



Meeting Agenda

Generative AI and Natural Language Processing Task Force

Monday, August 12, 2024, 10:00 AM

Illinois Department of Health & Family Services (HFS) Office
3419 Professional Park Dr., Marion, IL and via Webex

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call of Members
3. Welcome by Co-Chairs
4. Approval of June 4, 2024, Minutes
5. K-12 Education & Higher Education Working Groups Report Back
6. K-12 Education Panel

Dr. Dorith Johnson, Professor Sepehr Vakil, State Rep. Janey Yang Rohr

7. Higher Education Panel

Dr. Tricia Bertram Gallant

8. Q & A
9. Open Discussion
10. Public Comment
11. Next Steps & Future Meetings
12. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

About the Speakers

Dr. Dorith Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessments and Grants, Bloom Township High School District 206

Dr. Dorith Johnson previously served as a high school math teacher and a building and district administrator. Dr. Johnson most recently served as the Area Director with the Illinois Center for School Improvement for South Cook and a portion of Joliet. In this role, Dr. Johnson oversaw district and school improvement services for seventeen school districts. She also served as a School Improvement Grant Reader for the Illinois State Board of Education.

Dr. Tricia Bertram Gallant, UCSD

Dr. Bertram Gallant joined UC San Diego in 2006 as the first Academic Integrity Coordinator and is now the Director of the Academic Integrity Office and the Triton Testing Center. She is an internationally renowned expert on integrity and ethics in education, having consulted and presented worldwide. She has authored several books and numerous journal articles on the subject.

Dr. Gallant has been a leader with the International Center for Academic Integrity (ICAI), serving in various roles including Advisory Council Chair and member of the Board of Directors. She received the first ICAI Award for Service in 2018, which is now named after her. Additionally, she is an active member of the National College Testing Association (NCTA) and a regular conference speaker.

Dr. Sepehr Vakil, Northwestern University

Sepehr Vakil is an associate professor of Learning Sciences at Northwestern University and the faculty director of the TREE Lab. Previously; he was an Assistant Professor of STEM Education and Associate Director of Equity & Inclusion at the University of Texas at Austin. He holds a PhD from UC Berkeley and B.S. and M.S. degrees in Electrical Engineering from UCLA.

Dr. Vakil is a prominent advocate for equitable tech education, diversity in STEM, and AI ethics. His work is funded by organizations like the National Science Foundation, Spencer Foundation, and Google. He is the principal investigator on an NSF Racial Equity grant focused on STEM education justice for Black families in Evanston, Illinois.

Beyond academia, Dr. Vakil engages in consulting and policy advisory roles, including co-leading the Spencer Foundation's research on Equity and AI in education, advising ECEP Illinois, participating in NASEM committees, and serving on the Kapor Foundation's Ethical AI and Tech Justice advisory board.

Illinois State Representative Janet Yang Rohr

Janet Yang Rohr represents Illinois' 41st House District, serving the Naperville, Bolingbrook, and Warrenville communities. She began her first term in January 2021 and is currently serving her second term in the 103rd General Assembly.

Janet graduated from and previously served as a school board member for Naperville CUSD 203 schools. She earned her bachelor's degree in English and economics from Northwestern University and her master's in business administration from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

As a professional in the investment industry for the last two decades, Janet has been widely quoted and cited for her investment expertise. She's written and researched extensively on retirement and college savings plans, and she holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation.

She and her husband, Dan, live in Naperville with their three kids.