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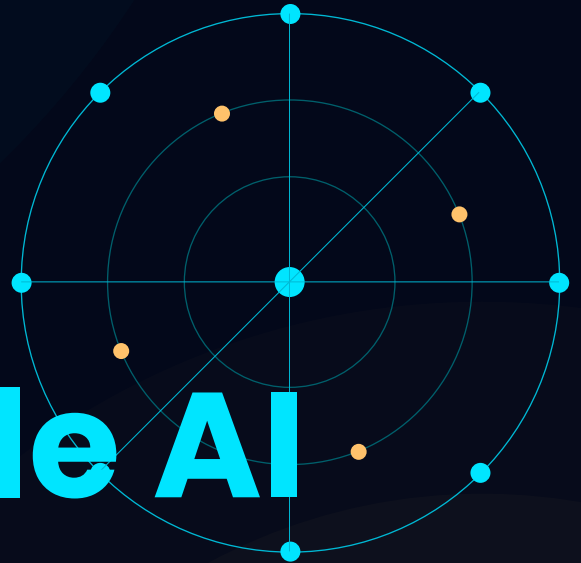
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2026 OFFICIAL PROGRAM
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— JUNE 24 - 26, 2026

· CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Where Responsible AI comes alive.



Three days. 100+ sessions. 300+ speakers from industry, government, academia, and the startups defining what comes next.

70+

Speakers

30+

Sessions

500+

Attendees

10+

Countries

THE 2026 PROGRAM

Three days. Three thesis statements on the future of AI.

Chicago AI Week 2026 returns for its fourth year, convening global leaders from industry, government, and academia to shape the responsible AI future. Powered by AI 2030 in collaboration with 1871 and the Chicago AI Council, the program is built around three connected days — each anchored by a different question, and a different room of leaders converging to answer it.

<p>JUNE 24 · DAY ONE</p> <h2>01</h2> <h3>Women in AI Forum</h3> <p>An evening forum at Morningstar honoring the women building what comes next — five panels, one reception, awards.</p>	<p>JUNE 25 · DAY TWO</p> <h2>02</h2> <h3>Responsible AI Day</h3> <p>Operationalizing trust at enterprise scale, with global policy, Chief AI Officers, and high impact closing keynote.</p>	<p>JUNE 26 · DAY THREE</p> <h2>03</h2> <h3>AI Industry Day</h3> <p>Sector deep-dives across healthcare, finance, insurance, and public sector — closing with a panel on physical AI.</p>
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WHY THIS ROOM

Not a conference. An operating system for responsible AI.

Cross-sector by design

Financial services, healthcare, public sector, and supply chain leaders converge – unlocking collaborations that rarely happen anywhere else.

Responsible AI, operationalized

Past principles. Into people, processes, and production systems – real-world deployment, not theory.

Real partnership creation

Structured forums for deal-making, pilots, and joint ventures – built into the agenda itself.

Global meets local

International perspectives plug directly into Chicago's fastest-growing AI ecosystem.

FEATURED VOICES · 2026

Real leaders. Real use cases. Real responsible AI impact.

The 2026 program convenes voices from across the responsible AI ecosystem – the enterprises building it, the policymakers shaping it, and the institutions training it.

TECHNOLOGY & AI LABS

- OpenAI
- IBM
- Google
- NVIDIA
- AWS
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- Nokia Bell Labs
- Innovaccer
- Rackspace

INDUSTRY & ENTERPRISE

- Walmart
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- Herbert Smith Freehills
- Kramer

PUBLIC SECTOR & ACADEMIC

- State of Illinois
- City of Chicago
- New York State
- UIUC
- AI 2030
- 1871
- P33
- Executives' Club of Chicago

HOSTS

AI 2030

1871

DAY ONE · WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

Women in AI Forum

3:00 PM – 8:00 PM · Morningstar Office, 22 W Washington St #7, Chicago, IL

An evening of the field's most consequential voices, presented by AI 2030 in partnership with 1871 and Morningstar. Five panels, one reception, headline awards.

Master of Ceremonies: Tsi-tsi-ki Félix, Journalist

3:00 – 3:30
PM

Arrival & Networking

3:30 – 4:00
PM

Opening Remarks

- State of Illinois
- City of Chicago
- 1871
- Morningstar
- AI 2030

4:00 – 4:30
PM

How Women Leaders Are Building What Comes Next

Moderator: Marie Roker-Jones, Women in AI and NYC Partnerships Lead, AI 2030

- Hyunzoo Chai, SVP Head of Enterprise Automation, Oaktree Capital Management
- Anne Lee, CTO, AI Research Lab, Bell Labs Solutions Research, Nokia Bell Labs
- Mari Velonaki, Director & Founder, National Facility for Human-Robot Interaction Research

4:30 – 5:00
PM

Women Driving Responsible AI Across Industries

Moderator: Veronica Canton, Partner, Pierson Ferdinand LLP

- Liza Levitt, VP, Deputy General Counsel — Platforms, Responsible AI, Emerging Technology, Intuit
- Anitha Yeddule, Sr. Director Application Development, Capital One
- Smriti Kirubanandan, Managing Director, Enterprise AI Transformation, Innovaccer

5:00 – 5:30
PM

Women at the Center of Chicago's AI Transformation

Moderator: Jennifer Dickey, AI/Privacy Attorney, Dykema

- Aja Carr Favors, First Deputy Corporation Counsel & Head of Privacy & AI, City of Chicago
- Mary Grygleski, VP of Global (Western Hemisphere), The AI Collective
- Brittany Phillips, Senior Engineering Program Lead, Manager, Google
- Klara Nahrstedt, Director, Coordinated Science Laboratory, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

5:30 – 6:00
PM

Closing the AI Leadership Gap: Collaboration, Capital, and Career Pathways for Women

Moderator: Diya Wynn, Responsible AI Lead, Amazon Web Services

- Angle Bush, Founder, Black Women in Artificial Intelligence
- Jessica Yeats, Principal Data Scientist, Autonomous Vehicles, NVIDIA
- Ilona Logvinova, Chief AI Officer, Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer

6:00 – 8:00
PM

Closing Reception & Awards

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Morningstar Office

22 W Washington St #7
Chicago, IL 60602

CONTINUES

Day Two

Responsible AI Day · Thursday, June 25

DAY TWO · THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Responsible AI Day

9:00 AM – 9:00 PM · The Chicago AI Week Summit

A flagship day on operationalizing trust at enterprise scale — opening with the State of Illinois and closing with Stanford HAI. Featuring the World Economic Forum, the Executives' Club of Chicago, and Chief AI Officers from Fortune 500 institutions.

MORNING · MAIN STAGE

9:00 – 9:20
AM

Welcome & Opening Remarks: Chicago as Responsible AI Hub

- Betsy Ziegler, CEO, 1871
- Xiaochen Zhang, Executive Director, AI 2030

9:20 – 9:40
AM

Keynote Fireside: Building the Responsible AI Capital — Illinois' Vision for the Future of AI

- State of Illinois

9:40 – 10:20
AM

AI, Quantum, and the Next Computing Frontier: Illinois' Opportunity to Lead

Presented by AI 2030, UIUC, and P33

- Rashid Bashir, Dean, The Grainger College of Engineering, University of Illinois
- Hanhee Paik, Director, Quantum Algorithm Centers, IBM
- Meera Raja, SVP, Deep Tech, P33

10:20 –
10:35 AM

Coffee Break

10:35 –
11:15 AM

Regulating AI Without Borders: Toward Global Alignment on Safety, Trust, and Accountability

Presented by AI 2030s

Moderator: Xiaochen Zhang

- Sabeen Malik, Chief Global Policy Officer, Rapid7
- Jake Bernstein, Global AI and Innovation Partner, K&L; Gates LLP
- Aja Carr Favors, First Deputy Corporation Counsel & Head of Privacy & AI, City of Chicago

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11:15 AM –
12:00 PM

What Role Should Chief AI Officers Play in Building Trustworthy AI Enterprises?

- Ilona Lovginova, Chief AI Officer, Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer
- Julia Penfield, SVP, Chief AI Officer, VelocityEHS
- Peter Mulford, Chief AI Officer, Global Head, AI and Innovation Practice, BTS

12:00 – 1:00
PM

Networking Lunch

AFTERNOON · TRACK A — MAIN STAGE

1:00 – 1:40
PM

Governing Systems Across the Implementation Lifecycle

Moderator: · Alvin Chen, Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor, University of Illinois Chicago

- Liza Levitt, VP, Deputy General Counsel — Platforms, Responsible AI, Emerging Technology, Intuit
- Joseph Lopez, Director of Data Strategy & AI Governance, Michigan First Credit Union
- Hellena Crompton, Director of Data and AI Governance and Risk, dentsu
- Joe Peedikayil, Managing Director, North America Enterprise Finance, Risk, AI & Analytics Leader, Accenture

1:40 – 2:20
PM

From Data to Intelligence: Building Trusted Knowledge Foundations Across Industries

- Amit Shivpuja, Director of Data Product and AI Enablement, Walmart
- Jessica Yeats, Principal Data Scientist, Autonomous Vehicles, NVIDIA
- Arjun Ravi Kannan, Director of Data Science Research, Capital One Financial
- Will Rowlands-Rees, Chief AI Officer, Lionbridge

2:20 – 3:00
PM

From Models to Systems: Engineering Production-Grade AI

Moderator: Tahera Z, Executive Advisor, SAP

- Madhavi Rajan, Head of Product Management and Strategy, Rackspace Technology
- Brittany Phillips, Senior Engineering Program Lead, Manager, Google
- Giorgio Natili, Senior Director, Head of AI Engineering (Oracle Cloud Support), Oracle
- Peter Smart, Chief Experience Officer, Fantasy

AFTERNOON · TRACK B — INNOVATION STAGE

1:00 – 3:00
PM

◆ PARALLEL TRACK

From Chicago to the World: Backing Responsible AI Innovators

Presented by AI 2030, 1871, Chicago Innovation, and UIUC,

- Betsy Ziegler, CEO, 1871
- Jed Taylor, Assistant Dean for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Executive Director of TEC, UIUC
- Luke Tanen, President and CEO, Chicago Innovation

3:00 - 3:15
PM

Afternoon Break

3:15 - 4:00
PM

Lightning Talks — AGI & Digital Dignity · Building Responsible AI Workforce · Governance, Risk & Compliance

- Soheil Feizi, Founder & CSO, RELAI.ai
- Swetha Sekhar, Member of Technical Staff, OpenAI
- Shila Kastl, Director, Compliance Risk Programs, SoFi
- Kristof Horompoly, Head of AI, ValidMind

4:10 - 5:00
PM

Keynote Fireside & Closing Remarks: A Call to Responsible AI Leadership

Presented by AI 2030 & the Executives' Club of Chicago

Moderator: Dorri McWhorter, President & CEO, Executives' Club of Chicago

- Clark Cully, Division Chair, DeVoe School of Business, Technology & Leadership, Indiana Wesleyan University; Former Deputy CDO, U.S. Department of Defense
- Xiaochen Zhang, Executive Director, AI 2030

5:00 - 6:00
PM

Closing Reception

7:00 - 9:00
PM

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VIP Dinner

- Senior leadership across AI 2030 and partner organizations.

DAY THREE · FRIDAY, JUNE 26

AI Industry Day

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM · Sector deep-dives across healthcare, finance, public sector & physical AI

Sector-specific deep dives into the AI workflows already changing patient care, financial services, public infrastructure, and the next wave of physical AI — closing with a high-stakes panel on the machines that are about to act in the real world.

MORNING · OPENING & HEALTHCARE

9:00 – 9:10
AM

Opening Remarks

· AI 2030, 1871 & Partners

9:10 – 9:30
AM

From Chicago to the World: Shaping the Future of Responsible AI

· City of Chicago

9:30 – 9:50
AM

Operationalizing AI in Healthcare: From Breakthrough Research to Better Patient Care

Presented by AI 2030 & the Consulate General of Canada in Chicago

· Daniel Zikovitz, Head of Siemens Healthineers Global AI COE, Siemens Healthineers

9:50 – 10:35
AM

AI Across the Specialty Care Continuum: Aligning Pharma, Specialty Pharmacy, and Payers

*Presented by AI 2030 & CGI**Moderator: Eshaa Gogia, Data Science Consultant, CGI*

· Anne Michelle Cruz, Vice President of Technology, Walgreens

· Adrienne Kline, Assistant Professor, Northwestern University

Teri Lewis, Sr Director, Quality Engineering and Capability Enablement, Health Care Service Corporation

Caitlin Malone, Sr. Director, Data Science AI Innovation Lab, Health Care Service Corporation

Nathan Frank, Director of ML Platform & Operations, WW Grainger

10:35 –
10:50 AM

Coffee Break

LATE MORNING · TRACK A — FINANCIAL SERVICES

10:50 –
11:10 AM

The New AI Operating Model for Banking

Moderator: Anastasia "Tracy" Raissis, Head of Strategy, AI 2030

· Prashant Mehrotra, EVP, Chief AI Officer, U.S. Bank

11:10 AM –
12:00 PM**No Margin for Error: AI in Financial Systems at Scale**

Moderator: Archana Lamoureux, VP, Head of Corporate Digital Solutions, Northwestern Mutual

- Shanthi Gudavalli, Senior Executive Director, JPMorgan Chase
- Deepak Konale, Partner, Enterprise AI and Data Transformation, Cognizant
- Nick Schmidt, Chief Technology and Innovation Officer, SolasAI
- Sandeep Maira, Managing Director, AI and Data, Accenture

LATE MORNING · TRACK B — CEO ROUNDTABLE

10:50 AM –
12:00 PM

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Leading AI Transformation: What CEOs and Directors Need to Operationalize Now

Presented by AI 2030 & the Executives' Club of Chicago

Moderator: Arthur Zards, Founder, Lab Z

- Senior CEOs and Board Directors across Fortune 500 institutions and middle-markets.

12:00 – 1:00
PM

Networking Lunch

AFTERNOON · TRACK A — PUBLIC SECTOR

1:00 – 1:30
PM**AI for Public Good: How States Are Turning Data into Better Services**

- *Moderator: Josh Richards, Chief Commercial Officer, Pacific Peering*
- Flo Wright, Chief Data Officer, Department of Innovation & Technology, State of Illinois
- Eleonore Fournier-Tombs, Chief AI Officer, New York State

1:30 – 2:00
PM**Public Sector AI, Real Economic Impact: Illinois' Blueprint for Responsible Growth**

Moderator: Tracy

- Adam Robert Sutherland, Worldwide Public Sector Strategy Lead, AWS Generative AI Innovation Center
- Kristi Dula-Ferguson, Deputy Director, Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity
- Regina Heyward, SVP for Economic Opportunity, Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago

AFTERNOON · TRACK B — HEALTHCARE DEEP DIVE

1:00 – 2:00
PM

◆ PARALLEL TRACK

AI in Healthcare Deep Dive: Scaling Innovation Safely and Responsibly

- Juan C. Rojas, Associate Chief Medical Information Officer, Rush University Medical Center
- Pei-Yun Sabrina Hsueh, Director of AI Enablement and External Innovation, Pfizer
- Aparna Ahuja, Divisional Vice President Medical, Clinical and Scientific Affairs ID Rapid Diagnostics, Abbott
- Smriti Kirubanandan, Managing Director, Enterprise AI Transformation, Innovaccer
- Meltem Singh, Managing Partner, Gartner

AFTERNOON · TRACK A — DIGITAL ASSETS & FINTECH

2:00 – 2:20
PM

The Internet of Value Meets the Intelligence Economy

- Chris Tyrrell, Managing Director, Head of Digital Assets Risk and Controls, Services, Citi

2:20 – 3:00
PM

Stablecoins, Smart Contracts, and AI: The New Stack for Global Finance

Moderator: Arry Yu, Executive Director, Convergence: Tech Policy Institute

- Jyoti Ponnappalli, VP, Head of Applied AI, Frontier Internet

AFTERNOON · TRACK B — INSURANCE

2:00 – 3:00
PM

◆ PARALLEL TRACK

Managing the New Risk Frontier: AI, Data, and Insurance Transformation

- Jesus Gonzalez, Deputy Global Practice Leader, Intangible Assets, Aon
- Tushar Ambalia, Chief AI Officer, Tivly

3:00 – 3:15
PM

Afternoon Break

CLOSING · MAIN STAGE — PHYSICAL AI

3:15 – 4:00
PM

Closing Panel: Building the Future of Physical AI — Responsible Innovation for Machines That Act

- Nancy Amato, Abel Bliss Professor & Director, Siebel School of Computing and Data Science, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- Chris (Xiangzhe) Chen, Co-CEO of FF AI-Robotics, Head of Global User Ecosystem, Faraday Future
- Mari Velonaki, Professor & Director, The University of New South Wales (UNSW)

4:00 – 5:00
PM

Closing Remarks & Networking Reception

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22 W Washington St
Chicago, IL 60602

Day Two & Three — Chicago AI Week Summit- Microsoft Office

200 E Randolph St #200
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