

Good Systems Spring Event Update

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GOOD SYSTEMS

A UT Grand Challenge

Join Microsoft's Julie Brill for an on-campus Q&A



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Regulation and Responsibility: The Dynamic Global Landscape for Privacy, Data Protection and Technology

March 11, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

[James J. and Miriam B. Mulva Conference Center and Auditorium \(EER\)](#)

Good Systems is hosting a fireside chat with Julie Brill, Microsoft's Corporate Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, and Professor Sharon Strover from the Moody College of Communication.

Brill is a former FTC commissioner and is widely regarded as a data privacy and protection expert. As an FTC Commissioner, she worked intensively on the wave of new privacy issues accompanying technology changes including the Internet of Things (IoT) and the data brokering industry, and she also anticipated many of the current problems with algorithm-driven systems. Brill has called for more citizen-consumer choice in how personal data are used and stored and will be sharing some of her thoughts and knowledge with us on March 11 on the UT campus.

Please join us! This event is free and open to anyone but [registration is encouraged.](#)



Acoustic Surveillance and Big Data Series

Ubiquitous recorders are capturing our daily sounds on the street, at our work and leisure places, and in our homes. The study of the cultural, political, ethical, and technological impact of automating sound and incorporating it into different systems is in its infancy, and scholars and technologists often do not have a good understanding of what kind of data, what kind of techniques and algorithms, and what kinds of interpretations can be drawn from audio data in

systems that use A.I. technologies.

Good Systems is hosting three events that will consider issues and questions from different perspectives and research that's being conducted in the humanities, the social sciences, and in industry. Come to one or all three.

[Learn More and Register](#)

Alexas, Wiretaps, and Gunshots: Some Notes on Acoustic Surveillance with Leonardo Cardoso, Texas A&M University

Friday, March 29, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., [POB 6.304](#)

Introduction to Sound Analysis with Brian McFee, NYU

Friday, April 5, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., [PCL Learning Lab 1](#)

The Future of Ubiquitous Spoken Content with Doug Oard, University of Maryland

Friday, April 12, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., [POB Vislab, Room 2.404a](#)



Human-Machine Networks: Working Together or Working Apart?

with Dean Eric Meyer, School of Information

March 7, 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

[CMA - Jesse H Jones Building - A](#)

Lady Bird Johnson Room CMA 5.136

The story of society is inextricably bound with the rise of tools and machines. In the digital age, the machines we have created have become immensely powerful on the one hand but are also limited in many ways. This talk uses examples from research over the last decade — including citizen science, digital scholarship, crisis response, and knowledge creation on the internet — to explore how humans and machines work jointly and independently in complex socio-technical assemblages. This event is part of the [Digital Media Speaker Series](#) at the Moody College of Communication.



Injustices of Digital Disruption: More Tepid Policy or a Radical Democratic Turn?

with Professor Robin Mansell, London School of Economics and Political Science

April 4, 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

[Belo Center for New Media \(BMC\)](#)

Room 5.102

We will examine a fundamentally important question for the future of society: Is there ever likely to be an effective challenge to the pursuit of wealth through inequitable mass individualization?

The 'platformization of everything' — by Google, Baidu, Facebook, Amazon and a few others — is implicated in the spread of misinformation and in the deepening of many kinds of inequalities. This lecture explores reasons for the persistence of cautious and relatively weak policy responses to platform power and whether a turn to radical democratic theory and practice might help to promote policy responses that work as a counterpoint to platform dominance. This event is part of the [Digital Media Speaker Series](#) and is sponsored by the Technology and Information Policy Institute (TIPI) and Good Systems.

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