



AI and Technology in Social Work Education Institute

Thursday, October 22, 2026

TIME	TOPIC & PRESENTER
8:30 AM	Welcome and Introductions Shirley Gatenio Gabel, MS, MPh, PhD Professor, Co-Chair COEP, Fordham University
9:00 AM	Opening Keynote Maria Y. Rodriguez, PhD, MSW Assistant Professor, Department of AI and Society, University at Buffalo
10:00 AM	Break
10:15 AM	Foundational Literacy in AI Members of the COEP Technology Task Force: Lauri Goldkind, PhD Professor, Fordham University Melanie O'Neil, PhD Associate Teaching Professor, Arizona State University Bryan Victor, PhD Associate Professor, Wayne State University
11:45 AM	Lunch



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12:45 PM	<p>Breakout Session 1: Ethical Use/Responsible Use/Discerning Practice of AI</p> <p>Members of the COEP Technology Task Force & SSWR:</p> <p>Mark Trahan, PhD, LCSW Associate Professor and Chair, Appalachian State University</p> <p>Desmond Upton Patton, PhD Professor, University of Pennsylvania</p> <p>Joyce Lee, PhD, LCSW Assistant Professor, The Ohio State University</p> <p>Breakout Session 2: Mentorship and AI: Opportunities for Higher Education</p> <p>Andrea Henry, DSW, LISW-CP Online MSW Faculty, Grand Canyon University</p> <p>Lindi Hash, MSSW, LCSW, CCM Faculty Lead, Grand Canyon University</p>



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1:45 PM	Break
2:00 PM	Breakout Session 1: Human-Centered AI Competence in Social Work Education: Preparing Students for Responsible Technology Integration Johanna Creswell Báez, PhD, LCSW Assistant Professor and MSW Director, University of Colorado Lauri Goldkind, PhD Professor, Fordham University Bryan Victor, PhD Associate Professor, Wayne State University Breakout Session 2: From Policy to Practice: Ethical, Justice-Centered AI Training for MSW Education Alexis Speck, DSW, LCSW-R Assistant Professor, St. Bonaventure University Doyle Pruitt, PhD, LCSW-R Associate Professor, MSW Program Director, St. Bonaventure University



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3:00 PM	Break
3:15 PM	<p>AI Trends Impacting SW Education</p> <p>Members of the COEP Technology Task Force:</p> <p>Lauren McInroy, PhD Associate Professor, The Ohio State University</p> <p>Barbara Hiltz, MSW, EdM MSW Program Director/Clinical Associate Professor, University of Michigan</p> <p>Tom Gregoire, PhD, MSW Associate Professor, The Ohio State University</p> <p>Rachel Forbes, PhD, MSW Professor/MSW Program Director, University of Denver</p>
4:45 PM	<p>Reflection, Closing Remarks, Evaluation</p> <p>Shirley Gatenio Gabel, MS, MPh, PhD Professor, Co-Chair COEP, Fordham University</p>

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