DIGITAL HUMANITY? : ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, SPIRITUALITY, AND THE ART OF HUMAN CONNECTION

MARCH 23, 2024 | BOSTON COLLEGE

Conference Schedule:

All events will be located in Simboli Hall, Room 100

8:30 – 9:00 | Registration, continental breakfast

9:00 – 9:05 | Welcoming remarks

9:05 – 10:20 | First Session: **Interrogating Machine Learning**
- *Issues of Canonicity in Machine Learning Data Training,* Sam Cole-Osborn, Boston University
- *The Idolatry of Chat-GPT: Moral Agency and Large Language Models (LLMs),* Scott J. Molony, Boston College
- *Would You Baptize an Artificial Intelligence? — Performative Interiority and the Spiritual Gap,* Shane Liesegang, S.J., Boston College

10:30 – 11:45 | Second Session: **The Dangers and Possibilities of AI for Particular Communities**
- *Algorithmic Surveillance of Amazon Delivery Workers: Resources for Resistance,* Berit Reisenauer Guidotti, Boston College
- *The Legal, Moral, and Ethical Implications of A.I.-Generated Child Sex Abuse Material,* Charlie Buttrey, Boston University
- *Do Nuns Just Want To Have Fun? #MediaNuns and the Millennial American Catholic Sister,* Lauren Tassone, Harvard University

11:45 – 12:30 | Lunch

12:30 – 1:45 | Third Session: **Exploring Anthropological Features of AI**
- *Artificial Intimacy: A Critique of AI-Powered Grief Tech and the Creation of Relationship Without the Body and Death,* Eryn Reyes Leong, Loyola Marymount University
- *Bots and Boundaries,* Morgan Conliffe, Yale University
- *"Being in Love": Transhumanism, Ultrahumanism, and Christogenesis,* Theresa Gardner, Villanova University

1:45 – 2:00 | Afternoon coffee break

2:00 – 3:00 | **Faculty Panel**
- Dr. Kristin Peterson, Boston College, Department of Communication
- Dr. Michael Serazio, Boston College, Department of Communication
- Dr. Brian Smith, Boston College, David S. Nelson Professor and Associate Dean for Research at the Lynch School of Education and Human Development

3:00 | Concluding remarks and announcement of best student paper

PLEASE NOTE: Registration for in-person attendance will close on March 15th. Registration for online attendance closes on March 21st. Register by scanning the QR code or clicking here.