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Admission to this public lecture series is complimentary. Seating is limited, and a virtual/Zoom attendance option is available upon registration.



Emily M. Bender

Professor of Linguistics, University of Washington (Seattle);
100 Most Influential People in Artificial Intelligence (*Time*
magazine, 2023)

Tuesday, Nov. 12

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

Reception, 5:15 p.m.

Talk, 6 p.m.

“Don't Try to Get Answers From a Stochastic Parrot”

From major search engine companies providing “AI overviews” and chatbot interfaces, to the promise of “AI tutors,” to municipalities and organizations providing chatbots as interfaces to rules and regulations, it seems like large language model-driven chatbots are the future of information access. However, Bender argues that this technology does not fit the task: Not only is it unreliable, even if it was reliable, it can't support the sense making that is integral to information literacy.

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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