

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.


1. Name of Traveler: Nolan Ahern
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 8/11/25 Return: 8/14/25
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Eugene, OR Destination: Stanford, CA Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Stanford University
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Stanford's HAI Center on artificial intelligence led a robust panel on the myriad public policy issues surrounding the development and governance of AI.
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
 - a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*
b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 8/26/25

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: House Maj. Whip Tom Emmer Date: 8/26/25

Signature of Supervising Member: 

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Stanford University

2. Travel Destination(s): Stanford, CA

3. Date of Departure: August 11, 2025 Date of Return: August 14, 2025

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Nolan Ahern

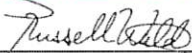
Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if **all** information is **identical** for each person listed.

5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$468.19	\$576	\$322	\$85.4 (ground transportation)
Accompanying Family Member				

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 08/20/25

Name: Russell Wald Title: Executive Director

Organization: Stanford HAI

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.

Address: 353 Jane Stanford Way, Stanford, CA 94305

Telephone: 650-850-9034 Email: rwald@stanford.edu

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

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TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.

This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Nolan Ahern

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I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): House Majority Whip Tom Emmer (R-MN)

Office Address: H-107, U.S. Capitol

Telephone Number: 571-212-1737

Email Address of Contact Person: nolan.ahern@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Nolan Ahern
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Stanford University
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Stanford, CA
4. a. Date of Departure: August 11, 2025 Date of Return: August 14, 2025
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes No Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
 - (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
 - (2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
 - (3) Yes No Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes No Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**
As the Deputy Policy Director for the House Majority Whip, this boot camp on artificial intelligence will be relevant to legislation on that issue that committees and/or the House and Senate expect to work on in this Congress, or executive actions that Congress is expected to discuss.
9. **Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: _____

Date: 7/10/25

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

Stanford University

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

- a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
- b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
- c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): Please see attached list.

Each house invitee has jurisdictional oversight on artificial intelligence. Education on this matter is directly related to their portfolio.

5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: August 11, 2025 Date of Return: August 14, 2025

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Stanford University, Stanford, CA

c. City of return: Washington, DC

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

- a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
- b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
- c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**

- a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
- b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
- c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
- d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**

- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box;* **OR**
 - b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

Please see addendum

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**

- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: _____)
- b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: _____)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:

- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
 - 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): Meals will comply with GSA per diem rates; \$69 on travel dates (August 11 and 14), \$92 on August 12 and 13.
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The location of Stanford's campus will allow California-based faculty to participate.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Sheraton Palo Alto City: Palo Alto, CA Cost Per Night: \$192.00
Reason(s) for Selecting: Near Stanford's Campus
Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$1000: Econ. Airfare	\$576: 3 night x \$192	\$322: 2x\$69 2x\$92
For each Accompanying Family Member			


	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$200	Ground Transportation
For each Accompanying Family Member		

19. **Check only one:**

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
- b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
- c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature:  Date: June 30, 2025
 Name: Russell Wald Title: Executive Director
 Organization: Stanford University
 Address: 353 Jane Stanford Way, Stanford
 Email: rwald@stanford.edu Telephone: 650-850-9034

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Addendum:

Answer to question #12: Stanford University is the sole sponsor of the trip, a 501C(3) and an institution of higher education. Stanford seeks to promote the public welfare by exercising an influence on behalf of humanity through rigorous scholarship. Stanford is providing the faculty and expertise who will be teaching the House invitees on matters of artificial intelligence in various domains, including but not limited to healthcare, education, finance, and more. Through briefings and learning engagements, Stanford faculty will provide congressional staff with critical thinking skills related to AI.



Stanford University
Human-Centered
Artificial Intelligence

Stanford HAI Congressional Boot Camp on Artificial Intelligence FINAL Syllabus (updates highlighted)

August 11-13, 2025

Course Description:

Emerging digital technologies—in particular artificial intelligence (AI)—are among the most consequential forces of the 21st century. They are transforming economies, challenging legal and political norms, and reconfiguring society. Governments attempting to navigate this era must adapt regulatory regimes, social safety nets, fiscal policies, taxation, and foreign affairs as digital technologies continue to reshape labor markets, business, the distribution of economic rewards, and the global balance of power.

Congressional staff play a key role in shaping and developing policy on critical technology areas such as AI, yet rapid advancements in AI make it challenging for many to keep up with the quickly evolving field. The [Stanford Institute for Human-Centered AI \(HAI\)](#) designed this boot camp specifically for congressional staff to explore the latest in AI developments, equipping participants with the comprehensive knowledge needed to think critically about regulating and governing this emerging technology.

AI is not solely a technical matter, though it is easy for policy analysts and others to get lost in the technical details. Understanding the impact of AI on society is a multifaceted enterprise that requires expertise from computer science, economics, law, medicine, political science, psychology, and a host of other disciplines. To that end, the boot camp draws upon the knowledge of multidisciplinary AI experts in academia, as well as leaders from civil society and industry.

The bicameral, bipartisan Boot Camp consists of many sessions unpacking how to mitigate AI risk, understanding and regulating foundation models, and the impact of AI on healthcare, education, climate, and online harm. It also includes an interactive, three-hour National Security Council simulation surrounding the deployment of AI in a crisis situation. Each session will feature world-class scholars from Stanford University, leaders from Silicon Valley, and pioneers from civil society organizations. We hope all participants will leave the boot camp with the conceptual framework needed to address the emerging technology landscape today and better anticipate the challenges of tomorrow.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

Time	Agenda Item
7:00 am	Flight Departure from D.C. (UA 369, DCA→SFO)
9:50 am	Flight Arrival to SFO
9:50-11:00 am	Travel to campus
11:00 am	Program Commences
11:10-11:15 am	<p>Welcome & Introduction</p> <p><i>Session Description: Stanford HAI staff will welcome congressional staffers to campus and provide an overview of why the boot camp was created and what Stanford HAI hopes for participants to gain through the educational program.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elena Cryst, Director of Policy and Society, Stanford HAI
11:15-11:45 am	<p>Session 1: A Call for Human-Centered AI</p> <p><i>Session Description: User-centered design integrates techniques that consider the needs and abilities of end users, while also improving designs through iterative user testing. Community-centered design engages communities in the early stages of design through participatory techniques. Societally-centered design forecasts and mediates potential impacts on a societal level throughout a project. Successful Human-Centered AI requires the early engagement of multidisciplinary teams beyond technologists, including experts in design, the social sciences and humanities, and domains of interest such as medicine or law, as well as community members.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Landay, Anand Rajaraman and Venky Harinarayan Professor of Computer Science, Stanford University; Denning Co-Director and Senior Fellow, Stanford HAI
11:45-12:30 pm	<p>Session 2: Mapping the AI Landscape</p> <p><i>Session Description: This session will cover the basic concepts of AI, including compute power, neural networks, narrow vs. general AI, gradient descent, and more. It will also provide a bird's-eye view of the AI landscape, covering different AI techniques such as deep learning, computer vision, natural language</i></p>

	<p>processing, and supervised and unsupervised learning. Participants will walk away with a greater understanding of the primary aspects of AI and be better prepared for the boot camp.</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Norvig, Distinguished Education Fellow, Stanford HAI
12:30-1:30 pm	<p>Session 3: The Fuel of AI: Data (and Its Perils)</p> <p><i>Session Description: Contemporary AI technologies run on data, but AI developers face significant obstacles in acquiring and cleaning data. In addition, developers must do their best to ensure data's inherent biases (and their non-obvious proxies) are accounted for in their AI systems. Moreover, different social values around privacy, data ownership, and data creation impact what AI technologies are possible. This session will dive into how the data policies developed today will shape the technologies of tomorrow.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer King, Privacy and Data Policy Fellow, Stanford HAI • James Zou, Associate Professor of Biomedical Data Science, Stanford University; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI • Moderator: Judy Shen, PhD Candidate in Computer Science, Stanford University
1:30-1:45 pm	Break
1:45-2:45 pm	<p>Session 4: The Role of Compute and Chips</p> <p><i>Session Description: This session highlights how computational power directly influences the capabilities and efficiency of AI systems, impacting everything from machine learning model training times to the sophistication of AI applications. Policymakers are introduced to key concepts such as the high-performance computing chips, trade-offs between computational demands and energy consumption, and the strategic importance of compute in national competitiveness in AI.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Azalia Mirhoseini, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Stanford University • H.-S. Philip Wong, Willard R. and Inez Kerr Bell Professor of Electrical Engineering, Stanford University • Moderator: Drew Spence, Policy Program Manager, Stanford HAI

2:45-3:45 pm	<p>Session 5: Mitigating Risk: Implementing Safe & Robust AI <i>Session Description: The consequences of deploying robust AI and decision-making technologies in safety-critical systems such as driverless vehicles and autonomous aircraft are enormous. Challenges for AI developers range from biased inputs, constantly evolving conditions, and explainability issues, among others. This session will discuss the obstacles developers face as well as the difficult—and often politically fraught—decisions they make around operational efficiency and how they define acceptable risk parameters.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mykel Kochenderfer, Associate Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics and, by courtesy, of Computer Science, Stanford University; Senior Fellow, Stanford HAI • Anka Reuel, Ph.D. Candidate in Computer Science, Stanford University • Moderator: Elena Cryst, Director of Policy & Society, Stanford HAI
3:45-4:00 pm	Break
4:00-5:00 pm	<p>Session 6: Agents on the Rise: Exploring Agentic AI <i>Session Description: What if AI could act on our behalf to make our travel arrangements, order our prescription refills, or take care of a variety of other tedious daily tasks? AI agents represent the promise of AI to enhance productivity and reduce friction in our daily routines. Yet, this emerging capability also raises concerns around labor disruption, security vulnerabilities, and delegation of control. This session will examine how agentic AI works, how rapidly the technology is evolving, and what it might mean for the economy, the workforce, and society at large.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex "Sandy" Pentland, Toshiba Professor of Media Arts and Science, Professor, Information Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Center Fellow, Stanford HAI • Diyi Yang, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Stanford University; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI • Moderator: Andy Zhang, Graduate Student Fellow, Stanford Regulation, Evaluation, and Governance Lab, Stanford University

5:00-7:30 pm	<p>Fireside Chat & Dinner <i>AI, Automation, and the Future of Work</i></p> <p><i>Session Description: AI and automation will have a rippling effect on today's workforce and the future of work. Mainstream narratives forecast AI will displace workers and funnel profits up to a select few. Alternatively, AI has the potential to augment and supercharge labor, ensuring the benefits of AI are spread and enjoyed widely. This session dives into deeper detail regarding what exactly we should expect as AI and automation integrate into the economy and the subsequent consequences for the workforce. The speakers will also discuss how policies can reshape and guide what the future holds.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Erik Brynjolfsson, Jerry Yang and Akiko Yamazaki Professor and Senior Fellow, Stanford HAI; Director, Stanford Digital Economy Lab; Ralph Landau Senior Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research ● Ramin Toloui, Distinguished Policy Fellow and Tad and Dianne Taube Policy Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research
7:30 pm	<i>Bus pickup at Gates → hotel</i>

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

Time	Agenda Item
8:15 am	<i>Bus pickup at hotel → Gates</i>
8:45-9:00 am	<p>Breakfast/Debrief</p> <p><i>Session Description: Stanford HAI staff will lead a discussion debriefing the key concepts that staffers learned in earlier sessions. They will also offer a preview of Day 2 and leave ample time for questions.</i></p>
9:00-10:00 am	<p>Session 1:</p> <p><i>Transforming Healthcare Through Innovation</i></p> <p><i>Session Description: Some of the most exciting advances of this technological wave are focused on healthcare: faster and better diagnoses, enhanced therapies, increased hospital standards which reduce patient harms, and protein folding which has the potential to cure debilitating diseases. Healthcare is on the cusp of a revolution that will advance human well-being. At the same time, the United States faces an incredible shortage of qualified healthcare workers, lacks proper evaluation of medical devices, and struggles with unclear liability risk/clinician responsibility. These mounting challenges raise the question, can AI help “save” the U.S. healthcare system? This session will highlight the coming changes in healthcare, the opportunities and risks AI presents, and how policies can ensure safe and robust health systems.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Curtis Langlotz, Senior Associate Vice Provost for Research, Professor of Radiology, of Medicine, and of Biomedical Data Science, Stanford University; Director, Center for Artificial Intelligence in Medicine and Imaging; Senior Fellow, Stanford HAI ● Michelle Mello, Professor of Law and Health Policy, Stanford University; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI ● Nigam Shah, Professor of Medicine (Biomedical Informatics) and of Biomedical Data Science, Stanford University; Chief Data Scientist, Stanford Health Care; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI ● <i>Moderator:</i> Caroline Meinhardt, Policy Research Manager, Stanford HAI
10:00-10:15 am	<i>Break</i>
10:15-11:15 am	<p>Session 2:</p> <p><i>Revolutionizing the Classroom: How AI Is Advancing Education</i></p>

	<p><i>Session Description: AI has the potential to dramatically improve education. From teacher support to personalized student engagement, AI could democratize extraordinary teaching and learning. But dangers and concerns loom. Collecting data from children raises privacy concerns, and current inequities in the education system might be exacerbated by the introduction of AI. This session will look into how AI can be leveraged to improve the education system without causing harm to teachers and students.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dora Demszky, Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Education; Assistant Professor, by courtesy, of Computer Science, Stanford University • Daniel Schwartz, I. James Quillen Dean and Nomellini and Olivier Professor of Educational Technology, Stanford Graduate School of Education; The Halper Family Faculty Director, Stanford Accelerator for Learning; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI • <i>Moderator:</i> Isabelle Hau, Executive Director, Stanford Accelerator for Learning
11:15 am-12:15 pm	<p>Session 3: <i>Modernizing a Mammoth: Use-Cases of Public Sector AI</i></p> <p><i>Session Description: The U.S. government is in great need of a technological upgrade. From streamlining administrative processes to providing personalized services to constituents, there is ample opportunity for AI to help government agencies achieve their missions. However, integrating AI into the government is not as easy as obtaining and deploying the technology. Talent, infrastructure, public trust, and morale play equally important roles in ensuring the successful modernization of government. This session will dive into current use-cases of AI in government, the challenges and successes of these cases, and how to improve the integration of new technologies that will help the government serve its citizens.</i></p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Ho, William Benjamin Scott and Luna M. Scott Professor of Law, Stanford Law School; Director, Stanford Regulation, Evaluation, and Governance Lab; Senior Fellow, Stanford HAI
12:15-1:45 pm	Lunch Break
1:45 - 2:45 pm	<p>Session 4: <i>AI in Motion: Role of Robotics in the Next Chapter of AI Development</i></p>

	<p><i>Session Description: As AI systems grow more advanced, their integration with robotics opens up new possibilities for how machines perceive, navigate, and act within the physical world. While large language models have accelerated progress in AI, embodied AI offers the potential to embed this intelligence into our daily lives in transformative ways. Could AI-powered robotics expand access to healthcare? Will autonomous vehicles fundamentally reshape our transportation systems? This session will explore the pivotal intersection of AI and robotics and examine the far-reaching implications across a range of policy domains.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeannette Bohg, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Stanford University; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI • Monroe Kennedy, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI • Allison Okamura, Richard W. Weiland Professor of Engineering, and, by courtesy, of Computer Science, Stanford University; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI • Moderator: Vanessa Parli, Director of Research, Stanford HAI
2:45 - 3:30 pm	<p>Session 5: Stanford Robotics Center Visit</p> <p><i>Session Description: This session offers a unique opportunity to witness firsthand the latest advancements in robotics research and development. Participants will learn the history of automation, explore innovative applications of robotics in various fields, from healthcare to autonomous systems, engage demonstrations, and understand their potential impact on society.</i></p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Liu, Professor of Computer Science, Stanford University; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI
3:30 - 4:00 pm	shuttle to Stanford Alumni Center
4:00-5:00 pm	<p>Session 6: The Role of Business: Policy Implications of Industry Leadership in AI</p> <p><i>Session Description: Silicon Valley, which is home to venture capital, startups, and leading tech firms, is a global center of tech innovation. From the startup lab to the boardrooms of major companies, this session will bring together startup founders and tech executives to map out Silicon Valley's innovation ecosystem, discuss its vibrancy, and critically think about the consequences of AI developments on society. Panelists will offer their perspectives on starting, funding, and running successful companies as well as providing counsel to</i></p>

	<p>companies on ensuring ethical business practices.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alice Friend, Global Head of AI and Emerging Technology Policy, Google • Sarah Guo, Founder and Managing Partner, Conviction • Matt Perault, Head of AI Policy, Andreessen Horowitz • Navrina Singh, Founder and CEO, CredoAI • Moderator: Rohini Kosoglu, Policy Fellow, Stanford HAI
5:00-6:00 pm	Reception
6:00-7:30 pm	<p>Keynote Dinner <i>Charting the Future: Open Innovation in an Era of Global AI Competition</i></p> <p><i>Session Description: The United States has long led the world in AI innovation, fueled by a vibrant ecosystem of academic research, industry entrepreneurship, and open collaboration. But as geopolitical tensions rise and global competitors scale up their investments in AI, the foundation of open innovation faces new challenges. This keynote will explore how the U.S. can sustain its leadership in AI amidst strategic competition—balancing national security, economic competitiveness, and democratic values. The discussion will examine how government, academia, the private sector, and civil society can collectively shape the future of AI, and how today’s policy decisions may chart the course for innovation in the years ahead.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Friar, Chief Financial Officer, OpenAI; Advisory Group Co-Chair, Stanford Digital Economy Lab • Fei-Fei Li, Sequoia Professor of Computer Science, Stanford University; Denning Co-Director, Stanford HAI • Condoleezza Rice, Tad and Dianne Taube Director, Hoover Institution; Denning Professor in Global Business and the Economy, Stanford Graduate School of Business; Advisory Council Member, Stanford HAI • Moderator: Russell Wald, Executive Director, Stanford HAI
7:30 pm	Bus pickup at Alumni Center → hotel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

Time	Agenda Item
8:15 am	Bus pickup at hotel → Gates
8:45-9:00 am	<p>Breakfast/Debrief</p> <p><i>Session Description: Stanford HAI staff will lead a discussion debriefing the key concepts that staffers learned in earlier sessions. They will also offer a preview of Day 2 and leave ample time for questions.</i></p>
9:00-10:30 am	<p>Session 1:</p> <p><i>AI and National Security: Strategic Competition Lessons for the United States</i></p> <p><i>Session Description: AI is introducing new opportunities to strengthen U.S. intelligence and national security capabilities. However, it is crucial for policymakers to grasp the inner workings of both the U.S. national security framework and AI technologies to leverage these advancements effectively. Modern espionage, for example, is more pervasive yet less understood than ever, leading to misinformation and policy missteps. This session will separate fact from fiction as panelists discuss the past, present, and future of American espionage and how AI is creating an adapt-or-fail moment for international security and U.S. intelligence.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Zegart, Morris Arnold and Nona Jean Cox Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution; Senior Fellow, Stanford Freeman Spogli Institute of International Studies; Senior Fellow and Associate Director, Stanford HAI • Colin Kahl, Senior Fellow, Stanford Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies; Professor, by courtesy, of Political Science, Stanford University • Chris Manning, Thomas M. Siebel Professor of Machine Learning, Professor of Linguistics, and of Computer Science; Senior Fellow and Associate Director, Stanford HAI • <i>Moderator:</i> Andrew Grotto, Research Scholar, Stanford Center for International Security and Cooperation
10:30-11:00 am	Shuttle to SLAC
11:00 am -12:00 pm	SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory Visit

	<p><i>Session Description: This session provides participants with a hands-on opportunity to see how researchers at a premier national laboratory on the Stanford campus are using technology to further scientific discovery. The visit will include stops at multiple key SLAC facilities where materials and methods are being developed to make advances across physics, chemistry, biology, and medicine.</i></p>
12:00 - 12:15 pm	Pick-up Boxed Lunches
12:30 - 1:15 pm	<p>Session 2: Unlocking Scientific Discovery: AI's Potential to Accelerate Breakthroughs</p> <p><i>Session Description: AI is poised to fundamentally reshape the way scientific research is conducted—from predicting protein structures and modeling climate systems to uncovering new materials and advancing quantum research. Building on the SLAC facility tour, this session will highlight how AI is being applied across disciplines such as physics, chemistry, biology, and cosmology. Speakers will explore how these tools are accelerating the pace of discovery, enabling more precise experimentation, and opening new frontiers in our understanding of the natural world. Participants will gain insight into the transformative potential of AI to fuel the next era of scientific breakthroughs.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adam Bolton, Senior Staff Scientist, Vera Rubin Observatory, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory ● Jana Thayer, Division Director, Linac Coherent Light Source, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory ● Risa Wechsler, Professor of Physics and of Particle Physics and Astrophysics, Stanford University; Director, Kavli Institute for Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory; Associate Director, Stanford Data Science Initiative ● Moderator: Drew Spence, Policy Program Manager, Stanford HAI
1:15 - 1:45 pm	Shuttle to Gates
1:45 pm - 2:45 pm	<p>Session 3: Powering AI: Meeting the Energy Demands Needed for Frontier AI</p> <p><i>Session Description: AI continues to increasingly rely on compute power which is an incredibly energy-intensive resource. There is mounting concern around AI's environmental impact, drawing attention to the cost-benefit analysis of AI advancements. However, could it be possible for us to find ways to power AI research more efficiently? Could technological advances in energy storage and transmission help reduce the intense energy demands that frontier research</i></p>

	<p>currently requires? This session will unpack the realities of AI's energy needs and how we can develop technology more responsibly in the future.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ram Rajagopal, Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and of Electrical Engineering, Stanford University; Senior Fellow, Precourt Institute for Energy ● Sally Benson, Precourt Family Professor, Professor of Energy Science Engineering, Stanford University; Senior Fellow, Woods Institute for the Environment and the Precourt Institute for Energy ● Moderator: Liang Min, Managing Director, Bitts & Watts Initiative, Precourt Institute for Energy
2:45 pm - 3:45 pm	<p>Session 4: Deciphering Synthetic Media: Tools for Navigating AI-Generated Content</p> <p><i>Session Description: The advent of generative AI has proliferated online content of questionable veracity. As policymakers grapple with the societal and political implications of this shift, the question has moved from “what is possible” to “what can be done”. This panel will explore the technological tools and effective and scalable solutions to identify and authenticate AI-generated content, from provenance infrastructure and digital signatures to disclosure standards and media integrity framework.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Riana Pfefferkorn, Policy Fellow, Stanford HAI ● Rohith Kudritipudi, PhD candidate in Computer Science, Stanford University ● Moderator: Tracy Navichoque, Program Manager for AI & Society, Stanford HAI
3:45 - 4:00 pm	Break
4:00 - 5:00 pm	<p>Session 5: The Governance of AI</p> <p><i>Session Description: Governments around the world are exploring governance initiatives regarding the ethical and responsible deployment of AI. From institutes focused on building-up government capacity to evaluate AI to laws that seek to place guardrails around model development, policymakers are experimenting with different approaches to regulating AI. This session analyzes the evolving</i></p>

	<p>landscape of regulations, guidelines, and best practices and provides insights into key considerations for effective governance.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rishi Bommasani, Research Scholar, Stanford HAI ● Angèle Christin, Associate Professor of Communication and, by courtesy, of Sociology, Stanford University; Senior Fellow, Stanford HAI ● Mark Lemley, William H. Neukom Professor of Law, Stanford Law School; Director, Program in Law, Science and Technology, Stanford University; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI ● Rob Reich, McGregor-Girand Professor of Social Ethics of Science and Technology, Stanford University; Senior Fellow, Stanford HAI ● Moderator: Daniel Zhang, Senior Manager for Policy Initiatives, Stanford HAI
5:00 - 5:15 pm	Break
5:15 - 7:30 pm	<p>Closing Fireside Chat Cutting Edge: AI Developments that are Steering the Future</p> <p><i>Session Description: The rapid advancements in AI in recent years have shocked the world. From models generating realistic images from scratch to ambient technologies that enhance the human condition, the possibilities of what AI can do for humanity are endless. Understanding today's cutting-edge AI will help steer tomorrow's innovation. This session will dive into what is on the horizon of AI advancements and how these technologies can be leveraged to benefit society.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yejin Choi, Dieter Schwarz Foundation Professor of Computer Science, Stanford University; Senior Fellow, Stanford HAI ● James Landay, Anand Rajaraman and Venky Harinarayan Professor of Computer Science, Stanford University; Denning Co-Director and Senior Fellow, Stanford HAI
7:30 pm	Bus pickup at Gates → hotel

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

Time	Agenda Item
6:30 am	<i>Shuttle Leaves Hotel to SFO Airport</i>
8:35 am	<i>Flight Departure from San Francisco (UA 1678, SFO→DCA)</i>
4:56 pm	<i>Flight Arrival to DCA</i>

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August 6, 2025

Mr. Nolan Ahern
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Dear Mr. Ahern:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Palo Alto, California, scheduled for August 11 to 14, 2025, sponsored by Stanford University.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
Chairman

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