



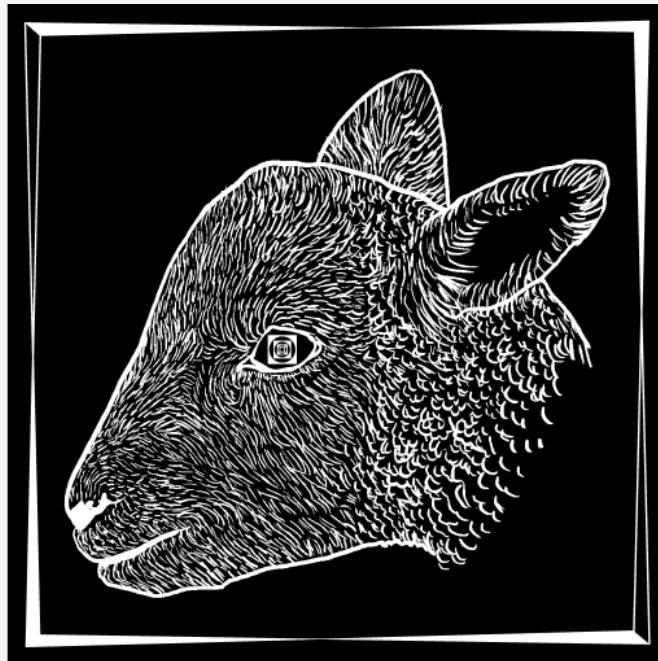
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The Livescu Initiative on Neuro, Narrative and AI (NNAI)

Thinking at the intersection of the humanities, neuroscience and engineering.



Welcome to the Livescu Neuro, Narrative and AI Newsletter



We are returning with the November 2025 edition of the NNAI Livescu Newsletter. We bring you the latest updates on our initiative, along with a roundup of relevant news and events in the Neuro, Narrative, and AI ecosystem.

Thank you for being part of our journey. Happy reading!

I CAN'T GO ON, I'LL GO ON: EVERYDAY AI IN THE LAB, CLASSROOM & UNIVERSITY

DATA X IMPACT FORUM



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What should we do about AI? NNAI Livescu and DataX hosted a seminar to explore everyday uses of AI in research and education: both the horror stories and the creative, productive uses people are discovering.

Like a lot of Universities, UCLA is introducing AI across campus, at every level, without an intentional, full consultation or a comprehensive review.

On November 4th 2025, we collaborated with [DataX](#) to host the seminar "I Can't Go On, I'll Go On: Everyday AI in the Lab, Classroom, and University."

This seminar explored, in a speed dating format, how artificial intelligence is shaping academic life, from research labs to classrooms, including both the

horror stories and the revelations, as well as the tricks, tips, warnings, confusions.

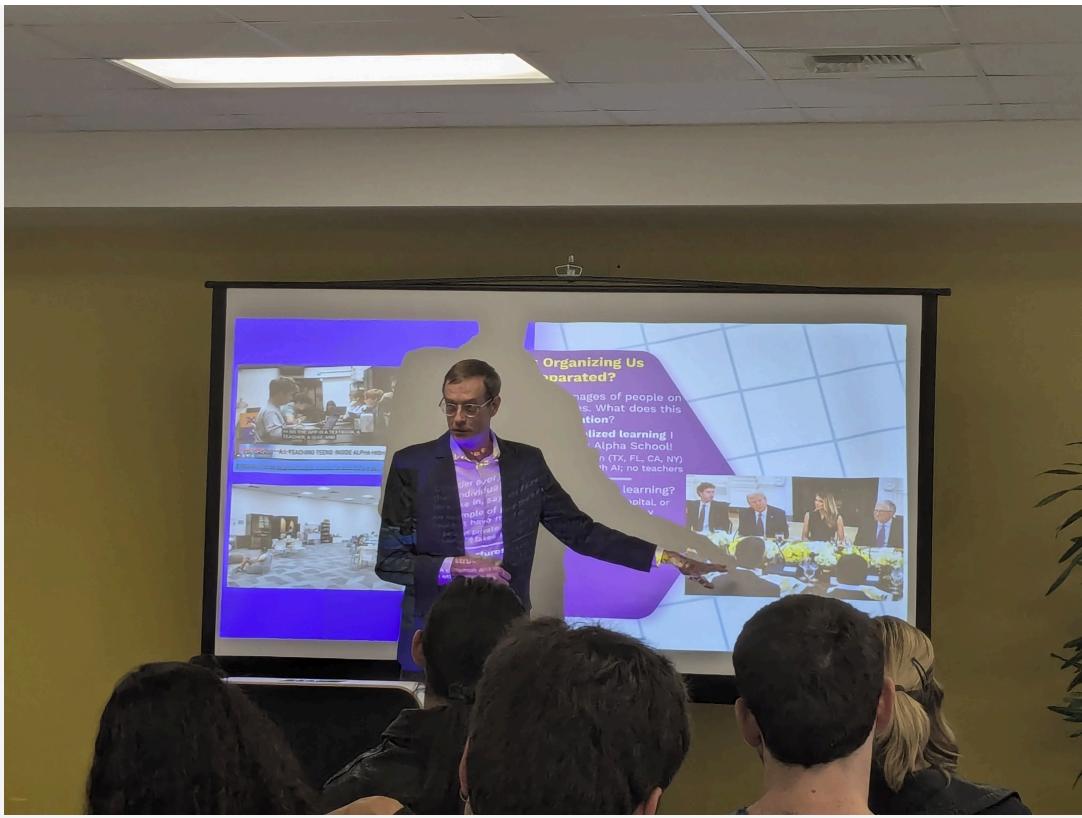
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Data Equals: Democratic Equality & Technological Hierarchy

Book Presentation

We partnered with the UCLA Political Science department to host a book presentation by [Prof Colin Koopman](#) (UOregon) for a deep dive into his new work. *Data Equals: Democratic Equality & Technological Hierarchy*. From algorithmic fairness to the hidden structures of data systems, Koopman challenged us to rethink how technology shapes justice, education, and equality data in the digital age.

This event is part of the [2025–26 UCLA Political Theory Workshop](#), coordinated by [Tejas Parasher](#) and [Natasha Piano](#), and reflects our ongoing commitment to fostering interdisciplinary conversations that challenge and enrich political thought.



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New NNAI Livescu Undergraduate Research Assistants

We are glad to introduce the new undergraduate research assistants, Christabelle, Claudia, and Isaac, who are currently developing a project on the use of LLMs in the university and helping develop the initiative.



Christabelle Marbun

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Philosophy - Class of 2026



Claudia Bloom

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Philosophy - Class of 2028



Isaac Lee

Undergraduate Research Assistant
Computer Science and Engineering- Class of 2028



Upcoming Events Recommended by NNAI

Developing an AI Course Policy (In-person workshop)



[UCLA, Powell Library, Room 190](#)

[January 13th 2026 12PM](#)

This workshop provides space for participants to reflect on the impact of GenAI on their disciplines and professions. Participants will draft a deliverable tailored to their teaching context, such as a syllabus statement, a revised assignment prompt that integrates or speaks to GenAI, or a communication plan for addressing GenAI in their course. Participants will peruse examples of each before working to give each other feedback in small groups. This session is designed for faculty, including professors, lecturers, and adjunct instructors.

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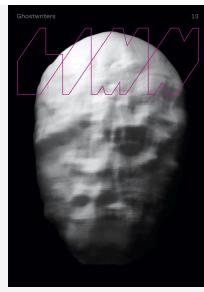
 **Sustenance for the Mind**



Literature Is Not a Vibe: On ChatGPT and the Humanities

Chat GPT's short story gets celebrated as a creative breakthrough while UK humanities departments face budget cuts and mass layoffs.

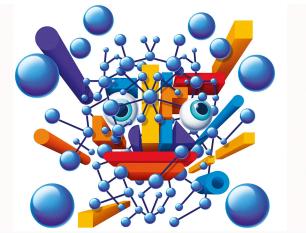
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Ghostwriters - Limn

Instead of being judged as a model of authenticity or deception, AI can be thought of as a ghostwriter: an unofficial author who recomposes fragments of information.

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How good old-fashioned AI could spark the field's next revolution

Most AI experts believe current neural networks alone won't achieve human-level intelligence without integrating symbolic AI.

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