett, Princeton University
4:30-5:00	Break
5:00-6:00	Spotlight Talk <i>Should We Morally Defer to AI Assistants?</i> Valena Marie Caroline Reich, University of Cambridge

Day 2 – Saturday, September 28

08:45-09:45	Spotlight Talk <i>What Is Social System Hacking?</i> Jenny Yi-Chen Wu, University of California, Los Angeles
09:45-10:00	Break
10:00-11:00	Lightning Talks <i>Formalism is Not a Trap</i> David Kinney, Washington University in St. Louis <i>Pluralism for Algorithmic Fairness Metrics</i> Myraeka d'Leeuwen, UNC-Chapel Hill <i>The Said and the Unsaid: A Confound for Stereotype Detection in Language Models</i> Rachel Rudolph, University of California San Diego
11:00-11:30	Break
11:30-12:30	Lightning Talks <i>Authenticity and exclusion: social media algorithms and the dynamics of epistemic belonging</i> Sina Fazelpour & Nil-Jana Akpınar, Northeastern University <i>The Right to Concentrate: When? Why? For Whom?</i> Kaisa Kärki & Visa Kurki, University of Helsinki <i>Consent and Securing Digital Rights</i> Elizabeth Edenberg, Baruch College, The City University of New York
12:30-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:30	Spotlight Talk <i>Representative Algorithms</i> Isaac Taylor, Stockholm University
2:30-2:45	Break
2:45-3:45	Spotlight Talk <i>Opacity and Operative Reasons</i> Samuel Dishaw, Université Catholique de Louvain
3:45-4:00	Break
4:00-5:00	Spotlight Talk <i>Efficient Information Storage as an Epistemic Norm</i> James Hernández McIntyre, Rutgers University

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