

## Scaling Responsible AI to Drive Enterprise Innovation

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JUNE 17-18, 2025

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KAPLAN AT ILLINOIS TECH: 3137 S FEDERAL ST, CHICAGO, IL 60616

Day 1 Session	Start time	End time	Duration
<b>REGISTRATION AND WELCOME</b>	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	60 MINS.
<b>Opening Remarks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Xiaochen Zhang, AI 2030; Co-Chair, Chicago AI Week</li> <li>Gilbert Villegas, 36th Ward Alderman, City of Chicago; Chicago AI Council member</li> <li>Maryam Saleh, Executive Director, Ed Kaplan Family Institute for Innovation and Tech Entrepreneurship</li> <li>Betsy Ziegler, CEO, 1871; Co-chair, Chicago AI Week</li> </ul>	9:00 AM	9:15 AM	15 MINS.
<b>Opening Fireside Chat: Chicago AI Council</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair: Betsy Ziegler, CEO, 1871; Co-chair, Chicago AI Council</li> <li>Kristi Dula, Deputy Director - Entrepreneurship, Innovation &amp; Technology, Illinois Department of Commerce &amp; Economic Opportunity, State of Illinois; Chicago AI Council Member</li> </ul>	9:15 AM	9:35 AM	20 MINS.
<b>Keynote Fireside: Work Reimagined: How AI is Reshaping the American Dream</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair: Xiaochen Zhang, Executive Director, AI 2030</li> <li>Taylor Stockton, Chief Innovation Officer, United States Department of Labor</li> </ul>	9:35 AM	10:05 AM	30 MINS.
<b>Panel: What Does Responsible AI Look Like in Highly Regulated Industries?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair: Brett Mowry, Head of Advisory Services, AI 2030</li> <li>Clare Dussman, Director of Digital Trust, United Airlines</li> <li>David Gordon, Partner &amp; Head of Chicago Litigation Group, Sidley Austin</li> <li>Gabe Arrington, Senior Director of Operations, United States Air Force</li> </ul>	10:05 AM	10:45 AM	40 MINS.
<b>BREAK</b>	10:45 AM	11:00 AM	15 MINS.
<b>Panel: Does AI Investing Deliver Real ROI for enterprises?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair: Marisa Mann, former Managing Vice President, Gartner</li> <li>Jennifer Suerth, Senior Vice President of Virtual Construction, MEP, and Operations Technology, Pepper Construction Group</li> <li>Abhijit Dasgupta, VP, Global Demand Digital Technologies, Mars</li> <li>Firas Ben Hassan, Program Owner of AllianzGPT, Allianz</li> </ul>	11:00 AM	11:40 AM	40 MINS.
<b>Catalyzing Impact: Launching the Next Wave of AI 2030 Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair, Xiaochen Zhang, AI 2030</li> <li>Brett Mowry, Head of Advisory, AI 2030</li> <li>Ben Christensen, Head of Partnership, AI 2030</li> <li>Tonya Amankwatia, Head of AI 2030 Institute, AI 2030</li> <li>David Shedd, Head of Operation, AI 2030</li> </ul>	11:40 AM	12:10 PM	30 MINS.
<b>LUNCH AND NETWORKING</b>	12:10 PM	1:00 PM	50 MINS.
<b>Closed-Door Meeting: AI 2030 Board of Advisory</b> <b>- Open to AI 2030 Advisory Board Members Only</b>	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	60 MINS.

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<b>Panel: How Do You Identify, Prioritize, and Mitigate AI Risks ?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair: Laura Graves, Partner, Gritmind</li> <li>Jesus Gonzalez, Intangible Assets Global Collaboration Co-Leader, AON</li> <li>Philip Dawson, Head of AI Policy, Armilla AI</li> <li>Naveen Dhar, Senior Director at Microsoft</li> <li>Wendy Betts, CISO, Rotary International</li> </ul>	1:00 PM	1:40 PM	40 MINS.
<b>Panel: Are We Building AI Products That Uplift People or Replace Them?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair: Debbie Pollock-Berry, Chief People &amp; Culture Officer PLEZI Nutrition</li> <li>Scott Hamerink, Senior Partner, Publicis Sapient</li> <li>Megan McNeil, Director of Product, Samasource</li> <li>Rafael Monteiro Dourado, Business Director, Programmers</li> </ul>	1:40 PM	2:20 PM	40 MINS.
<b>Panel: What Happens When AI, Quantum, and Next-Gen Infrastructure Collide?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair: Ben Christensen, Head of Partnership, AI 2030</li> <li>Ismael Faro, VP Quantum+AI, IBM</li> <li>Kate Waimey Timmerman, Chicago Quantum Exchange</li> <li>Anne Lee, CTO, AI Research Lab, Bell Labs Solutions Research</li> <li>Meera Raja, SVP, Deep Tech, P33</li> </ul>	2:20 PM	3:00 PM	40 MINS.
<b>BREAK</b>	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	30 MINS.
<b>Are We Using AI in Healthcare to Empower Patients or Just Automate Providers?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair: Gulé Rayna, former AI, Data, and Analytics Strategy at Salesforce</li> <li>Michael Hyzy, VP of Strategy &amp; Innovation, CGI</li> <li>Anil Saldanha, Chief Innovation Officer, RUSH</li> <li>Ngan MacDonald, Director, Data Innovation Lab, Mathematica</li> </ul>	3:30 PM	4:10 PM	40 MINS.
<b>Can Legal Systems Keep Up with Rapid AI Advancements?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair: Xiaochen Zhang, AI 2030</li> <li>James Gatto, AI Team Leader, Sheppard Mullin Richter &amp; Hampton LLP</li> <li>Zhaoying Du, Global Head of Legal, Motorola Mobility (a Lenovo Company)</li> </ul>	4:10 PM	4:50 PM	40 MINS.
<b>Q&amp;A</b>	4:50 PM	5:00 PM	10 MINS.
<b>EVENING PROGRAM: WOMEN IN AI LEADERSHIP AND CHICAGO AI COUNCIL RECEPTION</b>	5:00 PM	8:00 PM	180 MINS.
<b>Networking Reception</b>	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	60 MINS.
<b>Panel Discussion- Celebrating Women Leaders in AI</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening Remark: Betsy Ziegler, CEO, 1871</li> <li>Chair: Lisa An Wong, Director, NBG Strategy and Ops, BMO Wealth Management</li> <li>Sam Atallah, Vice President, Platform Integration &amp; GTM - Security &amp; Collaboration, Cisco</li> <li>Clare Dussman, Director of Digital Trust, United Airlines</li> </ul>	6:00 PM	6:30 PM	30 MINS.
<b>Chicago AI Council Launch Ceremony</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair: Patricia Ratulangi, Global Head - corporate &amp; external communications, NielsenIQ</li> <li>Betsy Ziegler, CEO, 1871; Co-chair, Chicago AI Council</li> <li>Xiaochen Zhang, Executive Director, AI 2030; Co-chair, Chicago AI Council</li> </ul>	6:30 PM	7:00 PM	30 MINS.

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Networking Reception	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	60 MINS.
Day 2 Session			
REGISTRATION AND WELCOME	8:00 AM	9:00 AM	60 MINS.
<b>Opening Fireside chat: AI &amp; Academia 2030: A New Model for Human Potential</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair: Tonya Amankwatia, Head of AI 2030 Institute, AI 2030</li> <li>Raj Echambadi, President, Illinois Tech</li> </ul>	9:00 AM	9:20 AM	20 MINS.
<b>Panel: How Should Universities and Industry Collaborate to Advance AI Research and Training?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair: Tonya Amankwatia, Head of AI 2030 Institute, AI 2030</li> <li>Alvin Chin, Research Scientist, Discovery Partners Institute</li> <li>Kristian Hammond, Professor of Computer Science, Northwestern University</li> <li>Brinnae Bent, Executive in Residence; Duke University</li> </ul>	9:20 AM	10:00 AM	40 MINS.
BREAK	10:00 AM	10:20AM	20 MINS.
<b>Panel: The AI Powerhouse: How Governments are Shaping the Future of Artificial Intelligence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair: Xiaochen Zhang, Executive Director, AI 2030</li> <li>Troy Horton, Chief Information Officer- Health &amp; Human Services Group, Illinois Department of Innovation &amp; Technology (DoIT), State of Illinois</li> <li>Deborah Anderson, Enterprise Architecture Lead, Department of Technology &amp; Innovation, City of Chicago</li> <li>Pierre Wellhoff, Director of the Chicago Office, Business France</li> <li>Taylor Childers, Computer Scientist and Deputy Technical Lead for ALCF-4, Argonne National Laboratory</li> </ul>	10:20 AM	11:10 AM	50 MINS.
<b>Panel: AI in the Content Game: Disrupting Marketing, Media, and Creative Industries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair: Michael Kahn, Co-CEO/Chief Market Officer Talos Agent</li> <li>David Chivers, Founder, Digital Acceleration Partners</li> <li>Bryan Simkins - EVP, Technical Solutions, Transparent Partners</li> <li>Elise Temple, Vice President, Strategic Analytics &amp; Insights, Global Customer Success Neuroscience, NielsenIQ</li> </ul>	11:10 AM	12:00 PM	50 MINS.
LUNCH AND NETWORK	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	60 MINS.
<b>Lunch Keynote Fireside Chat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair, Xiaochen Zhang, AI 2030</li> <li>Sandra Ro, CEO, Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC)</li> </ul>	12:30 PM	1:00 PM	30 MINS.
<b>Panel: What Role Will Responsible AI Play in Shaping the Next Generation of Financial Services?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair: Vivek Mullick, Managing Director, Accenture</li> <li>Arjun Ravi Kannan, Director, Data Science Research, Discover Financial Services</li> <li>Priyanka Saxena, VP, Visa</li> </ul>	1:00 PM	1:40 PM	40 MINS.

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<b>Is AI Governance the Missing Link Between Innovation and Trust?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair: Padmini Soni, Responsible AI Pledge Program Director, AI 2030</li> <li>Walter G Ferrer, Head of Compliance-Minna Technologies, Mastercard</li> <li>Joe Peedikayil, Managing Director- North America Finance, Risk and AI Leader, Accenture</li> <li>Xiaochen Zhang, Executive Director, AI 2030</li> </ul>	1:40 PM	2:20 PM	40 MINS.
<b>Backing Intelligence: VC and Institutional Insights on AI's Rise</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair: Danny Pantuso, Investor, Mucker Capital</li> <li>Armando Pauker, Managing Director and Co-Founder, Tensility Venture Partners</li> <li>Glenn Borok, Vice President, Jump Capital</li> <li>Amit Patel, Partner, Plug and Play Tech Center</li> <li>Sam Atallah, Vice President, Platform Integration &amp; GTM - Security &amp; Collaboration, Cisco</li> </ul>	2:20 PM	3:00 PM	40 MINS.
<b>BREAK</b>	3:00 PM	3:20 PM	20 MINS.
<b>Built with Intelligence: Founders Redefining the AI Frontier</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chair: Gabby Snedeker, Senior Director of Innovation Labs, 1871</li> <li>Michael Brown, Founder, Cloudnine Augmented Intelligence</li> <li>Jack Boudreau, CEO, Habits Inc.</li> <li>Avani Patel, CTO &amp; Co-Founder at Ryden Solutions</li> <li>Saji Nair, Cofounder and CEO, BCube Analytics Inc.</li> </ul>	3:30 PM	4:00 PM	30 MINS.
<b>The Future of Decentralized Intelligence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sandra Ro, CEO, Global Blockchain Business Council (GBBC)</li> <li>Kristoffer Kizer, Principal, Iron Key</li> <li>Paul Hsu, Founder &amp; CEO, Decasonic</li> <li>Jon McBee, Co-Founder - XDC RWAi; XDC Network</li> </ul>	4:00 PM	4:40 PM	40 MINS.
<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b>	4:40 PM	5:00 PM	30 MINS.
<b>AI 2030 ADVISORY BOARD PRIVATE RECEPTION</b>	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	120 MINS.

## Join the movement to shape the future of Responsible AI: AI 2030

AI 2030 is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and global initiative committed to harnessing the transformative power of AI to benefit humanity—while minimizing its risks. With a focus on Responsible AI, AI for All, and AI for Good, we work to bridge gaps in awareness, talent, and resources to drive ethical AI adoption across sectors.

Scan the QR code to learn more, become an AI 2030 member, apply to our Global Fellows Program, or explore opportunities to partner with us as a corporate leader in responsible innovation. Contact us at: [info@ai2030.org](mailto:info@ai2030.org)



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### Thank You to the Chicago AI Week Advisory Group

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Chicago AI Week Advisory Committee for your exceptional leadership and dedication over the past six months.

Officially announced during the World Economic Forum Week in Davos in January 2026, this remarkable group of visionary leaders has played a pivotal role in shaping the agenda, mobilizing key resources, and curating a world-class lineup of speakers—all with the shared mission of establishing Chicago as a global hub for responsible AI innovation. Your insights, collaboration, and commitment have made Chicago AI Week a truly transformative experience. And this is just the beginning.

### Introducing the Chicago AI Council

Building on the Foundation of the Chicago AI Week Advisory Committee, we are proud to announce the launch of the Chicago AI Council on June 17-18, 2025, during Chicago AI Week. The Chicago AI Council is a strategic leadership body within the AI 2030 Advisory Board, established to accelerate Chicago's emergence as a global hub for responsible AI innovation, cross-sector collaboration, and inclusive impact.

Comprised of influential leaders from government, academia, industry, and civil society, the Council will guide long-term strategy, foster public-private partnerships, and champion initiatives that position Chicago at the forefront of AI leadership and global cooperation.

### Council Members:

1. Gilbert Villegas Alderman of Chicago's 36th Ward City of Chicago
2. Kristian Hammond Professor of Computer Science Northwestern University
3. Kristi Dula Director of the Office of Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Technology Illinois Department of Commerce
4. Betsy Ziegler, CEO, 1871, Co-Chair;
5. Jimmy Yang Chief Risk Analytics and Infrastructure Officer CIBC U.S.
6. Sandeep Maira Managing Director, Artificial Intelligence and Data Accenture
7. Jen Akhter Head of Strategic Initiatives, AON
8. Lisa An Wong Director, Strategic Initiatives BMO Wealth Management
9. Keith Soljacich EVP, Head Of Innovation Publicis Media
10. Seth Daluga Director - Analytics & Ai Global Black Belt Microsoft
11. Shanti Gudavalli Senior Executive Director JP Morgan Chase
12. Arjun Kannan Director, Data Science Research Discover Financial Services
13. Charles M. Herman Vice President, Strategic Partnerships & Enterprise Accounts The Judge Group
14. Jennifer L Suerth Senior Vice President of Virtual Construction, MEP, and Operations Technology Pepper Construction Group
15. Vivek Mullick Managing Director – Cloud First, Accenture
16. Abhijit Dasgupta VP Global Demand Digital Technologies, Mars Snacking, Mars
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