

2026 AIMPACT WORKSHOP

Illini Union Hall, 314AB | 1401 W. Green Street, Urbana, IL 61801

Thursday, April 30, 2026

8:30 am - 8:55 am	Registration and Welcome Breakfast
8:55 am - 9:00 am	Opening Remarks
9:00 am - 9:45 am	Zachary Wojtowicz: <i>Generative AI and the Reorganization of Work: Theory and Evidence from Software Firms</i>
9:45 am - 10:30 am	Jana Gallus: <i>The Social Tissue of Knowledge Work in an AI Economy: What Stays Scarce as Intelligence Becomes Cheaper</i>
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am - 11:15 am	Lightning Talks (Round 1) Yang Wang (iSchool): <i>Towards AI Safety for Kids</i> Ewa Maslowska (Institute of Communications Research): <i>Relational Dark Patterns in LLMs: Investigating the Impact of AI Chatbots on User Well-being and Persuasion</i> Cathy Blake (Carle Illinois College of Medicine): <i>Using AI to Capture the Exposome</i> David Zhou (Computer Science): <i>Process Traces as Interpretive Material: Writers, AI, and Reframing Intention Elicitation</i> Yun Huang (iSchool): <i>From Paper Discovery to People Finding: Three Years of Deploying AI Conference Companions in the Wild</i>
11:15 am - 11:30 am	Break
11:30 am - 12:15 pm	Raphaël Raux: <i>Human Learning About AI</i>
12:15 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm	Daniel Martin: <i>AI Advice and Human Beliefs</i>
2:15 pm - 3:00 pm	Geoff Tomaino: <i>The Liability of Conversational Search: Consumers React More Negatively to Sponsored Content in LLM (vs. Traditional) Search</i>
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Break



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Lightning Talks (Round 2)

So Sasaki (Aerospace Engineering): *A Network Game of Social Media Engagement*

Andy Lee (Computer Science): *Auctioning Attention on Social Networks*

Deepika Chawla & Gagandeep Singh (Economics & Computer Science): *Risks Create a Jagged Frontier of LLM Productivity Gains Across Computer Occupations*

Lena Song (Economics): *Ouroboros? Measuring Economic Determinants of AI Use in Online Data Markets*

3:45 pm - 4:30 pm

Raul Castro Fernandez: *Data Ecology: Understanding and Designing Data Ecosystems*



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8:30 am - 8:55 am	Registration and Welcome Breakfast
8:55 am - 9:00 am	Opening Remarks
9:00 am - 9:45 am	Sarah Cen: <i>Bridging the Gap Between AI Research and Policy</i>
9:45 am - 10:00 am	Break
10:00 am - 10:45 am	Dan Björkegren: <i>Could AI Leapfrog the Web? Evidence from Teachers in Sierra Leone</i>
10:45 am - 11:15 am	Lightning Talks (Round 3) Frank Stinar (iSchool): <i>Learning Behaviors Mediate the Effect of AI-powered Support for Metacognitive Calibration on Learning Outcome</i> Yunshu Cao (Economics): <i>When Thinking Gets Hard: Do People Follow AI Even When It's Wrong?</i> Veda Duddu (Computer Science): <i>Trusted Sources, Uncertain Learners: How AI is Changing Who Students Rely On</i> Shivangi Ambardar (Economics): <i>From Archival Shelf to Research-Ready Dataset</i> Sharanya Bhattacharjee (Economics): <i>The Solitary Learner? The Impact of Generative AI on Peer Effects and Social Capital Formation</i>
11:15 am - 11:30 am	Closing Statements
11:30 am	End of Workshop

