Strategies for Integrating AI into State and Local Government Decision-Making: Webinar

August 21, 2025, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET

Purpose

As the artificial intelligence (AI) landscape evolves rapidly, many state and local government leaders are exploring ways to leverage these technologies to enhance public services and governance. As AI capabilities expand, state and local decision-makers are increasingly responsible for guiding the adoption of AI across their jurisdictions while also guarding against potential challenges and constraints.

The Societal Experts Action Network's latest rapid expert consultation, *Strategies for Integrating AI into State and Local Government Decision-Making*, provides practical insights to guide decision-making. Join our webinar to learn about strategies for integrating AI technologies into public services and governance processes.

2:00–2:05 pm **Welcome and Introductions**
Kate Stoll, American Association for the Advancement of Science

2:05–2:30 pm **Stage Setting**

- Nathan McNeese, Clemson University
- Suresh Venkatasubramanian, Brown University
- Leila Doty, City of San Jose, CA

2:30–2:58 pm **Moderated Q&A**

2:58–3:00 pm **Closing Reflections**
Kate Stoll, American Association for the Advancement of Science

PANELIST BIOGRAPHIES

Leila Doty is a Privacy & AI Analyst at the City of San José. She is dedicated to promoting improved transparency, accountability, and equity around the use of AI. At San José, she oversees the responsible deployment of AI, technology, and data initiatives in the City. The Privacy and AI team manages the GovAI Coalition of over 700 agencies committed to promoting responsible AI and vendor accountability in the public sector. San José and the Privacy and AI team have been recognized as national leaders in privacy and AI governance. Leila graduated from Stanford University with a M.A. in Public Policy, a B.A. in Public Policy, and a minor in Computer Science.

Nathan J. McNeese is the McQueen Quattlebaum Endowed Associate Professor of Human-Centered Computing, the Founding Director of the Clemson University Center for Human-AI Interaction, Collaboration, & Teaming, and the Founding Director of the Team Research Analytics in Computational Environments (TRACE) Research Group in the School of Computing at Clemson University. Dr. McNeese held the College of Engineering, Computing and Applied Sciences Dean's Professorship at Clemson prior to his current endowed appointment. He received a PhD in Information Sciences & Technology from The Pennsylvania State University. His area of expertise is in human-autonomy/AI teaming and human-centered AI. For over a decade, Dr. McNeese has helped to pioneer the field of human-autonomy/AI teaming. Dr. McNeese has been a principal investigator or co-principal investigator for more than 30 research grants and awards, generating more than $39 million in funding. In 2023, he received the prestigious NSF CAREER Award. He is a National Academy of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) board member on the Board of Human Systems Integration (BOSHI). He is also the recipient of the Clemson University Researcher of the Year, the HFES William C. Howell Young Investigator Award, and The Pennsylvania State University College of Information Sciences & Technology Overall Outstanding Alumni Award among additional significant honors. His research has received multiple best paper awards/nominations (9 total) and has been published in top peer-reviewed human-computer interaction and human factors venues over 150 times.

Kate E. Stoll is Project Director for the Center for Scientific Evidence in Public Issues at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). The EPI Center builds trusted relationships between experts and decision makers at all levels of government to make it easier for policymakers to access and incorporate scientific evidence into their decision-making processes.

Kate served as Senior Policy Advisor at the MIT Washington Office from 2014 to 2022. Prior to MIT, she served as a Congressional Fellow with the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce. From 2011 to 2013 Kate was an AAAS S&T Policy Fellow at the National Science Foundation.

Kate served as Chair of the AAAS Committee on Science and Engineering in Public Policy in 2022 and as a member of the Board of Higher Education and Workforce at the National Academies from 2019-2025. She received a B.A. in Biochemistry from Reed College in Portland, Oregon in 2004, and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Washington in Seattle in 2010.

Suresh Venkatasubramanian directs the Center for Technological Responsibility, Reimagination, and Redesign (CNTR) with the Data Science Institute at Brown University, where he is a Professor of Computer Science, Data Science, and the Humanities. Suresh's background is as a computer scientist and his current research interests lie in algorithmic fairness, and more generally the impact of automated decision-making systems in society.

Prior to Brown University, Suresh was at the University of Utah, where he was the John and Marva Warnock Assistant Professor. He has received a CAREER award from the NSF for his work in the geometry of probability, a test-of-time award at ICDE 2017 for his work in privacy, and a KAIS Journal award for his work on auditing black-box models. His research on algorithmic fairness has received press coverage across the globe, including NPR’s Science Friday, NBC, and CNN, as well as in other media outlets. He is a past member of the Computing Community Consortium Council of the CRA, spent 4 years

(2017-2021) as a member of the board of the ACLU in Utah, and is a past member of New York City's Failure to Appear Tool (FTA) Research Advisory Council, the Research Advisory Council for the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania and the Utah State Auditor's Commission on protecting privacy and preventing discrimination. He currently sits on the boards of the Data and Society Institute and Partnership on AI and is a member of the IAPP AI Governance Board and the advisory council of the Leadership Conferences' Center for Civil Rights and Technology.

Suresh served in the Biden-Harris administration as Assistant Director for Science and Justice in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. In that capacity, he helped co-author the Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights. He was named by Fast Company in 2023 to their AI20 list of thinkers shaping the world of generative AI.