



Announcing New President of Black in AI

The Black in AI Board of Directors is pleased to announce that it is naming Dr. [Sanmi Koyejo](#) as the new President of Black in AI, effective June 2021. Professor Koyejo succeeds Dr. [Timnit Gebru](#), who stepped down from the presidency in May 2021.

Dr. Gebru has been serving as President of Black in AI since its incorporation in February 2018 and has led the charge in fostering the organization during these crucial years. During this period, the community has grown from an email list of a handful of people to an international organization serving 3800 members. The Board thanks Dr. Gebru for her years of service to the organization and the AI community at large.

Dr. Koyejo will be stepping into this role during this pivotal transition period, where the organization will focus on sustainable growth, evaluation and accountability, fostering partnerships with minority-serving institutions and organizations nationally and internationally, and growing various new [programs](#), such as the Black in AI Academic Program and Entrepreneurship Program.

Dr. Koyejo is an Assistant Professor of Computer Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Koyejo has done groundbreaking research on developing the principles and practice of trustworthy machine learning and has also focused on applications of machine learning to neuroscience and healthcare. Dr. Koyejo completed his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin and his postdoctoral fellowship at Stanford University.

Dr. Koyejo is a renowned researcher who has been the recipient of several awards, including the 2020 CRA Skip Ellis Early Career Award, a best paper award from the conference on uncertainty in artificial intelligence (UAI), a Sloan Fellowship, a Kavli Fellowship, an IJCAI early career spotlight, and a trainee award from the Organization for Human Brain Mapping (OHBM). Dr. Koyejo has also been a founding member of Black in AI and has been shaping its growth, from co-chairing the first Black in AI workshop in December 2017 to serving on the Board since 2019.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Koyejo as the new President of Black in AI. We are thrilled to continue this important work with you all under Dr. Koyejo's leadership!

Sincerely,
The Black in AI Board