

Exploring AI

Moderator: Kevin Foley

The seminar will be in part an examination of some of the ways AI is transforming various aspects of human life. It will also address the recent introduction of ChatGPT and similar iterations and the potential for generative AI to upend the economic and political landscape. And the seminar will contemplate the possibility of super intelligence moving beyond human capability to control it.

The first session will involve introductions, discussion of AI terms and areas of interest and participants views on AI as we begin to learn from each other. Participants will be encouraged to keep track of their views and how they (possibly) change over our ten weeks together.

Subject to participant input, approximately seven sessions will include one presentation by one or more participants on a selected topic area in the first hour with time for questions related to the specific topic.

The second half of each seminar session will include informed discussion by participants (prompted by a participant and/or the moderator) regarding the political, philosophical, moral, and other implications for hu-

mans as another intelligence grows around us. This discussion may center on the first half presentation or a related topic or a larger question. What does it mean to be human in the midst of an apparent evolutionary event will be a recurring question throughout the seminar.

(Potential) Topic areas:

Medical research/healthcare delivery

National security/defense

Criminal justice

Transportation

Education

Space exploration

Arts

Finance

Manufacturing

Business

ChatGPT

The Singularity

The moderator will suggest reading, viewing and listening materials when participants are selected for the seminar.

The moderator is not an AI expert. He is an interested explorer seeking companions to go deeper in the forest. His professional background is in public relations, communications consulting and community journalism; all skills AI is enhancing and will eventually take over.