



2025 AI SUMMIT SCHEDULE

8:15 AM

Check-In

8:30 AM

Breakfast (Coe 506)

09:00 AM

AI: Myth, Hype, and Reality Keynote
(Coe 506)

10:00 AM

Breakout Sessions
Archives & AI (Coe 506)
Basics of AI (Coe 216)

11:00 AM

Breakout Sessions
Ancestry Reimagined (Coe 506)
Trademark & AI (Coe 216)

12:00 PM

Lunch (Coe 506)

01:15 PM

Breakout Session
Partners in Kind (Coe 218)

01:15 PM

Lightning Round Topics
(Coe 506)

02:15 PM

Round Table Discussions
(Coe 216, 218 & 506)

03:00 PM

Tours

04:30 PM

Social Gathering

Keynote Description

AI: Myth, Hype, and Reality: Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the meme of the day. What is it? How does it work? What can it do now and what might it do in the future? What might it mean for the human condition and for science, education, business, government, and society? This talk will briefly summarize the history of “thinking machines” beginning with the seminal work of Kurt Gödel and Alan Turing, before turning to the history and underlying technology of the varieties of deep neural networks. The latest versions of these, enabled by massive cloud computing infrastructure, include such systems as ChatGPT, Gemini, and a host of others. Following this, we will discuss some of the cultural, economic, legal, and technological implications of today’s deep neural networks. We will conclude with a few speculations on “natural intelligence” and some lessons that can be gleaned from biology.

Breakout Session Presentations

Times and locations are listed in each description.

10 AM | Archives & AI: The American Heritage Center has been testing various AI tools to assist with archival work, discovering what works well and what doesn’t in real-world applications. This session shares our experiences with AI chatbots, transcription tools, and metadata creation, highlighting both the successes and limitations we’ve encountered. **Presented by Leslie Waggener & Alex Gunter | Room 506**

10 AM | Basics of AI: An Introduction to Generative AI: How Generative AI models like ChatGPT can empower you to get more done faster. **Presented by Carter Parks | Room 216**

11 AM | Ancestry Reimagined: Turning Data into Drama (Genealogy & AI): “Ancestry Reimagined: Turning Data into Drama” explores how to transform genealogical records into engaging, emotionally rich family stories using AI tools and creative writing techniques. This presentation empowers librarians to help patrons move beyond names and dates to craft heirloom narratives that celebrate identity, memory, and joy. **Presented by Joanne Pruitt | Room 506**

11 AM | Trademark & AI: In this session, we will explore the USPTO's (United States Patent and Trademark Office) current guidelines for AI use in both the patent and trademark processes. This will include an overview of USPTO’s approach to AI and IP, a look into their recent recommendations for IP applicants and examine current uses of AI in intellectual property development. **Presented by Anne Kuipers | Room 216**

1:15 PM | Partners in Kind: Collaborating with AI to Complete a Compassion Audit: This presentation shares how our library used a compassion audit—supported by generative AI—to evaluate and enhance empathetic practices across services, offering a replicable model for libraries committed to centering compassion in student support. **Presented by Janice Grover & Jessica Rardin | Room 218**

Lightning Round Topics

A Lightning Round Session will take place during the 1:15 p.m. breakout session time slot in Room 506.

Topics revolve around AI and the following: Journalism, Marketing, Public Libraries, Digitization Projects, Transkribus, Academic Dishonesty, and Companion Bots

Round Table Discussions

Round table discussions will occur at 2:15 p.m. in Rooms 216, 218 & 506.

Topics include: AI Ethics, Tips & Tricks for AI, and Adapting Pedagogy for AI!