



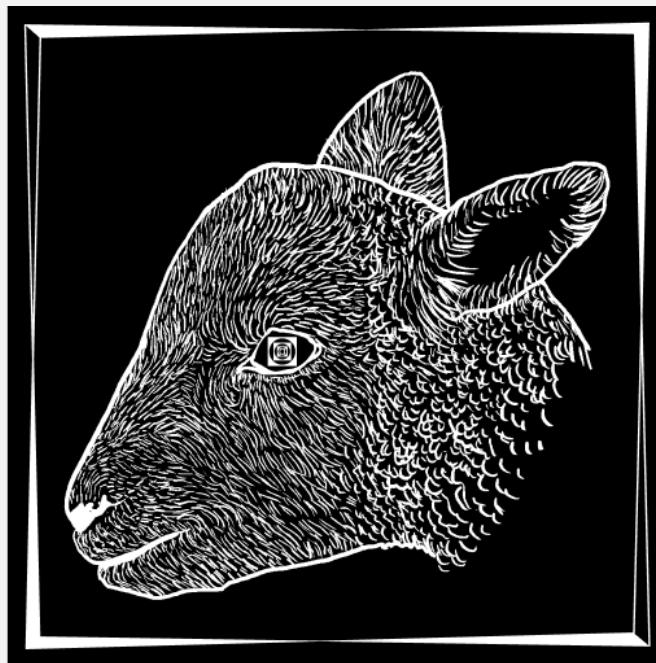
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The Livescu Initiative on Neuro, Narrative and AI (NNAI)

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



Welcome to the Livescu Neuro, Narrative and AI Newsletter



The December 2025 edition of the NNAI Livescu Newsletter is here. 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.

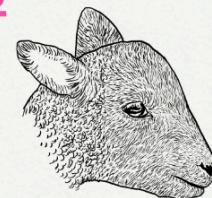
Thank you for being part of our journey. Happy reading!

Psychological Warfare, Psychiatric Violence, and the Prison Industrial Complex Workshop with Danielle Carr (ISG)

Last November we collaborated with [Danielle Carr](#) (ISG) to host the "Psychological Warfare, Psychiatric Violence, and the Prison Industrial Complex" Workshop at UCLA.



Psychological Warfare, Psychiatric Violence, and the Prison Industrial Complex Workshop



In the late 1960s, as "law and order" politics surged, neuroscientists began linking "violence" to the brain, claiming that racial unrest stemmed from neurological abnormalities. This research culminated in UCLA's proposed Center for the Study of the Reduction of Violence, led by Louis Jolyon "Jolly" West—CIA operative, MK-ULTRA figure, and head of UCLA's neuropsychiatric unit. The Center's plans, including

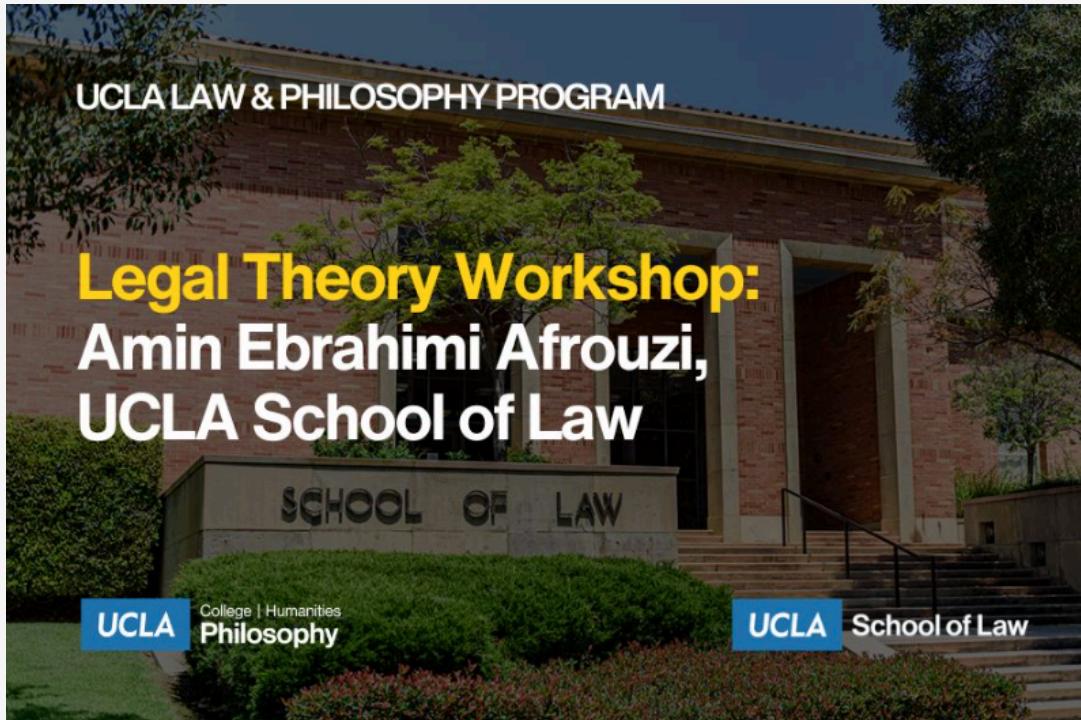
brain-electrode studies on incarcerated people, sparked massive protests from groups ranging from the Black Panthers to the National Organization for Women, ultimately halting its creation. Yet the broader state-funded project to neurologize and control “violence” lived on, shaping carceral and military behavioral science throughout the 1970s and 80s.

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Upcoming Events Recommended by NNAI

Legal Theory Workshop: Amin Ebrahimi Afrouzi, UCLA School of Law



[UCLA Law Building, Room 1314](#)

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We would like to share the **Legal Theory Workshop** with [Amin Ebrahimi Afrouzi](#), at UCLA School of Law. The Legal Theory Workshop series, which is offered regularly throughout the year, brings prominent speakers. Students are encouraged to attend.

All upcoming sessions are linked here: [Legal Theory Workshop schedule](#)

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Why Do A.I.

Chatbots Use It?

A.I. chatbots have been designed to behave in a humanlike way. Some experts think that's a terrible idea.

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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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We are at a critical moment to understand and address the tech industry's contributions to climate change and environmental destruction.

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