Embedded EthiCS @ Harvard, the Ethics
Institute at Northeastern University, and Social
& Ethical Responsibilities of Computing @ MIT

PRESENT:

The Inaugural Conference of

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Tech Ethics Exchange NorthEast

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
May 18–19, 2023

IN-PERSON AT HARVARD AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Thursday, May 18

8:30	Coffee & Registration
9:00	**teχnē Showcase**
9:45	Break
10:00	**Keynote: Anita Allen** (Penn Carey Law)
11:15	Break
11:30	**Lightning Round**
12:00	Lunch
13:00	**The problem of deception in human-AI emotional relations**
	Emilia Kaczmarek (University of Warsaw)
13:45	Break
14:00	**Does AI Undermine Forward-Looking Moral Responsibility?**
	Fabio Tollon (University of Bielefeld)
14:45	Break
15:00	**Digital Amplification and the Right to Reach**
	Étienne Brown (San José State University)
15:45	Break
16:00	**Keynote: Helen Nissenbaum** (Cornell Tech)
17:15	Reception

8:30	Coffee & Registration
9:00	**AI Art is Theft**
	Trystan S. Goetze (Harvard)
9:45	Break
10:00	**Is Political Microtargeting Anti-Democratic?**
	Giles Howdle (University of Edinburgh)
10:45	Break
11:00	**Content Moderation, Misinformation, and Freedom of Speech**
	Kevin Mills (MIT)
11:45	Lunch

PEDAGOGY SPOTLIGHT

13:00	**Keynote: Casey Fiesler** (University of Colorado Boulder)
14:15	Break
14:30	**Social Philosophy for Tech Ethics Pedagogy**
	Eliza Wells & Sonia Maria Pavel (MIT)
15:00	Break
15:15	**Teaching Lab: An Interdisciplinary Collaborative Effort**
	J.L.A. Donohue & William Cochran (Harvard)
15:45	Break
16:00	**Building Responsibility: Teaching Ethics Between Theory and Practice**
	James Garforth & Benedetta Catanzariti (University of Edinburgh)
16:30	Closing Remarks

Keynote Speakers

Helen Nissenbaum is a Professor at Cornell Tech and in the Information Science Department at Cornell University. She is also Director of the Digital Life Initiative, which was launched in 2017 at Cornell Tech to explore societal perspectives surrounding the development and application of digital technology, focusing on ethics, policy, politics, and quality of life. Her own research takes an ethical perspective on policy, law, science, and engineering relating to information technology, computing, digital media and data science. Topics have included privacy, trust, accountability, security, and values in technology design. Her books include *Obfuscation: A User's Guide for Privacy and Protest*, with Finn Brunton (MIT Press, 2015) and *Privacy in Context: Technology, Policy, and the Integrity of Social Life* (Stanford, 2010).

Anita Allen is the Henry R. Silverman Professor of Law and Professor of Philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania. A graduate of Harvard Law with a PhD from the University of Michigan in Philosophy, Allen is internationally renowned as an expert on philosophical dimensions of privacy and data protection law, ethics, bioethics, legal philosophy, women's rights, and diversity in higher education. She was Penn's Vice Provost for Faculty from 2013–2020 and chaired the Provost's Arts Advisory Council. A prolific scholar, Allen has published over 120 articles and chapters. Her books include: *Unpopular Privacy: What Must We Hide* (Oxford, 2011); *Privacy Law and Society* (Thomson/West, 2017); *The New Ethics: A Guided Tour of the 21st Century Moral Landscape* (Miramax/Hyperion, 2004); *Why Privacy Isn't Everything: Feminist Reflections on Personal Accountability* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2003), and *Uneasy Access: Privacy of Women in a Free Society* (Rowman & Littlefield, 1988).

Casey Fiesler is an Associate Professor in Information Science (and Computer Science by courtesy) at University of Colorado Boulder. She researches and teaches in the areas of technology ethics, internet law and policy, and online communities, and her work on ethical speculation and ethics education is supported by an NSF CAREER Award. Her current work is primarily around technology ethics and law, and online communities. Current areas of focus include big data research ethics, ethics education, ethical speculation in technology design, technology empowerment for marginalized communities, and broadening participation in computing; much of this work is generously supported by the National Science Foundation, Mozilla, and Omidyar. Also a public scholar, she is a frequent commentator and speaker on topics of technology ethics and policy, and her work has been covered everywhere from The New York Times to Teen Vogue. She holds a PhD in Human-Centered Computing from Georgia Tech and a JD from Vanderbilt Law School.

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Welcome to the inaugural conference of teχnē (say *TECK-nay*), or Tech Ethics Exchange NorthEast! We are a consortium of technology ethics initiatives in the Greater Boston Area. At present, our membership includes:

Embedded EthiCS at Harvard, an interdisciplinary computer ethics teaching initiative at Harvard University. The program draws on philosophical expertise to design ethics modules which are distributed across the computer science curriculum and embedded within existing technical courses. Embedded EthiCS is led by a faculty team that includes Alison Simmons, Barbara Grosz, Jeff Behrends, Salil Vadhan, Martin Wattenberg, James Mickens, and Quinn White.

Social & Ethical Responsibilities of Computing (SERC) at MIT, a teaching, research, and engagement initiative within the Schwarzman College of Computing. SERC facilitates the development of responsible "habits of mind and action" for those who create and deploy computing technologies and fostering the creation of technologies in the public interest. SERC is led by associate deans Caspar Hare and Georgia Perakis.

The Ethics Institute at Northeastern University, an interdisciplinary research institute. The Ethics Institute conducts original research in the areas of applied ethics, religious ethics, ethical theory, social and political philosophy, and formal methods in ethics and epistemology. The institute is led by director Ronald Sandler, associate director Matthew Kopec, and faculty steering committee members John Basl, Liz Bucar, Serena Parekh, and Patricia Williams.

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