

WiDS Central Massachusetts 2021 Agenda (EST)

11:00am-1:00pm **Optional Attendance at the WiDS Global Opening Session**

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WiDS Central Massachusetts Opening Remarks

[Zoom Webinar Link](#)

1:00pm-2:00pm

Dr. Jean King, Peterson Family Dean of Arts & Sciences, WPI

Dr. Elke Rundensteiner, Founding Director of Data Science Program & Professor of Computer Science, WPI

President Laurie Leshin, 16th president, and first woman, to lead Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Panel One: Ethics and Fairness in Artificial Intelligence (AI)

[Zoom Webinar Link](#)

2:00pm-3:15pm

Moderator

Dr. Julia Stoyanovich, Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Engineering and of Data Science at New York University

Panelist

Sarah Khatry, Applied Data Scientists at DataRobot, Trusted AI team

Dr. Dessislava Pachamanova, Professor and Zwerling Family Endowed Scholar at Babson College and Research Affiliate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Dr. Zahra Timsah, AI Governance and Ethics Lead at MassMutual

3:15pm-3:30pm

Coffee Break

3:30pm-4:30pm

Poster and Networking Session hosted on Hopin

Speed Networking Session (**Please use Chrome for Hopin**)

[Hopin Networking Guide](#)

[Hopin Link](#)

Student Poster Session

[Poster Abstracts](#)

[Poster Zoom Link](#)

**4:30pm-
5:45pm**

Panel Two: Professional Development

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Moderator

Dr. Gillian Smith, Associate Professor in Interactive Media & Game Development and Computer Science

Panelist

Julie Buard, Product Owner, Grid Digital Solutions, General Electric Renewable Energy

Dr. Shiri Dori-Hacohen, CEO & founder of AuCoDe, an AI-based startup that detects controversies and misinformation online and turns them into actionable intelligence

Jocelyn Petitto, PhD Candidate in BCB and the first cohort of the WPI/UMMS Joint Program

**5:45pm-
6:00pm**

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Geri Dimas, PhD Candidate , Data Science Program , WPI

**6:00pm-
8:00pm**

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