

🌟 Upcoming AILA Events

🗨️ **March 2nd @ 4:30pm : Making Technology Talk: conversation and/as artificial intelligence**

We will be meeting in CHI Seminar Room with Professor **Christopher Grobe** from the English department. **Food & Boba** 🍷 will be provided! Below is an Abstract of the talk:

As an early metric for what he called "machine intelligence," Alan Turing proposed an "imitation game." In this game, a human would converse via a text-only interface with two partners--one human and one machine--then would guess which one was which. Turing thus reduced the question of machine intelligence to the question of competence in human conversation. In this talk, I will show how midcentury thinkers (including Turing) interpreted this "game" as a *theatrical* challenge -- and, through an analysis of the first chatbot ELIZA, I will demonstrate how one early computer scientist used insights from the theater to create a conversational interface. I will then share some of my research into conversational interfaces today, including my interviews with actors, playwrights, screenwriters, and other artists who work in the field called "conversation design."

🗨️ **March 22nd @ 4:30pm : CHI x AI in the Liberal Arts**

🗨️ **April 13th @ 6:00pm : Discuss AI & War with Professors**

🗨️ **April 27th @ 7:00pm : Mariel Pettee & Collaborators performance**

Need Help with a Project?

We are pairing up students (or faculties) to navigate AI projects together! Mentorship Program: If you are interested in volunteering as a mentor (A student or faculty with background in CS or AI), or If you are interested in being a mentee for a project related to AI, please let us know! Email our coordinator: riranmanesh25@amherst.edu

Learning & Exploration

- Check out this [tutorial](#) on Amazon Image Rekognition
- Learn about what DALL-E2 [can and can not do](#)
- [Hugging Face](#): an Invaluable ML Tool

Latest News & Discussion in AI

On our dedicated forum where Amherst College students, faculty & staff discuss thoughts on AI:

- [You Can't Copy Right Midjounrey AI Generated Images](#)
- [Are Threat Actors Using ChatGPT to Hack Network?](#)
- [Google AI Chatbot Offers Misinformation in Advertisements](#)
- [Member of Congress Reads AI-generated Speech on House Floor](#)
- [How will AI Transform College Essay Writing and Academia?](#)

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The Artificial Intelligence in the Liberal Arts initiative at Amherst College aims to engage a broad, interdisciplinary community of participants in discussions and activities related to artificial intelligence, exploring and facilitating multi-way interactions between work in artificial intelligence and work across the liberal arts. **Our newsletter contains the latest events, opportunities, and news in AI.**



MAKING TECHNOLOGY TALK:

CONVERSATION AND/AS
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

MARCH 2ND
4:30 PM
CHI SEMINAR ROOM

PRESENTED BY THE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
IN THE LIBERAL ARTS INITIATIVE

Come learn how theater inspired the
first chatbot! Hear about the actors,
playwrights, and screenwriters who
work in the field called "conversation
design" with speaker:



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