

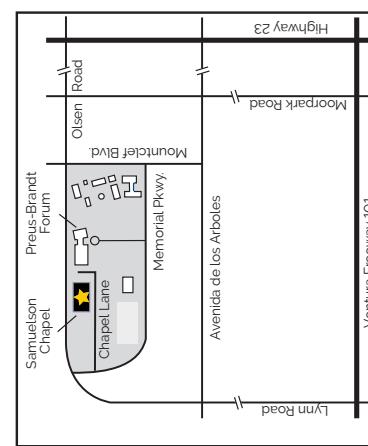
ABOUT THE LECTURER

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Artificial intelligence poses profound ethical questions for humanity's future. What will a world filled with intelligent machines mean for the human family? Will the immense benefits of AI be shared with us all, or reserved for an elite few? Can our collective humanity be enriched, expanded, refined and liberated by smart machines? Or will long-held ideals of a more *humane* future instead be degraded, marginalized and replaced by narrower machine values of optimization, prediction and ruthless efficiency? What would a future with *humanized* and *humanizing* technologies look like, and how can we get there?

11:10 a.m.

Looking in the AI Mirror

Artificial intelligence is not a technology of the future, but of the present. We already reap immense benefits from AI systems, and they are already behaving badly: issuing judgments with harmful racial, gender and class biases; failing to "see" people at the margins of society; prioritizing efficiency over humane values; and exploiting unjust imbalances in power and privilege. These are familiar vices. Indeed, AI is a *mirror* reflecting images of our own humanity. In this talk, I explore what we can learn from the AI mirror and how the lessons can drive the development of a more humane future.

4 p.m.

How to Cultivate Humane Machines (and People)

The art of moral self-cultivation is perhaps the only unique capacity of our species, and failing to practice it has, today, increasingly devastating consequences on local and planetary scales. Reclaiming the art of cultivating our humanity—pushing ourselves toward ideals that lie beyond our present impulses and habits—may be essential to averting catastrophe for our species and for many others. I discuss how the creation of intelligent machines, including attempts to make them more *humane*, might serve as a source of inspiration for this endangered art.

The Harold Stoner Clark Lectures, endowed by the late Mr. Clark and sponsored by the Department of Philosophy, were established in 1985. Clark was fascinated all his life by what might lie just beyond the reach of scientific research. These lectures are dedicated, in honor of Clark's intent, to that philosophical sense of wonder.

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