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2023 Dr. Bruce J. Nelson '74
Distinguished Speaker Series

Being Human in the Age of AI

Join us for an inspiring and thought-provoking lecture series that brings together three visionary thinkers, Jaron Lanier, Ruha Benjamin and Stephanie Dinkins, as they explore the complex interplay between humanity, artificial intelligence and the future. This enlightening series will delve into the ethical, social, aesthetic and technological dimensions that shape our lives in the emerging AI age.

Admission to this public lecture series is complimentary.



Stephanie Dinkins

Transmedia Artist

Monday, Nov. 6

Shanahan Center Auditorium
320 E. Foothill Blvd.
Claremont, CA 91711

Virtual option available upon registration.

Reception–5:15 p.m.

Talk–6 p.m.

“On Love & Data”

“On Love & Data” develops a dialogue with hierarchies embedded within machine learning and AI architecture and one’s individual agency in transforming the algorithms within it. Many algorithmic technologies are rooted in methods that limit and cajole information from humans and computational assumptions. We assess ourselves using false dichotomies that force inadequate choices building a world bereft of complexity and nuance. The disinclinations of our systems to cope with the unseen, the unknown, difference and change limit possibilities for everyone. Through intelligent technologies—the ones that look like us, the ones that serve us and the ones that do neither—we have the ability to understand and organize human activity with complexity and broadly principled care. So, why aren’t these the goals of our algorithmic doppelgangers, assistants and technological ecosystems more generally?

Often envisioned outside the realm of what is technologically possible within artificial intelligence, care is an essential aspect of human information and resource-sharing networks that aid our survival. Recognition of this idea raises questions such as how can we infuse—cooperatively, adversarially or fugitively—ecosystems we depend on as well as the people and institutions currently holding power with ways of being, values, ethics and knowledges they are blind to or don’t understand?

The lecture will be held in the auditorium of the R. Michael Shanahan Center for Teaching and Learning at Harvey Mudd College, located at 320 E. Foothill Blvd. in Claremont. Direct inquiries to stewardship@hmc.edu, or call at 909.607.1818.

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