

Artificial Intelligence & Social Inequality Conference

UC Student and Policy Center (1115 11th Street, 2nd Floor)

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

9:00-9:10 AM

Conference Registration- Coffee and Light Refreshments

9:10-9:15 AM

Welcome:

Jacob Hibel (Co-Director, UC Davis Center for Poverty & Inequality Research; Conference Co-Organizer),
Steve McDonald (North Carolina State University; Q&A Moderator)

9:15-10:15 AM

Session 1: Work and Labor Markets

Occupational Convergence or Divergence? Mapping Labor Market Structural Shifts Driven by AI Penetration

Rafiazka Hilman (University of Amsterdam)

Social Interaction and AI-Driven Job Replaceability

Lemeng Liang, Yueqi Xie, and Yu Xie (Princeton University)

A.I. at the Bottom of the Wage Ladder: Job Insecurity, Surveillance, and the Countervailing Role of Voice

Nayun Eom and Daniel Schneider (Harvard University)

10:20-11:05 AM

Session 2: Education and Learning

Competing Approaches to AI Policymaking in the U.S.

Tina Law (UC Davis)

AI and the Transformation of Learning and Work

Hongjiao Li, Enrique Eduardo Valencia-Lopez, and Richard Arum (UC Irvine)

11:15 AM-12:00 PM

Morning Keynote:

Julianne McCall, Chief Executive Officer, California Council on Science & Technology

12:00-1:00 PM

Lunch

1:00-2:00 PM

Session 3: Bias and Inequality

Hidden Scripts: How Explicit and Implicit Gender Cues Reveal Algorithmic Hiring Bias Across Occupational Contexts

Chenxi Li (University of Oxford), Zeqiang Wang (New York University-Shanghai), Jon Johnson (University College London), Suparna De (University of Surrey), Zixi Chen (New York University-Shanghai)"

AI Exposure and US Workers' Occupational Mobility

Kristin Liao (UCLA)

Judging AI at Work: How Gender, Job Role, and Task Type Shape Beliefs about AI Use

Maureen Cowhey and Natasha Quadlin (UCLA)

2:05-3:05 PM

Session 4: Health

Algorithmic Stratification in Health: AI, Inequality, and Public Perceptions in the United States

Gul Seckin (University of North Texas)

Career Lines in an AI-Transformed Labor Market

Tianyu Du (Stanford University) Xi Song (Columbia University)
Jennie Brand (UCLA)

3:15-4:00 PM

Afternoon Keynote:

Genevieve Macfarlane Smith, Director, Responsible AI Initiative, Berkeley AI Research Lab (UC Berkeley) & Fellow, Clayman Institute (Stanford University)

4:00 PM

Closing Remarks

Tina Law (UC Davis, Conference Co-Organizer)