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THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA



## Office of Responsible AI

Responsible AI at the University of Arizona



On February 25, 2026, the [Office of Research and Partnerships](#) and [Office of Responsible AI](#) (ORAI) brought together over 135 researchers, clinicians, industry innovators, and campus and community members for the AI in Health Innovation Symposium. The successful event explored the rapidly evolving landscape of AI in health and biomedical sciences with remarks from SVP [Tomás Díaz de la Rubia](#), CAIO [David Ebert](#), and Provost [Patricia Prelock](#), who highlighted how the symposium aligns with the U of A Strategic Research Initiative on AI-driven Health Innovation.

Philip R.O. Payne, Ph.D., Chief Health AI Officer at BJC Healthcare and Washington University in St. Louis, delivered the keynote address, *Artificial Intelligence and Clinical Transformation: Enhancing Research, Learning and Practice*. Throughout the day, 17 panelists shared their work with AI in health and held dynamic dialogue responding to the audience's questions during panel sessions that included:

- Translational Bioinformatics, Imaging, Cancer, Cardiac or Neurovascular, Immunotherapies
- Clinical Practice: Improved Access, Care and Outcomes: Telehealth and Rural Health; Clinical Practice
- Arizona AI Health Innovation: Meeting Arizona's Future Health Needs
- Paths Forward Panel

The symposium concluded with a networking social and poster session that provided attendees opportunities to connect and exchange ideas about the future of AI in healthcare.

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### **Join visiting Distinguished Lecturer Professor Dr. Dongyan Xu**

**ORAI** invites you to meet Dr. Dongyan Xu from Purdue University. The distinguished researcher will present "Towards a Cross-Plane Methodology for Cyber-Physical Security" and discuss his research in computer and cyber-physical security, focusing on autonomous vehicles, industrial control systems, and supply chain networks. Join us in person or online! Please register to help us plan Dr. Xu's visit and the coffee and collegial exchange reception.

**[Register and join us](#)**



### **Arizona represented at Genesis Mission University Summit**

Tomas Diaz de la Rubia, February 21, 2026. [This week, I was proud to represent the University of Arizona at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Genesis Mission University Summit along with our Chief AI and Data Science Officer

David Ebert,...], LinkedIn.

[Read the full SVP LinkedIn post](#)



### **AI RCoE Opens Doors to Tools, Expertise, and Collaborative Potential**

AI RCoEs bring U of A researchers across various departments into shared spaces around broad topic areas that encourage exchange, early concept development, and trans-disciplinary / convergent collaboration that will lead to solidify convergent areas of excellence, the preparation of strong proposals that attract external support, and national leadership.

[Read more](#)



### **ORAI hosts 2026 Arizona AI Leadership Summit**

The U of A is host to the ADSA 2026 Data Science and AI Leadership Summit on March 16 and 17. At the **Arizona AI Leadership Summit** on March 18, ORAI brings together leaders from across the country in higher education, state and local government, industry, and community organizations to explore how AI can be responsibly integrated to advance public benefit across Arizona and beyond.

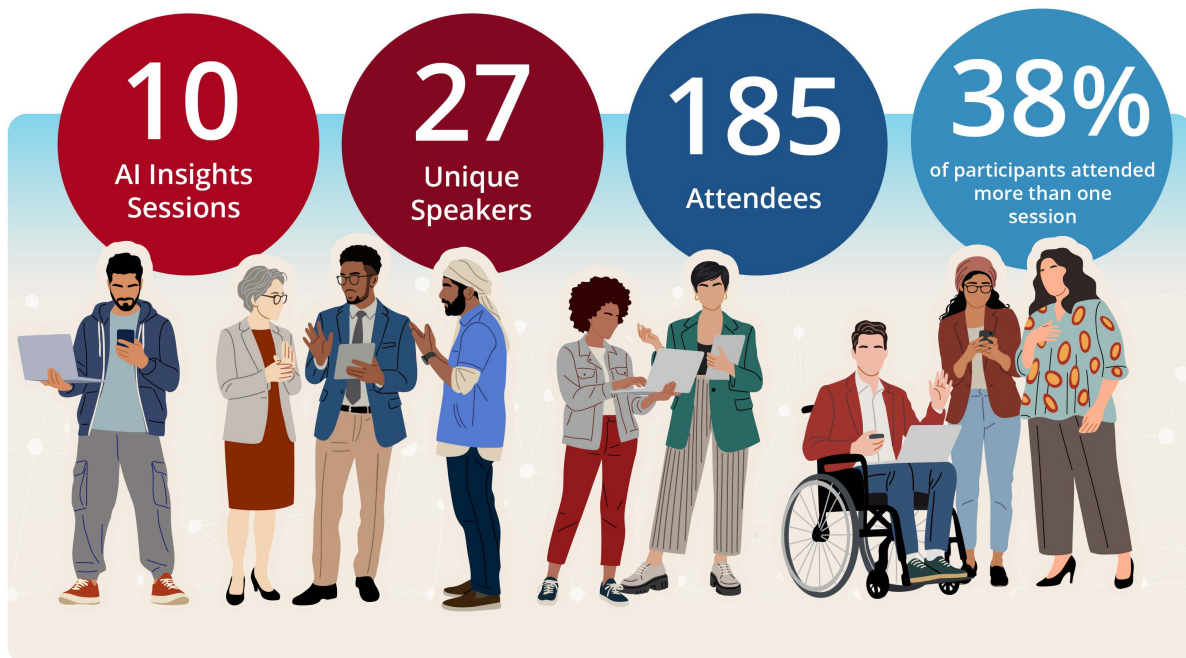
[Register to learn more](#)

## Explore the impact of AI Insights from fall 2025

In fall 2025, the ORAI team launched AI Insights with the goal of providing a space to learn about different AI applications across disciplines. Based on audience feedback, the virtual series soon evolved to focus on AI applications with an emphasis on AI and society, responsible AI, research findings, and AI best practices.

**Amanda Harrell**, the **ORAI** host of AI Insights remarks, "I love seeing how in every session, there are newcomers in the audience, as well as some folks who attend frequently. This is telling me AI Insights is a valuable space for learning and discussion, and we want to grow these offerings and let folks know this is a great place to start to learn about AI."

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT AI INSIGHTS



# AI Insights Series Fall Summary

(October 1, 2025 - December 16, 2025)



Come join AI Insights to learn about AI applications and perspectives across different disciplines



## Responsible AI at Arizona

ResponsibleAI.arizona.edu serves as the centralized campus web hub for responsible AI information and provides comprehensive AI and data science resources.

[Learn more - Responsible AI](#)



## Achieve responsible AI clarity at AI Info Sessions

The virtual series, AI Info Sessions, held on Thursdays at 2-3 PM spark curiosity, create a common language, and bring clarity to responsible AI and what “AI at work” looks.

[Join AI Info Sessions](#)

## AI<sup>2</sup>S provides AI research support and expertise

The Arizona Institute for AI and Society (AI<sup>2</sup>S) is driving the U of A as a national leader in responsible AI, Machine Learning, and Data Science. AI<sup>2</sup>S unifies pioneering research, strategic support, and campus-wide expertise to solve real-world challenges and propel innovation across disciplines.



### AI<sup>2</sup>S - AI Consultations

Get expert guidance on applying AI, machine learning and data science to



### AI<sup>2</sup>S - AI Innovation Pilots

Transform research ideas into a working prototype in 8 weeks and

your work. Understand possibilities, requirements, and next steps.

**Schedule a Consultation**

technical expertise, computing resources, and hands-on development.

**Transform an Innovation Pilot**



**AI Research Communities of Excellence (AI RCoE)**

Connect AI and data experts with researchers to generate proposals, position them for external funding, and advance responsible AI applications.

**Join an AI RCoE community**

**AI<sup>2</sup>S - Support & Proposal Development**

Secure AI engineering support for funded research projects and consistent technical team members for grant proposals and research execution.

**Request support**

**CALENDAR**

**TUES**      **AI Insights Series**  
**Feb-May**      Join the weekly conversation at the virtual lunchtime sessions on Tuesdays to learn about AI topics and innovations across different fields.

**THURS**      **AI Info Sessions**

## Feb-May

A weekly virtual series on Thursdays at 2-3 PM designed to help attendees build confidence, fluency, and a shared understanding of AI tools and responsible AI.

MARCH  
04

### [AI Research Communities of Excellence: AI+AZ REMADE](#)

A networking and ideation event for renewable energy and to bring together researchers from across disciplines to explore the convergence of renewable energy, materials, and artificial intelligence.

MARCH  
18

### [Arizona AI Leadership Summit](#)

A networking and ideation event for renewable energy and to bring together researchers from across disciplines to explore the convergence of renewable energy, materials, and artificial intelligence.

MARCH  
25

### [Dr. Dongyan Xu - Towards a Cross-Plane Methodology for Cyber-Physical Security](#)

Join visiting professor, Dr. Dongyan Xu from Purdue University, as he explores how cybersecurity has evolved from traditional systems to complex cyber-physical systems.

JUNE  
8-11

### [2026 AI for Public Health Summer School](#)

PH professionals deepen their understanding of AI while developing practical strategies for responsible implementation in public health contexts.

## Share news from the Office of Responsible AI and the Chief AI Officer

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