

AI Image Generation

Shaping Perception
and Visual Influence

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Welcome!

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We will *not* be recording today's session.

Slides and resources will be shared after the meeting.

Some logistics for today:

- Video on if possible
- Mic mute (unless speaking)
- Closed captioning is available
- We will be using Zoom Chat and Zoom Q&A
- For technical questions or concerns, please reach out for help via Zoom Chat

Today's agenda

times are approximate

- 10 min Welcome and introductions
Opening remarks
 - 35 min Moderated panel
 - 10 min Open discussion and Q&A (If time)
 - 5 min Closing remarks
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Opening Remarks



Stephanie Gumble

Chief Operating Officer (COO),
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Steve Gallagher

Chief Information Officer (CIO),
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Tela Vessa

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Assistant Professor,
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Nava Haghighi

PhD Candidate,
Human Computer
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Madeleine Woods

Project Lead for AI
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Closing Remarks

“Artificial intelligence is not a substitute for human intelligence. It is a tool to amplify human creativity and ingenuity.”

Fei-Fei Li, Sequoia Professor in Computer Science, Denning Co-Director Stanford Institute for Human-Centered AI (HAI), Senior Fellow at HAI and Professor, by courtesy, of Operations, Information and Technology at the Graduate School of Business, Stanford University

Ideas for further exploration and learning

DO: Experiment with variations of “Make me a picture of a tree” prompts in [Harvard AI Sandbox](#) or [Stanford AI Playground](#)

WATCH: [Nava Haghighy, UCLIC Seminar](#) (June 24 2025)

READ: [AI and Algorithms in Contemporary Fine Art](#) (*Harvard Magazine*, June 2025)

READ: [Artificial Intelligence: A Guide for Thinking Humans](#)
(book by Melanie Mitchell)

LISTEN: [How Generative AI Changes Creativity](#) (*HBR Ideacast* Ep. 911)

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<p>Co-sponsored by Harvard and Stanford</p>  <p>SEP 17</p> <h3>AI Image Generation</h3> <p>Shaping perception and visual influence</p>	 <p>OCT 9</p> <h3>Fireside Chat</h3> <p>featuring YU alumni working at Stanford</p> <p>Future YU intern workshops are being planned</p>	<p>LEARNING PROGRAMS</p> <p>OCT 8-29</p> <h3>ALLYSHIP AT WORK</h3> <p>Fall Workshop Series</p> <p>NOV 11</p> <h3>#IAM Remarkable</h3> <p>Virtual Workshop</p>

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End of September - October

Tech Talk

[Building an Effective Community of Practice](#)

November 19

Thank you for joining us today

Thank you especially to our speakers and panelists

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Nava Haghighi

Madeleine Woods

Stephanie Gumble

Steve Gallagher

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