

THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND



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AI at URI 2.0

MEMORIAL UNION BALLROOM

Thursday, January 16, 2025

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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Courage, AI Systems, and Troubles We Cannot Avoid



“Technomoral courage” is the disposition to feel the right combination of intelligent fear and intelligent hope with respect to the ethical aspects of emerging technologies. It’s very hard to know how AI systems will alter the cultural, sociopolitical, and technological landscapes of (higher) education or whose confident prognostications to take seriously. That makes it hard to know what “intelligent” fears and hopes about AI systems would look like, or how we can cultivate them. But the stakes matter: through failures of technomoral courage, we risk making or perpetuating serious ethical mistakes in our approach, adoption, and/or rejection of AI systems. This presentation will focus on some of the technological, pedagogical, and institutional challenges to approaching AI systems in education courageously. It will offer some suggestions for finding our way through an increasingly challenging ethical landscape, both individually and collectively.

PROGRAM

8:00^A_M Registration Opens

8:15^A_M Breakfast – MEMORIAL UNION BALLROOM

9:00^A_M **Opening Remarks and Welcome**
Sue K. Adams
Interim Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Faculty Initiatives

President's Welcome
Marc Parlange, *President*

URI Academic Affairs Task Force Report Panel Discussion
Barbara Wolfe, *Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs*
Yan Sun, *College of Engineering*
Desirae Heys, *College of Nursing*
Gabriele Fariello, *Information Technology Services*
Jay Fogelman, *College of Education*
Stephen Atlas, *College of Business*
Todd Dresser, *Office for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning*
Jennifer Burgess, *Academic Enhancement Center*

10:00^A_M Breakout Sessions (see registration badge for room assignments)

RESEARCH – QUINN 103

AI in Action: Impacting Research Across Disciplines

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AI tools demos may include – Claude, Gemini, AlphaFold, Amazon Q, MidJourney, Semantic Scholar, Research Rabbit, Perplexity, Scite

TEACHING AND LEARNING – MEMORIAL UNION BALLROOM

Innovative AI Integration in Education: Success Stories and Strategies

This session will explore the innovative ways faculty are incorporating AI into their classrooms. Hear from experts who have used AI for group activities, individual projects, and programming assignments. Understand the impact of AI on student learning and engagement, and discuss best practices for motivating students to use these tools effectively. Whether you're new to AI or looking to expand your current practices, this session offers valuable perspectives and practical advice.

Bring your laptop, tablet, or personal device and learn with and from other instructors about ways they have implemented ChatGPT and other AI tools to increase student engagement and foster greater technology driven creativity and learning in their courses.

UNIVERSITY FUNCTIONS – ATRIUM 1

Unlocking AI Tools for Workplace Efficiency:

Practical Applications and Interactive Opportunities

Curious about how AI can enhance your teaching, research, and workplace productivity? Join us for this hands-on session to explore practical applications of URI approved AI tools that are ready to use today. From drafting lesson plans or meeting agendas with Microsoft Copilot to generating custom visuals with Adobe Firefly, and streamlining collaboration with Zoom AI Companion, this workshop is designed to equip you with actionable skills to integrate AI into your daily workflows.

Through guided activities, you'll craft effective prompts, test AI-powered features, and discover how these tools can save time and enhance creativity. We'll also preview exciting new technologies on the horizon for URI employees.

CLINICAL – ATRIUM 2

Attitude and Aptitude: Beliefs, Best Practices, and Case Study

Development of Generative AI in Clinical Disciplines

Although Generative AI is pervasive across society and is increasingly being adopted in clinical settings, it is not well known how students and faculty in those clinical domains feel about the use of AI. Accordingly, Dr. Ryan Chapman will discuss the results from his investigation querying health profession students and faculty regarding their attitudes/beliefs regarding the use of GenAI in academia and clinical settings.

Join us for this hands-on, interactive session led by Dr. Desirae Heys, where clinical faculty will learn to leverage generative AI tools to create unfolding clinical cases that simulate real-world patient scenarios. These cases promote critical thinking and clinical reasoning skills while saving faculty valuable time in lesson planning. Bring your computers and discover how to efficiently develop dynamic, evidence-based learning experiences that prepare students to address complex patient care situations and make timely, informed decisions in clinical practice.

11:30^A_M **Break**

12:15^P_M **Lunch / Keynote Speaker**
Vance Ricks, Ph.D.
Courage, AI Systems, and Troubles We Cannot Avoid

1:30^P_M **Break**

1:40^P_M **Breakout Sessions** (*see registration badge for room assignments*)

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UNIVERSITY FUNCTIONS – SENATE CHAMBERS VIA ZOOM

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Engaging Without Adopting –

Exploring Informed, Principled Resistance and Refusal – ROOM 360

Presenter: Vance Ricks, Ph.D.

What if one of the best ways to use AI responsibly is by using it rarely or not using it at all? Why might someone – even a longtime “technology enthusiast” – want to resist or even refuse using AI technologies in their work, learning, and/or teaching? This session canvasses some of the reasons for that resistance/refusal, and strategies for discussing it with your colleagues, students, and supervisors.

3:00 ^P_M

Future Directions and Ice Cream Bar – MEMORIAL UNION BALLROOM

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