

Explore AI with SOU's CATL

Engagement Opportunities: Explore AI with CATL

NOVA Forum, Thursday, May 16, 12:00-4:00, Stevenson Union

Join us for a cutting-edge forum spotlighting how faculty, students, and community innovators are harnessing AI technologies as part of SOU's Creativity Conference. The event will feature insightful presentations, discussions, and hands-on experiences with AI, offering a fantastic opportunity to engage directly with AI technologies and discuss their applications and implications in our educational practices and beyond. We look forward to your participation and the dynamic conversations that will arise.

Event Agenda

- 12:10 - 12:55 PM: David Van Hook on LLMs and accessibility.
- 1:00 - 2:30 PM: Round-table discussions with IC members and AI demo booths.
- 2:30 - 3:30 PM: Carlos Gregory discusses AI and creativity.
- 3:30 - 4:00 PM: Open floor for Q&A.

NOVA Hackathon, Friday, May 17, 9:00-5:00 — SOU students will compete for prizes as they come together to collaborate and develop software in this daylong event. Students from all disciplines are encouraged to attend and learn a framework for developing software using AI — no coding experience needed! The event is free, so please share with your students. Stop by the SU and see for yourself how the potential of AI technologies might be applied across disciplines and industries.

Update: CATL's Exploration of AI

Few technologies have disrupted education as swiftly as AI, with tools like ChatGPT at the forefront. At CATL, we're committed to staying abreast of advancements in educational technology and exploring the potential and the challenges posed by these developments. Since March 2023, we have embarked on a variety of initiatives. These include:

- Educational Workshops and Presentations. We kicked things off with a foundational workshop in March 2023 that introduced the faculty to AI's potential in education.
- Resource Curation. Our team has compiled a diverse array of resources to serve as a toolkit for integrating AI into teaching and learning strategies.

- Syllabus Guidance. For Fall term, we drafted and disseminated the “4 Option option” as a recommendation for incorporating AI guidelines into course syllabi.
- Leadership Engagement. CATL’s outreach extended to academic leaders during the Fall of 2023 as we presented Teaching Tomorrow: Exploring AI’s Role in Education to Chairs and Directors here at SOU and to the Oregon State Provost Council. This presentation focused on the impact of AI on people, practices, and policies at SOU.
- AI Innovation Community. This winter and spring, CATL has been supporting 10 faculty members in an Innovation Community engaged in interdisciplinary projects that enhance teaching and provoke discussions about AI’s societal impacts. In addition to their individual projects, faculty engage in structured Sandbox Activities to experiment with AI tools like ChatGPT and Dall-E to explore the technology’s versatility and limitations in academic settings.
- Collaborative Efforts: Looking ahead to Fall 2024, CATL is working with the campus community to formulate best practices for the ethical use of AI. Additionally, we are coordinating with community partners to plan significant events, including an AI conference slated for September 2024.

Thank you for your interest and engagement in our upcoming events! As we delve deeper into the evolving role of AI in education, your involvement remains essential. We invite you to join us, encourage your students to participate, and help shape a future where AI positively augments educational practices at SOU. We look forward to seeing you there!