

Ethics With a Focus on AI



This session aims to address the growing demand for Artificial Intelligence (AI) and critical need for data education, oversight, and accountability across systems. More specifically, this presentation attends to unfamiliar or obscure, integrative uses, risks, and effects of AI on the legal system and judicial ethical standards. The presenter raises awareness and pathways for enhancing transparency and fairness via court professionals and practices.

The learning objectives for this session include but are not limited to increasing understanding of AI and its implications on the judiciary and community writ large and advancing critical thought and evidenced based options for ensuring technological competence and judicial integrity.

Speaker:



Andrea S. Boyles, PhD

Dr. Andrea S. Boyles is a sociologist, criminologist, and Co-Director of the Center for Community Engaged Artificial Intelligence at Tulane University. She is also a past President of the Association of Black Sociologists (ABS), former NGO delegate to the United Nations' (UN) Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), and award-winning author of books, *You Can't Stop the Revolution* and *Race, Place, and Suburban Policing*.

Dr. Boyles work centers "community," ranging social justice-related topics, such as race and gender; neighborhood disadvantage; Black citizen-police conflict; crime and disorder; racial-spatial politics, resistance, and collective action.

As a public intellectual, Dr. Boyles' media presence includes but is not limited to the following: a TEDx speaker; special thanks and features in short films and documentaries; writings and quotes in *Newsweek*, *Washington Post*, *Associated Press*, *The Atlantic*; and appearances between NBC, NPR, and more.

Dr. Boyles is a native St. Louisan. She holds a B.A. in English and M.A. in Sociology from Lincoln University of Missouri. She later earned a Ph.D. in Sociology, with concentrations in criminology and gender from Kansas State University. She is also an Associate Professor of Sociology and Africana Studies and under contract, writing her third social justice book.



Mi'Chael Wright, PhD

Mi'Chael N. Wright, PhD (she/they) is a Postdoctoral Fellow of Sociology at Tulane University and an interdisciplinary sociologist whose work examines how identity and digital environments shape learning, belonging, well-being, and social life. Dr. Wright's scholarship bridges sociology, developmental psychology, and education to advance inclusive practices in higher education, youth development, and community-engaged research.

Their work focuses on Black American life and culture, digital identity, and how digital technologies shape social connection, educational opportunity, and lived experiences. Using mixed methods approaches, Dr. Wright collaborates with academic and community partners to translate research into strategies that improve institutional practice, inform policy, and strengthen communities. They have led grant-funded research, designed and taught core sociology courses, and developed equity-centered programs that support student success. Dr. Wright earned their PhD in Sociology, with a minor in Developmental Psychology, from the University of Minnesota.