



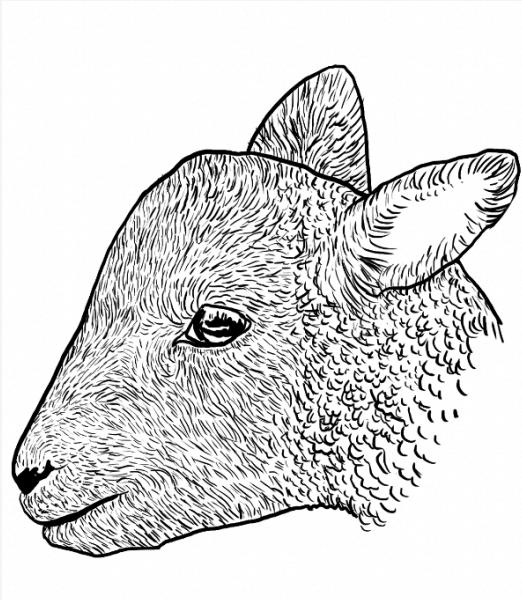
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The Livescu Initiative on Neuro, Narrative and AI (NNAI)

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



Welcome to the Livescu Neuro, Narrative and AI Newsletter



The March 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!



Coming to NNAI Livescu: The No Body Problem

This May we will hold an [inaugural workshop](#) to kick off a new project, “The No-Body-Problem,” developed by [Sarah Tindal Kareem](#) (UCLA) and [Sean Silver](#) (Rutgers). “[The No-Body Problem](#)” names a cluster of concerns that emerge from the proliferation, in the eighteenth century, of new forms of remote media—epistles, periodicals, novels—the very forms of which engaged the question: how do utterances operate differently when there is nobody there to utter them?

The initial workshop gathers a group of scholars working broadly in eighteenth-century studies to reflect on the long history of thinking about the yields of—and yieldings to—disembodied media. The eighteenth century is a natural moment to launch these questions, since it witnessed the emergence of modern media (including print), new collectivities in so-called republics of letters, the epistolary novel, widespread literacy, theories of information and social complexity, and forms of being attending on communication at a distance.

That age is rich in reflections upon, and responses to, innovations in communication media, since it was encountering modes of disembodied relationality which anticipate our own. Our goal is to think collectively, in person, about the long history of thought about the relationship between embodiment and modern media; we aim to unearth the roots of modern patterns of thought in early experiments in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, offering a historical counterweight to arguments over virtuality which are anything but novel.

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Confronting the Crises of AI Through Research Seminar

We are collaborating with [Shazeda Ahmed](#) (Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellow, UCLA Center on Race and Digital Justice) to organize a series of seminars around the applications of AI to both studying AI as an object of

inquiry and discerning the inherent trade-offs in uses of machine learning in research.

The goal of the course is to deepen students' familiarity with a range of methods for producing scholarship about AI, which we will co-develop in response to students' research interests. Participants are expected to attend as many sessions as possible to ensure a cohesive final project. The seminar will be held fully in-person and requires no prerequisites. Graduate students from all disciplines are welcome to attend.

The seminars are scheduled on **Mondays from 4 – 6 pm, March 31 – June 2 2025, at 3312 Murphy Hall.**

[RSVP](#) is required for attendance

For questions and inquires please contact shazeda@g.ucla.edu



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Research in the Age of AI Symposium

4/24/2025

The Second Annual DataX+IDRE 'Research in the Age of AI' Symposium will feature distinguished researchers from departments across UCLA to speak on the use, development, and impact of AI in research.

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UCLA Center for Critical Internet Inquiry Masterclass - Mashinka Firunts

4/11/2025

Join us for a masterclass with Mashinka Firunts Hakopian, hosted by the UCLA Center for Critical Internet Inquiry!

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Peer2Peer: A Critical Internet Studies Gathering in LA

05/01/2025

Peer2Peer is a two-day gathering bringing together researchers, artists, archivists, and makers to think collectively and critically about the Internet.

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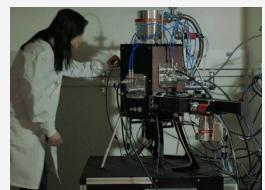
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