Stanford University
Human-Centered
Artificial Intelligence

Stanford HAI Congressional Boot Camp on Artificial Intelligence
DRAFT Syllabus

August 10-12, 2026

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026

Time	Agenda Item
6:30 am	*Flight Departure from Washington, D.C. (UA 1095, IAD→SFO)*
9:12 am	*Flight Arrival to SFO*
9:12-11:00 am	*Travel to campus*
11:00 am	*Program Commences*
11:10-11:15 am	**Welcome & Introduction** *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.* **Speakers:** ● Elena Cryst, Director of Policy and Society, Stanford HAI
11:15 am -12:15 pm	**Session 1:** ***A Call for Human-Centered AI*** *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.*

	Speakers: ● James Landay, Anand Rajaraman and Venky Harinarayan Professor of Computer Science, Stanford University; Denning Director and Senior Fellow, Stanford HAI
12:15-1:15 pm	**Session 3:** ***The Fuel of AI: Data (and Its Perils)*** *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.* **Speakers:** ● Jennifer King, Privacy and Data Policy Fellow, Stanford HAI ● James Zou, Associate Professor of Biomedical Data Science, Stanford University; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI
1:15-1:45 pm	*Break*
1:45-2:45 pm	**Session 4:** ***The Role of Compute and Chips*** *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.* **Speakers:** ● 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
2:45-3:45 pm	**Session 5:** ***Mitigating Risk: Implementing Safe & Robust AI*** *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. **Speakers:** ● Mykel Kochenderfer, Associate Professor of Aeronautics and Astronautics and, by courtesy, of Computer Science, Stanford University; Senior Fellow, Stanford HAI ● Sanmi Koyejo, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Stanford University; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI
3:45-4:00 pm	*Break*
4:00-5:00 pm	**Session 6:** ***The Governance of AI*** *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 landscape of regulations, guidelines, and best practices and provides insights into key considerations for effective governance.* **Speakers:** ● Rishi Bommasani, Research Scholar, Stanford HAI ● Rob Reich, McGregor-Girand Professor of Social Ethics of Science and Technology, Stanford University; Senior Fellow, Stanford HAI ● *Moderator:* Daniel Zhang, Chief of Staff, Stanford HAI
5:00-7:30 pm	**Dinner Keynote** ***AI, Automation, and the Future of Work*** *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 speaker will also discuss how policies can reshape and guide what the future holds.*

	Speakers: ● 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
7:30 pm	*Bus pickup at Gates → hotel*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026

Time	Agenda Item
8:15 am	*Bus pickup at hotel → Gates*
8:45-9:00 am	**Breakfast/Debrief** *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.*
9:00-10:00 am	**Session 1:** ***Transforming Healthcare Through Innovation*** *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.* **Speakers:** ● 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 ● *Moderator:* Caroline Meinhardt, Policy Research Manager, Stanford HAI
10:00-10:05 am	*Walk to Robotics Center*
10:05-11:00 am	**Stanford Robotics Center Visit**

	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.
11:00 - 11:15 am	*Walk back to Gates*
11:15 - 12:15 pm	**Session 4:** ***AI in Motion: Role of Robotics in the Next Chapter of AI Development*** *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.* **Speakers:** ● 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
12:15-1:30 pm	*Lunch Break*
1:30 - 2:30pm	**Session 2:** ***Revolutionizing the Classroom: How AI Is Advancing Education*** *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.* **Speakers:** ● Emma Brunskill, Associate Professor of Computer Science, Stanford University; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI

	• Victor Lee, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Education, Stanford University; Faculty Lead, Stanford Accelerator for Learning Initiative on AI and Education; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI • *Moderator:* Isabelle Hau, Executive Director, Stanford Accelerator for Learning
2:30 pm-3:30 pm	**Session 3:** ***Modernizing a Mammoth: Use-Cases of Public Sector AI*** *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.* **Speaker:** • 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
3:30 - 4:00 pm	*Walk to Li Ka Shing*
4:00-5:00 pm	**Session 6:** ***The Role of Business: Policy Implications of Industry Leadership in AI*** *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 companies on ensuring ethical business practices.* **Introduction:** • Elena Cryst, Director of Policy and Society, Stanford HAI **Speakers:**

	• Sarah Guo, Founder and Managing Partner, Conviction • Matt Perault, Head of AI Policy, Andreessen Horowitz • Andy Song, Special Advisor, Google DeepMind • *Moderator*: Vanessa Parli, Managing Director of Programs and External Engagement, Stanford HAI
5:00-6:00 pm	**Reception**
6:00-7:30 pm	**Dinner & Fireside Chat** ***The New American Industrial Era: Charting a New Age of U.S.-led Innovation*** *Session Description: As we look to a new era of AI development - key conversations are happening around how we can build an AI stack that is designed and assembled in the United States. The discussion will examine how government, academia, the private sector, and civil society can collectively shape the future of AI with US leadership at the forefront. It will examine how today's policy decisions may chart the course for innovation in the years ahead.* **Introduction:** • James Landay, Anand Rajaraman and Venky Harinarayan Professor of Computer Science, Stanford University; Denning Director and Senior Fellow, Stanford HAI **Fireside Chat:** • Jensen Huang, Co-founder, President & Chief Executive Officer, NVIDIA • Fei-Fei Li, Sequoia Professor of Computer Science, Stanford University; Founding 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 Li Ka Shing → hotel*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026

Time	Agenda Item
8:15 am	*Bus pickup at hotel → SLAC*
8:45-9:00 am	**Breakfast/Debrief** *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.*
9:00 am -10:00 pm	**SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory Visit** *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.*
10:00 - 10:30 am	*Bus from SLAC → Gates*
10:30 -11:30 am	**Session 2:** ***Unlocking Scientific Discovery: AI's Potential to Accelerate Breakthroughs*** *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.* **Speakers:** ● Russ Altman, Kenneth Fong Professor and Professor of Bioengineering, of Genetics, of Medicine, of Biomedical Data Science, Stanford University; Associate Director, Stanford HAI ● Ramesh Johari, Professor of Management Science and Engineering and, by courtesy, of Electrical Engineering, Stanford University; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI ● *Moderator*: Elena Cryst, Director of Policy & Society, Stanford HAI

11:30 am - 12:30 pm	**Session 3:** ***Powering AI: Meeting the Energy Demands Needed for Frontier AI*** *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 currently requires? This session will unpack the realities of AI's energy needs and how we can develop technology more responsibly in the future.* **Speaker:** ● Liang Min, Managing Director, Bitts & Watts Initiative, Precourt Institute for Energy
12:30-1:00 pm	*Lunch Break*
1:00 - 2:30 pm	**Session 1:** ***AI and National Security: Strategic Competition Lessons for the United States*** *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.* **Speakers:** ● Yejin Choi, Dieter Schwarz Foundation Professor of Computer Science, Stanford University; Senior Fellow, Stanford HAI ● Colin Kahl, Senior Fellow, Stanford Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies; Professor, by courtesy, of Political Science, Stanford University ● 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

2:30 -3:30 pm	**Session 2:** ***Updating the Law in the Age of AI*** *Session Description: Tech policymaking has long been faced with the challenge of using old legal frameworks to regulate new technologies. Now, AI has the potential to supercharge that problem. How do we take legal frameworks written before the internet was invented and make them relevant in the AI era. This panel will explore how we should think about evolving legal structures to respond to unprecedented new emerging technologies.* **Speakers:** ● Nathaniel Persily, James B. McClatchy Professor of Law, Stanford Law School; Co-Director of the Stanford Law AI Initiative; Faculty Affiliate, Stanford HAI ● Riana Pfefferkorn, Policy Fellow, Stanford HAI ● *Moderator*: Irene Liu, Executive Director, Stanford Law AI Initiative
3:30 - 4:00 pm	*Break*
4:00 - 5:00 pm	***Agents on the Rise: Exploring Agentic AI*** *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.* **Speakers:** ● 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
5:00 - 5:15 pm	*Break*
5:15 - 7:30 pm	**Closing Fireside Chat** ***Cutting Edge: AI Developments that are Steering the Future*** *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. ***Speakers To Be Announced***
7:30 pm	*Bus pickup at Gates → hotel*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

Time	Agenda Item
tent 6:30 am	*Shuttle Leaves Hotel to SFO Airport*
8:20 am	*Flight Departure from San Francisco (UA 1678, SFO→DCA)*
4:43 pm	*Flight Arrival to DCA*

2026 Stanford HAI Congressional Boot Camp on AI
Invited Participants - U.S. House of Representatives

First Name	Last Name	Office
William	Burns	Office of Rep. Jay Obernolte
Paul	Zebb	House Select Committee on the Chinese Communist Party
Ben	Schwartz	Office of Rep. Josh Gottheimer
Eric	Henshall	Office of Rep. Sam Liccardo
Anisa	Alazraie	Office of Rep. Ted Lieu
Shinnola	Alexander	Office of Rep. Sara Jacobs
Angelica	Espinoza	Office of Rep. Lauren Underwood
Elya	Taichman	Office of Rep. Eugene Vindman
Marcus	Towns	House Committee on Appropriations
Michael	Stadelmaier	Office of Rep. Claudia Tenney
Kaitlin	McNiffe	House Republican Study Committee
Shaefer	Bagwell	Office of Rep. Suhas Subramanyam
Geornalier	Marcial Acaba	Office of Rep. Michael Rulli

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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.

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

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 10, 2026 Date of Return: August 13, 2026
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): See attached list

   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	$719.99	$576	$322	$142.24 (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: Russell Wald **Date:** 08/18/26

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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Travelers:

Shinnola Alexander, Policy Advisor, Office of Rep. Sara Jacobs (D-CA)
Shaefer Bagwell, Legislative Director, Office of Rep. Suhas Subramanyam (D-VA)
Angelica Espinoza, Senior Legislative Assistant, Office of Rep. Lauren Underwood (D-IL)
Eric Henshall, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Sam Liccardo (D-CA)
Geornailer Marcial Acaba, Health Legislative Assistant, Office of Rep. Michael Rulli (R-OH)
Kaitlin McNiffe, Professional Policy Staffer, House Republican Study Committee
Michael Stadelmaier, Legislative Assistant, Office of Rep. Claudia Tenney (R-NY)
Elya Taichman, Legislative Director, Office of Rep. Eugene Vindman (D-VA)
Marcus Towns, Director of Member Services, House Appropriations Committee
Paul Zebb, Senior Counsel, House Select Committee on the CCP

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 giftravelreports@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: Elya Taichman
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ *OR* ☒ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 8/10/26 Return: 8/13/26
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ *OR* ☒ None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Stanford, CA Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Stanford University
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Multiple lectures + presentations each day on AI policy, listening to experts explain these policies w/ Q+A.
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: Elya Taichman **Date:** 8/25/26

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: Eugene Vindman **Date:** 8/25/26

Signature of Supervising Member: Eugene Vindman

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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 10, 2026 Date of Return: August 13, 2026
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 answer to question 12 attached.

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 10 and 13), $92 on August 11 and 12.
      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:**

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ 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: Russell Wald Date: June 30, 2026

Name: Russell Wald Title: Executive Director

Organization: Stanford University

Address: 353 Jane Stanford Way, Stanford, CA94305

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.

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.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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: Elya Taichman

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

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

Signature: Elya Taichman

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Rep. Eugene Vindman

Office Address: 1005 Longworth House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-225-2815

Email Address of Contact Person: elya.taichman@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*.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Elya Taichman
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 10 Date of Return: August 12
   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 Legislative Director for Congressman Vindman, we are constantly thinking about AI policy and its implications for constituents. On this trip, I will have the opportunity to take a deep dive and learn a significant amount about AI policy. In particular, Rep. Vindman serves on HASC and the CITI subcommittee which covers AI policy for the military.
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: Eugene Vindman **Date:** 7/1/26

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August 4, 2026

Mr. Elya Taichman
Office of the Honorable Eugene Vindman
1005 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Taichman:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Stanford, California, scheduled for August 10 to 12, 2026, 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 $525 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

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

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