



# Teaching AI in K-12

*2nd Annual AI for K-12 Symposium*

AAAI 2019 Fall Symposium Series  
November 8th, 2019

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# AI in K-12 Symposia Attendees

75

AAAI 2019  
Fall Symposium Series

*Largest Symposium*

48

AAAI 2018  
Fall Symposium Series

2019  
Teaching AI in  
K-12  
Submissions

2

Keynotes

16

Presentations

1

Panel

6

AI Playground  
Demos

7

Lightning Talks

1

Participatory  
Activity

# K-12 AI Education Community Growth

- AI for K-12 Symposium - AAAI Fall 2018 Symposia, Arlington, VA
- 560+ K-12 Teachers completed ISTE AI Teacher PD Course
- AI4K12 Interest Group List-serv - Over 250 people  
*moved to [ai4k12@lists.aaai.org](mailto:ai4k12@lists.aaai.org)*
- K12 AI Education workshop (AIED conference, Chicago, May 2019)
- ISTE - 16 AI Talks, Events, and Workshops
- CSTA - 3 AI Breakout Sessions; 2 AI Workshops
- Workshop on Education in Artificial Intelligence K-12 (EduAI)  
IJCAI, Macau, China, Aug. 11, 2019
- 7 NSF Funded K-12 AI Education Projects

# K-12 AI Curricula & Professional Development

- ISTE PD - Over 560+ Educators Completed the Course (Sept. 2019)
- ReadyAI: Free AI+ME tutorial for K-5
- 2019 WAICY Competition
- ECS AI Curriculum
- AI4ALL Open Learning Platform
- AI + Ethics (MIT) Curriculum & Standards
- Machine Learning in High School
- Teaching AI book - Michelle Zimmerman

# Program Overview

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Middle And High School AI Curricula, Part I

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International AI Education Talks

International Lightning talks

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Informal AI Education

AI Tools

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# Opening Remarks



Chia Shen, NSF Program Officer  
Division of Research on Learning in Formal and  
Informal Settings (DRL), ITEST



# AI for K-12 Initiative Update

Christina Gardner-McCune, AI4K12 Co-Chair  
University of Florida

# Keynote Speaker



## From Computational Thinking to Computational Action

Hal Abelson, MIT



# Middle & High School AI Curricula, Part I

**All means All: Bringing project-based, approachable AI curriculum to more high school students through AI4ALL Open Learning**

*Sarah Judd, AI4ALL*

**Data Science as a Route to AI for Middle and High School Students**

*Kathi Fisler, Brown University*

**An Interdisciplinary Approach to Bring AI into Existing Curriculum**

*Karon Weber and Anand Ankur, Microsoft*

**Will YouTube Pay Attention to Our Ideas?: AI + Ethics in Middle School**

*Blakely Payne, MIT*

# Coffee & Snack Break



# Middle & High School AI Curricula, Part II

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# Lunch on Your Own

12:00 - 1:30pm



# AI PLAYGROUND

## **Jupyter Notebooks for Teaching AI**

*Miles Berry, Roehampton University*

## **AI+ME; AI-IN-A-BOX**

*Yang Cheng, ReadyAI*

## **AI + Ethics Curriculum & Robot Construction Kits**

*Blakely Payne and Daniella DiPaola, MIT*

## **ALPHAI Robot for Machine Learning**

*Thomas Deneux, Université Paris Sud*

## **AI4All Open Learning Initiative**

*Sarah Judd, AI4All*

## **Calypso for Cozmo**

*Dave Touretzky, Carnegie Mellon University and Visionary Machines LLC*





# Panel

Teacher Perspectives  
from the AI4K12 Working Group

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# Panelists

**Vicky Sedgwick (lead, K–2)**

K-8 Technology Teacher, St. Martin's Episcopal School, Winnetka, CA

**April DeGennaro (K–2)**

Teacher, Peeples Elementary, Atlanta, GA

**Kelly Powers (lead, 3–5)**

Teacher in Residence, Cornell Tech, New York, NY

**Moderator:**

**Fred Martin (steering committee)**

Associate Dean, Kennedy College of Sciences, University of Massachusetts Lowell

**Charlotte Dungan (6–8)**

Instructor of Computer Science, North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, Durham NC

**Jared Amalong (lead, 9–12)**

Computer Science Coordinator,  
Sacramento County Office of Education,  
Sacramento, CA

## Discussion questions

1. What cross-curricular opportunities to you see in bringing AI to your students?
2. What would you encourage us to think about to bringing AI to all students?
3. What is most exciting to you about teaching AI?

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## Live Q&A

Raise your hand, or

Type a question here:  
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# LIGHTNING TALKS

## **A High School Student's Perspective on Artificial Intelligence Education**

*Nicole Cheetham, Shenendehowa High School*

## **Machine Learning Goes to High School**

*John Chapin, Academies of Loudoun*

## **AI Books for Toddlers**

*Handeep Dhoot, Tinker Toddler Books*

## **Barriers to Convergence with AI in K-12**

*Matthew Turner, University of Colorado Boulder*



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# AI TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## **Empowering Educators to Teach Artificial Intelligence**

*Nancye Blair Black, ISTE*

## **INSPIRE CS-AI: Innovative New Spaces for Practice and Rehearsal in Teacher Education in Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence**

*Justin Reich, MIT*

## **K-12 AI Outreach in Higher Education: Pathways for Implementation**

*Elizabeth Taylor, Milwaukee School of Engineering*

## **STEM-based AI Education in Professional Development for K-12 Teachers**

*Caitlin Quarrington, Actua*



# Discussion



## Concluding discussion - Friday

Importance of integrating AI into other teaching

Oxford Dictionary vs Knowledge

AI & Ethics and Social Studies - Industrial revolution

Big Ideas in life - rather than adding and subtracting - what do they need to learn now? Think about how you would revamp everything.

AI can be a powerful way to talk about biology, hearts, and how humans define themselves and intelligence. Man thinking about his relationship to nature and now man and machine.

What AI says about being human? What do we need humans to do? Cooking...This is the next tool we will have that will be automated? Looking into the past and the future and what to do accordingly.

Range of developmentally appropriate. Huge literature on developmentally appropriate language. Glass box vs black box.

Action research so all can learn

AI is a terrible term. Tension - new way to make computers do things we want them to do. This is different than coding vs training. This is a great opportunity to help students see where they fit. We will have professionals in both. - See also Ben Shapiro article in CACM.

6:00 -7:00 pm

PLENARY  
SESSION

(OPTIONAL)

Speakers from  
all 8 AAAI 2019 Fall symposia  
will present brief (2-5 minutes) overviews of their  
key issues

Ning Wang  
*“Teaching AI in K-12” Symposium  
presenter*



See you Tomorrow @ 9am

**Keynote:**  
Building a Research Foundation for K-12 AI  
Education

*Ning Wang, University of Southern California*  
*James Lester, North Carolina State University*





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# Announcements

## Posters Hanging up for

- Ride-shares to the Airport
- Dinner this evening
- Thoughts
  - Big Take Aways from yesterday & today
  - Must Haves, Questions, or Concerns about the guidelines
  - Next Steps in the growth of the community

## Archival Papers - Revise Extended Abstracts, Archive.org

- Deadline: 2 weeks
- Full Papers - 6-8 page
- Extended Abstracts - 2-4 pages

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# Pedagogy

**KEYNOTE: Building a Research Foundation for K-12 AI Education**

*Ning Wang, University of Southern California*

*James Lester, North Carolina State University*

**Computing in English Schools: Lessons to Learn for AI education**

*Miles Berry, Roehampton University*

# ETHICS

## **Integrating Ethics into K12 AI Learning Experiences**

*Tom Yeh, University of Colorado Boulder*



# Coffee & Snack Break

# International AI Education

**Bringing AI to K-12 Education via Global STEM Classroom®**

*Larisa Schelkin, Global STEM Education Center*

**A Brief Comparative Review of  
Multiple International Approaches to K-12 AI Education**

*Barnas Monteith, Tumblehome Learning*



# International Lightning Talks

## **CS in K-12**

*Burak Gencay, Bahcesehir University*

## **Supporting AI Literacy Through Informal STEM Education**

*Caitlin Quarrington, Actua*

## **Elements of AI: Teaching the Basics of AI to Everyone in Sweden**

*Fredrik Heintze, Linkoping University*

## **European Driving License for Robots and Intelligent Systems**

*Martin Kandlhofer & Julia Lassnig, Graz University of Technology*



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## After Lunch Interactive Activity

What do you meme?:

A participatory simulation for teaching  
neural networks and machine learning

*Irene Lee, MIT*

*Fred Martin, U. Mass Lowell*





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### 30 Minutes to Introduce AI to Kids

*Claudio Pinhanez, IBM Research Brazil*

### Design and Implementation of AI Learning Cycles for AI Education in K-12

*Elahe Javadi, Illinois State University*

### Teaching AI in K-12: ReadyAI's Workshop and WAICY as a Classroom Example

*Yang Cheng, ReadyAI*

### Building Statewide Awareness of AI in K12 through District Planning and Teacher Outreach

*Dianne O'Grady-Cunniff, Maryland Center for Computing Education*

*Nora Blasko, Great Mills High School*

# Snack Break





# Discussion

# The Cambridge Handbook of Computing Education Research



# Symposium Take-Aways

- Social good is a motivator for students
  - Especially when they can take computational action :-) +1
- Interdisciplinary approach is critical/needed
  - -> AI is social sciences, art, language etc

# Guidelines: Must Haves

# Guidelines: Questions & Concerns

# What should we do next?

## Next year

- Dedicated event for K-12
- Piggy-back after CSTA and make it AI specific
- Opportunity to do co-design and lessons together (Blakely)
  - 2-3 hour session
- Students present on projects
- Student created artifacts
- Project based work from symposium to symposia - make connection then target the product for the next symposium

## Big next steps

- AI4k12 Mailing List - nice user interface for a community board to stay connected
- Elementary school was to integrate it into elementary school
- Neural network activity - how can we do this with other concepts - AI unplugged activities
  - Unplugged - hack-athon
- ISTE doesn't have a professional learning network



# Next Steps in the growth of the community

- Invite scholars from other disciplines- learning sciences, but also those in social sciences, law, philosophy
- Bring math, social studies, english, stats, standards folks to the table, see how they can tuck the 5 ideas into their standards
  - AGREED! If we want interdisciplinary education, we need to integrate standards
- Needs to form “living” relations between the academic thinkers and the teachers, not just a relay, a circle.
- Need to explicitly reach out to arts education community
- Develop repository of AI for K-12 resources & effectiveness
  - Slack channel - to foster conversation
  - Curation is an issue -
  - Lesson Plans - created by teachers -
  - Curriculum will be ok because they have providers
  - Talk to Susan on working group - card navigation idea
  - Repository needs to connect back to the concepts at every lesson
  - LSM format - organized by the gradeband, standard alignment
  - Who is that target audience
    - non-CS teacher - integration for other disciplines (recruitment)
    - Standardized format - standards
  - Do we need another repository - maintaining and looking in multiple places
    - CSTA
    - ISTE
  - Not just lessons need high quality lessons - qty is not it
  - Publications? - higher ed
  - We don't need an amazing repository to start
    - Allow teachers to upload and get feedback and story with the resources
- Industry for working together -> IBM corp citizenship level
- Identify common and systematic about misconceptions about AI + remediation tactics

# Next Steps in the growth of the community

- Need a 3rd party that puts things together - want more companies
- Repository
  - Focus less on sharing to the world
    - Closed community to find collaborators
- Community - to produce good collaboration and share

# Guidelines

## Format

- Super simple - hyperlinked website
- PDF
- Meets WC3 accessibility guidelines

# Issues integrating AI into K-12 & For All

- Supporting teacher-led work when teachers are already undervalued and underpaid
- Curriculum/Standards Connections are non-linear, traditional alignment approach may not be ideal/appropriate
- Students should have a variety of datasets on which to train models as a way of surfacing divergent output/bias
- How will we tuck this into current curriculum? School curriculum/days are already busy
- How to create a “waterfall” regularly moving ideas “downward” to earliest stage possible and do it effectively.
- Research on best practices for special populations: autism, ECC, Social/Emotional disabilities minorities .. how to best reach ALL populations with researched strategies
- Connect AI in K12 with AI for K-12
  - Exposure to and adoption at the classroom level of CSC tools can lay groundwork for teachers adoption as learning topics
- Who is currently funding AIED work and who should fund it?

There is ENERGY here to drive thriving innovation clusters?.

A phenomena that we always hope you see, but I've never had the chance to be part of before.