



# DATA INSTITUTE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

San Francisco | March 12-14, 2023 | #DSC023

## SUNDAY, MARCH 12

8:00am-9:00am: Coffee and Registration, 5th Floor  
9:00am-11:30am: Short Course Session I

### BAYESIAN METHODS IN A/B TESTING

**Nathaniel Stevens**, University of Waterloo, Rm 450

### INTRODUCTION TO DEEP LEARNING WITH PYTORCH

**Carlos Garcia**, University of San Francisco, Rm 452

12:30pm-3:00pm: Short Course Session II

### ADAPTING PRETRAINED MODELS FOR DOCUMENT CLASSIFICATION

**David Guy Brizan**, University of San Francisco, Rm 450

### INTRODUCTION TO GRAPH NEURAL NETWORKS AND THEIR GENERALIZATIONS

**Mustafa Hajji**, University of San Francisco, Rm 452

9:00am-3:00pm: Datathon, Rm 527

Hosted by Amazon Web Services & Amazon SageMaker Studio Lab

3:30pm: Opening Remarks, Rm 150

**Henry Humadi and Shan Wang**, Conference Co-Chairs

**Jeff Hamrick**, Senior Director, Data Institute

4:00pm-5:00pm: Plenary, Rm 150

**Anima Anandkumar**, Bren Professor, Caltech & Senior Director ML Research, Nvidia

5:00pm-6:00pm: Opening Reception, 5th Floor  
Light Refreshments and Hors d'oeuvres

## MONDAY, MARCH 13

8:00am-9:00am: Coffee and Registration, 5th Floor  
9:00am-11:00am: Concurrent Sessions

### PRACTICAL ISSUES AND ADVANCES IN A/B TESTING, Rm 527

Chair: **Nathaniel Stevens**, University of Waterloo

**Nicholas Larsen**, North Carolina State University  
*HODOR: A Two-Stage Hold-Out Design for Online Controlled Experiments on Networks*

**Jiannan Lu**, Apple  
*Towards Trustworthy, Efficient and Private A/B Tests: Learnings and Insights*

**Lo-Hua Yuan**, Airbnb  
*How Airbnb Learns From Product Releases Without A/B Testing*

**Cindy Zhang**, Pinterest  
*Long-term Holdouts as Ground Truth Measurements*

### DATA SCIENCE IN SPORTS, Rm 529

Chair: **Steve Devlin**, University of San Francisco

**Justin Jacobs**, Squared2020, NBA  
*A Brief Tour into Computer Vision in Sports*

**Jake Toffler**, New York Mets  
*Model Benchmarking in a Competitive Industry*

**Thomas Treloar**, Hillsdale College  
*Global and Iterative Ranking Models Based on Network Diffusion*

**David Uminsky**, University of Chicago  
*NBA Lineup Attribution: A Fourier Transform Approach*

### TOPICS IN MACHINE LEARNING, Rm 150

Chair: **Jeff Hamrick**, University of San Francisco

**Oliver Zeigermann**, Open Knowledge  
*Resilient Machine Learning*

**Phil Mui**, Salesforce  
*An Embedding Analysis on the Impact of Diversity Awareness on Diversity of Ideas*

**Yuchi Cho**, University of Southern California  
*Flexible and Robust Real-Time Intrusion Detection Systems to Network Dynamics*

**Connor Gibbs**, Colorado State University  
*ECoHeN: A Hypothesis Testing Framework to Extract Communities from Heterogeneous Networks*



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## MONDAY, MARCH 13

11:15am-12:15pm: Mentor Mentee Lunch, 5th Floor

12:30pm-1:30pm: Plenary, Rm 150

DJ Patil, Former U.S. Chief Data Scientist

1:30pm-2:00pm: Coffee Break  
2:00pm-4:00pm: Concurrent Sessions

### DATA PRIVACY AND SECURITY RISKS EXPOSED BY AI, Rm 527

Chair: **Hyrum Anderson**, Robust Intelligence

**Daniel Zielaski**, Salesforce

*The importance of AI to Business, Marketing, and Digital Products*

**Naveen Jain**, Salesforce

*Privacy by Design: Building Privacy into your Data Systems from the Ground Up*

**Hyrum Anderson**, Robust Intelligence  
*Data and Model Supply Chain Risk in the AI Development Lifecycle*

**Erwin Quiring**, International Computer Science Institute (ICSI) and Ruhr University Bochum  
*Dos and Don'ts of Machine Learning in Computer Security*

### MACHINE LEARNING APPLICATIONS IN INDUSTRY, Rm 529

Co-Chairs: **Jennifer Zhu** and **Vidya Sagar Ravipati**, Amazon Web Services

**Sean McCurdy**, Pinterest

*Intro to Pinterest Ads and ML Systems*

**Saman Sarraf**, Johnson & Johnson

*Computer Vision Applications Across Industries: Wins and Challenges*

**Ruixuan Zhang**, Airbnb

*Machine Learning Driven User Growth and Lifecycle Engagement Marketing*

**April Liu**, Intuit

*AI Application in Fighting Synthetic Account Fraud*

### STATISTICAL THEORY AND APPLICATIONS, Rm 150

Chair: **Daniel Jerison**

**Moinak Bhaduri**, Bentley University

*Distribution-free, Online Change Detection in Multidimensional Point Processes Through Repeated Testing*

**Wiranthe Bandara Herath**, Drake University  
*Dimension Reduction for Vector Autoregressive Models*

**Mustafa Hajij**, University of San Francisco  
*What is Topological Deep Learning?*

**Greeshma Balabhadra**, Stony Brook University  
*High-Frequency Risk Estimators Using Change Point Detection Methods*

4:30pm-5:30pm: Data Science as an Equalizer, Rm 150

**Mark Freeman**, On the Mark Data  
**Carly Villareal**, Nextdoor

Chair: **Dr. Bushra Anjum**, Doximity

**Megan Yahya**, Google Cloud  
**Elaine Zhou**, Change.org

5:00pm-6:00pm: Opening Reception, 5th Floor  
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## TUESDAY, MARCH 14

8:00am-9:00am: Coffee and Registration, 5th Floor

9:00am-11:00am: Concurrent Sessions

### AI FOR PRECISION MEDICINE AND LEARNING HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS, Rm 527

Chair: **William Bosl**, University of San Francisco

**Conrad Yiu**, Trident.ai

*AI in Medicine: What Are We Really Trying to Do?*

**Vincent Liu**, Kaiser Permanente Research  
*Augmented Intelligence: The Future of AI in Healthcare*

**Sophia Wang**, Stanford University  
*Envisioning the Future: Artificial Intelligence for Preserving Eyesight*

**William Bosl**, University of San Francisco  
*AI Meets Cura Personalis: Computational Biomedical Knowledge for Integrated, Precision Medicine*

### PRACTICAL ISSUES AND ADVANCES IN A/B TESTING (II), Rm 529

Chair: **Nathaniel Stevens**, University of Waterloo

**Wenjing Zheng**, Netflix

*Double Robust Causal Effect Generalization and Transportation under Covariate Shifts*

**Nick Ross**, University of Chicago  
*Hidden Integration Costs in Online Controlled Experimentation Platforms*

**Nathaniel Stevens**, University of Waterloo  
*General Additive Network Effect Models: A Framework for the Design and Analysis of Experiments on Networks*

**Steve Howard**, The Voleon Group,  
*Augmented Inverse Propensity Weighting for Randomized Experiments*

### MACHINE LEARNING IN INDUSTRY, Rm 150

Session Chair: **Daniel O'Connor**, University of San Francisco

**Dili Ezeme**, Ab-InBev

*New Assortment Recommendation Approach for Differentiated Products*

**Rushil Manglik**, University of San Francisco  
*Fine-Tuning Layout Parser Deep Learning Model for Document Image Analysis and Table Extraction*

**Diane Woodbridge**, University of San Francisco  
*Bundle Recommender for Complimentary Menus*

**Sanghamitra Deb**, Chegg Inc.  
*Computer Vision Landscape at Chegg: Present and Future*

11:30am-12:20pm: Lunch Break

## TUESDAY, MARCH 14

12:30pm-1:30pm: Plenary

**Eric Berlow**, CEO Vibrant Data Labs

1:30pm-2:00pm: Coffee Break  
2:00pm-4:00pm: Concurrent Sessions

### PRIVACY AND PERSONALIZATION IN MARKETING, Rm 527

Chair: **Daniel Zielaski**, Salesforce

**Carson Forter**, Twitch (Amazon)

*Putting Personalization to the Test: A Causal Inference Approach*

**Sherry Guo**, Salesforce  
*From 0 to 1: Leveraging Data Science Algorithms for Personalization*

**Chad Kimner**, Meta Reality Labs  
*Navigating the Intersection of Personalization and Privacy: A Marketer's Perspective*

**Maura Tuohy**, Discord  
*The Fine Line: Balancing Personalization and Legal Compliance*

### REINFORCEMENT LEARNING FOR WEALTH MANAGEMENT, Rm 529

Chair: **Matthew Dixon**, Illinois Institute of Technology

**Karén Chaltikian**, Money Lion  
*Wealth Management Benchmarks*

**Sanjiv Das**, Santa Clara University  
*Optimizing The Probabilities Of Obtaining Single And Multiple Financial Goals*

**Matthew Dixon**, Illinois Institute of Technology  
*Time Consistent Risk-Aware Q-Learning of Optimal Consumption under Epstein-Zin Preferences*

### MACHINE LEARNING AND STATISTICS IN MEDICINE, Rm 150

Chair: **Shan Wang**

**Zirui Zhang**, University of California, Irvine  
*Parameter Inference in Diffusion-Reaction Models of Glioblastoma Using Physics-Informed Neural Networks*

**Souradipto Ghosh Dastidar**, University of Minnesota Twin Cities  
*Correcting for Spatial Correlation in Functional Connectivity from task-based fMRI*

**Vignesh Ravindranath**, University of California, San Francisco  
*Optimizing Treatment Selection in Crohn's Disease Using Patient-Specific Features: An Individual Participant Data Meta-Analysis of Fifteen Randomized Controlled Trials*

4:30pm-5:30pm: Ethical Perspectives of AI-Generated Art, Rm 150

**Quinn Keck**, Disney Streaming  
**Chris Brooks**, University of San Francisco

Chair: **Robert Clements**, University of San Francisco

**Paul Kim**, University of California, Santa Barbara  
**David Aughenbaugh**, Factory VFX & EyeTriplImages.com

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### MISSION

- Foster new partnerships between industry and academia to tackle industrial data science problems
  - Build an inclusive community of data scientists
  - Support data science research
- Create innovative curriculum to support the training of the next generation of ethical data scientists
- Partner with nonprofit and civic organizations to seek data-driven solutions to address pressing social, economic and environmental challenges

Founded in 2016 at the University of San Francisco, the Data Institute serves as the umbrella organization for data science education, activities and programming at USF. The Data Institute houses interdisciplinary data science research, the Bachelors and Masters in Data Science degree programs, and continuing education certificates. Through our strong industrial-academic partnerships, we provide unparalleled experiential learning opportunities for our students.

Affiliated Data Institute faculty, researchers and postdoctoral fellows explore the latest theoretical advances and applications in data science. Key research initiatives focus on medical applications of data science, the environment, and ethics.

The Data Institute corporate, nonprofit and civic organizations membership provides engagement opportunities such as faculty consulting, practicum placements, talent acquisition and on-site training. Through our innovative certificate programs, members can provide employee development and education. Membership can also include access to our industrial-academic postdoctoral fellows program.

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The core mission of the university is to promote learning in the Jesuit Catholic tradition. The university offers undergraduate, graduate, and professional students the knowledge and skills needed to succeed as persons and professionals, and the values and sensitivity necessary to be people for others.

The university distinguishes itself as a diverse, socially responsible learning community of high quality scholarship and academic rigor sustained by a faith that does justice. The university draws from the cultural, intellectual, and economic resources of the San Francisco Bay Area and its location on the Pacific Rim to enrich and strengthen its educational programs.