

Inaugural Summer Institute explores societal impacts of artificial intelligence

EDMONTON, AB (March 5, 2019) – What will Artificial Intelligence (AI) mean for society? That’s the question scholars from a variety of disciplines will explore during the inaugural **Summer Institute on AI and Society**. Summer Institute, co-convened by **CIFAR**, the **AI PULSE program** at **UCLA School of Law**, and the **Alberta Machine Intelligence Institute (Amii)**, takes place **July 21-24, 2019** in **Edmonton, Canada**.

“Recent advances in AI have brought a surge of attention to the field – both excitement and concern,” says co-organizer and UCLA professor, **Edward Parson**. “From algorithmic bias to autonomous vehicles, personal privacy to automation replacing jobs. Summer Institute will bring together exceptional people to talk about how humanity can receive the benefits and not get the worst harms from these rapid changes.”

Summer Institute brings together experts, grad students and researchers from multiple backgrounds to explore the societal, governmental, and ethical implications of AI. A combination of lectures, panels, and participatory problem-solving, this comprehensive interdisciplinary event aims to build understanding and action around these high-stakes issues.

“Machine intelligence is opening transformative opportunities across the world,” says **John Shillington**, CEO of Amii, “and Amii is excited to bring together our own world-leading researchers with experts from areas such as law, philosophy and ethics for this important discussion. Interdisciplinary perspectives will be essential to the ongoing development of machine intelligence and for ensuring these opportunities have the broadest reach possible.”

Over the three-day program, 30 graduate-level students and early-career researchers will engage with leading experts and researchers including event co-organizers: Western University’s **Daniel Lizotte**, Amii’s **Alona Fyshe** and UCLA’s **Edward Parson**. Participants will also have a chance to shape the curriculum throughout this uniquely interactive event.

Summer Institute takes place prior to Deep Learning and Reinforcement Learning Summer School, and includes a combined event on July 24th for both Summer Institute and Summer School participants.

Visit dlrlsummerschool.ca/the-summer-institute to apply; **applications close May 15, 2019**. View our [Summer Institute Biographies & Boilerplates](#) for more information on confirmed faculty members and co-hosting organizations. Follow the conversation through social media channels using the hashtag #SI2019.