

Peacemaking in the Digital Age

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559 Nathan Abbott Way, Stanford, CA 94305

Time	Topic	Speakers
8:00 a.m.	Check-in and Light Breakfast	
9:00 a.m.	Land Acknowledgement and Blessing for the Day	Charlene Eigen-Vasquez , Chair of Confederation of Ohlone People
9:15 a.m.	Welcome and Gratitude	Gregory Mann , CRD Community Conflict Resolution Unit (CCRU) Grande Lum , Director and Senior Lecturer, Martin Daniel Gould Center for Conflict Resolution, Stanford School of Law Kevin Kish , Director, California Civil Rights Department Chhaya Malik , Deputy Director, CRD Dispute Resolution Division
9:30 a.m.	Shared Agreements for this Day	Gregory Mann , CRD Community Conflict Resolution Unit (CCRU)
9:45 a.m.	Life Comes From It: Opening Panel Reflection - How AI (Ancestral Intelligence) Saved Us from Extinction	Robert Yazzie , Chief Justice Emeritus, Navajo Nation Supreme Court Cheryl D. Fairbanks , Attorney and member of the Tribal Court of Appeals, Tlingit-Tsimshian Rainey Enjady , Peacemaking Trainer, Mescalero Apache Charlene Eigen-Vasquez , Chair of Confederation of Ohlone People, Wikimedia Foundation Legal Team member
10:15 a.m.	Break	

10:30 a.m.	Plenary Ted Talks I Sarah Roberts: AI and Civil Society, examining the intersection of media, technology and society. Margaret Hagan: Preservation of Humanity Through System Design Kia Sims: AISHA AI, a chat bot, developed under Onyx Impact, an inclusive and culturally rich design	Sarah Roberts, Faculty director UCLA Center for Critical Internet Inquiry (C2i2) Margaret Hagan, Executive Director of Legal Design Lab Kia Sims, Chief Operating Officer, AISHA AI.
11:30 a.m.	Break	
11:45 a.m.	Plenary Ted Talks (cont.) Colin Rule: Reflections on the future of mediation and community dispute resolution systems in an AI world Bill Froehlich and Ron Wakabayashi: Effective ways to to integrate and use technology in community conflict resolution and mediation services Oladeji Tiamiyu: The important role digital art can play in promoting meaningful dialogue and understanding within racial reconciliation and transformative justice initiatives.	Colin Rule, CEO and President of ODR Bill Froehlich, Executive Director of Divided Communities Project Ron Wakabayashi, Advisory Council member to DCP Oladeji Tiamiyu, Assistant Professor at University Denver Strum College of Law and Visiting Professor at Harvard School of Law
12:45 p.m.	Lunch and Fireside Chat moderated by Chhaya Malik, Deputy Director, CRD/Dispute Resolution Division Changing Landscape of Media – How Digital Media and Technology have re-shaped the work of journalists who report on issues related to civil rights, justice, and the protection of public interest.	Erin Aubry Kaplan, Journalist, author, columnist, contributing writer to several publications, including NY Times, LA Times, Essence, writing on feminism, race and civil rights Khari Johnson, Journalist covering tech, AI, and public interest, and who has written for LA Times, Washington Post, and WIRED
1:30 p.m.	Break	
2:00 p.m.	Breakout and Processing Opportunities "Making Sense Together: Technology, Conflict, and Community" – Bernardo Ferdman and Todd Erickson, of Community Dialogue Partners will engage in structured small-group dialogue to identify shared concerns and hopes, and the issues the field most needs to address about technology and conflict resolution. Discussion will be synthesized in real time, allowing participants to experience the Collaborative Community Conversation model, a replicable approach to structured dialogue and collective sense-making that practitioners can adapt for	

use in communities and conflict-resolution settings. *(Participants are encouraged to bring an internet-connected smartphone, tablet, or laptop for use during part of the session.)*

“Hack for Peace: Building AI Agents for the Public Good” - Khuram Zaman, Founding Director of the Center for Security, Technology, and Policy at the Muslim Public Affairs Council and Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University, will be leading an interactive hackathon exploring AI literacy and AI agents. Participants will assess their own AI competency and learn how to build practical tools designed to ensure technology advances peaceful conflict resolution and the public good.

“Diplomacy by Design: How AI Voice Facilitators Bridge Deep Divides” – In this session, Adnan Jaber, Board Member of Tech2Peace, will explore the role of AI in facilitating dialogue and identifying shared priorities across deep political divides. Drawing on his work with ALLMEP and Remesh AI, Adnan Jaber will share how AI-supported dialogue was used to engage approximately 200 Palestinians and Israelis in identifying and prioritizing demands for a ceasefire agreement, and how insights from that process later informed advocacy reaching international leaders and institutions, including the Pope, the G7, and discussions surrounding President Trump’s 21-point plan. Adnan will also present an AI voice-based dialogue facilitator he developed, demonstrate the tool in practice, and discuss lessons from its development—what works, what does not, and the opportunities and limitations of using AI to support dialogue, peacebuilding, and collective decision-making.

“The Wisdom Transfer: Restorative Justice in a Tech Age” - Amore Alvarenga (they/them) and Sandra Rodriguez (she/her) from the Ahimsa Collective will co-facilitate a breakout session to process the themes of the gathering with a focus on identifying hesitancies/challenges and strategies for integration in peacemaking processes. The discussion will examine the work of restorative justice as a peacemaking tool, with an emphasis on building inter-generational relations to ensure knowledge transfer.

3:30 p.m.

Break

4:00 p.m.

Closing Reflection: What does the future hold for human centered technology development and the expanding presence of artificial intelligence in our lives?

Dr. Stefano Santos Sabato,
 entrepreneur, researcher, software engineer, CEO of Fyberloom and Visiting Researcher at Stanford University’s Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis