

DC AI4LAM Chapter Running Notes

Thursday, September 18, 2025

AI4LAM DC Chapter Late Summer/Early Fall Meeting

National Gallery Office Space

601 Pennsylvania NW

Zoom:

<https://smithsonian.zoom.us/j/82751985038?pwd=XlY1tXFmwSDpkZexsjpyhvApU5bvEm.1>

Slides:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1L4d8nJye7hAaut5R8QUbjkoWIL27tWSBCaOrnZ1FYAU/edit?usp=sharing>

Guest Presentation Recording:

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4:00 Welcome & Introduction, Updates & Announcements

4:15: William Mattingly presentation & Q/A

Small Group Discussions

Small Group Discussions, Round 1 – Please pick a topic from the list (or pick a different topic) and join a small group discussion

20 minutes

- Forming a program committee for the 2026 Fantastic Futures meeting to be hosted in Washington DC next Sept 14 – 18, 2026.
- Further developing AI literacy training ideas discussed in our last meeting: [AI4LAM Meeting on Learning](#)
- Improving DC Chapter communications, outreach and organization
- Potential collaboration on responding to this [this call for papers on Ethical AI](#)

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5:00 Small Group Discussions, Round 1 – Please join a small group discussion

5:20 Small Group Discussions Round 2 - Please join a different small group discussion or pick a different topic

5:40 Share out from small group discussions

Online group notes:

AI Literacy (and a bit of conference programming)

NGA considering AI Literacy program.

Libguides feel inappropriate in this case.

Many have been looking at what others are doing - could we do a survey to see what others are doing in training in this area? This could lead us to resources and perhaps feedback about how successful various efforts have been. Have a session at AI4LAM26.

Survey during the year

Session at FF26 (training demos? Share back on survey results? Conversation about success levels of different training efforts)

There is a channel on [slack](#) (!most messages are not archived).

Video channels to reach public on social media.

Conference - engaging more with the public to understand about the conference - **event or activity at the conference to bring in the public**. Community discussion, q/a, testing demos, etc. Exhibit hall/laptops and demos. During conference or in lead up.

Program:

- **Sub-committees** for program committee (ie workshops; short sessions, plenary, etc) makes reviewing easier. Compare apples to apples, makes review easier.

- **Invite rejected presentations to do lightning talks/posters.** Sometimes projects are better suited for posters.
- **Demo sessions/space.** In space with coffee breaks? Share space with posters. At lunch or happy hour?
 - NGA may have place for this.
- **Any virtual components?** Separate program committee. Can reach people in other time zones.

Program:

- Since the number of submissions has doubled over the past years, the expectation is for this trend to continue. D.C. planning group is thinking of: 1) adding more days (e.g. for workshops), and multi-track sessions, allowing for more content.
- Cf. 2023 and workshops

6:00 adjourn

Optional Happy Hour at Lucky Danger Chinatown:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/oF5x1N5Dw7q3EKqg5>

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

AI4LAM DC Chapter Summer Meeting

July 16, 2026 4pm – 6pm ET

National Gallery Office Space

601 Pennsylvania NW

Zoom:

<https://smithsonian.zoom.us/j/81484798162?pwd=ripLXe90WsObjSt5v5wpXbSQbEn6Hp.1>

Slides:  July 16 DC CHAPTER - AI4LAM

4:00pm **Hello! Welcome from Keith & Abbey**

Announcements

FF26 planning committee

Archival Images of AI Workshop

Want to be a DC Chapter facilitator?

Nick Garcia announcement - working on a project proposal of how to do deployment of hardware infrastructure for promoting public and community models, building AI literacy in communities by using libraries as digital anchor institutions. Looking to launch pilots in public libraries. Would like feedback from the group on how to approach pilots and suggestions for places! nick@publicknowledge.org

Keith Krut announcement - AI-generated image descriptions, receiving feedback from community and users. Suggestions welcome.

Introductions

Agenda

Mural Board: [AI4LAM Meeting on Learning • National Gallery of Art - TDS-AEA](#)

Note: Mural also contains notes

Recording:

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4:15pm **What has already been done?**

AI4LAM teaching & learning working group activities

Origin Story. First WG of AI4LAM!

Join the slack channel #teaching-and-learning-ai

Monthly meetings 1st thursday of every month

Usually do a workshop at FF

Accomplishments:

- May 2022 report on resources
- authors/maintainers for Library Carpentry lesson

Going forward:

- How it is incorporated into official AI4LAM org
- Vision for 2030

4:30pm participant sharing

4:45pm **What training do we need, what audiences do we want to reach?**

participant sharing

- Lots of existing AI learning/training resources out there -- how to determine when to leverage existing resources v. create something custom/bespoke for specific use cases? Depends on organizational/project context, may repurpose existing elements
- Awesome List
- Teaching people how to think about AI as opposed to specific tools/workflows/etc. -- how to talk to executives about what you're trying to accomplish with AI? how to roll out enterprise AI staff-wide?
- LOC - What we learned from 5 years of testing AI tools with LOC data for LOC workflows; Enable innovation through experimentation and use case prioritization - mitigate risks with strong QA and governance -- training for staff (a la IT security training); cost analysis and targeted use; Responsible, Effective, Practical; NYT as a model for AI policy development
- Training/Teaching impossible to do at every level. Lots of outside contractors... what training is needed to work with outside contractors - to evaluate products.
- What are the (achievable) standards?

5:00pm **What can we do individually?**

small group discussions

5:15pm **What can AI4LAM DC Chapter do collectively?**

small group discussions

5:30pm **What can we do next?**

whole room discussion

6:00pm **Wrap up and adjourn**

Planning survey sent:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1o-gdd0SIUb2n3EXoS7OvyCdGnJsJEzXz0wC_SfMVwOA/edit

Virtual Attendees: (Name and email, optional affiliation)

- Kelly Revak, revakk@si.edu, Smithsonian ODI
- Nick Garcia, nick@publicknowledge.org, Public Knowledge
- Lorelei Kelly lorelei@publicgoodgroup.com I've been leading Georgetown's Congress Modernization portfolio
- Jill Reilly

- Robert Ehrenreich, US Holocaust Memorial Museum
- Jenny Sue Ross, Smithsonian ODI
- David Lowe, LSU
- Jane M

In Person Attendees: (Name and email, optional affiliation)

- Laura Wrubel, lwrubel@stanford.edu Stanford Libraries
- Abbey Potter, abpo@loc.gov, Library of Congress
- Matt Westerby, m-westerby@nga.gov, National Gallery of Art
- Sarah Osborne Bender, s-bender@nga.gov, National Gallery of Art
- Keith Krut, k-krut@nga.gov, National Gallery of Art
- Julia Demarest, j-demarest@nga.gov, National Gallery of Art
- Sami Norling, s-norling@nga.gov, National Gallery of Art
- Adam Purvis, a-purvis@nga.gov, National Gallery of Art
- Crystal Sanchez, sanchezca@si.edu, Smithsonian
- Adena Collens, acollens@umd.edu, National History & University of Maryland
- Corey DiPietro, dipietroc@si.edu, Smithsonian Digitization Program Office, ODI
- Mike Trizna, triznam@si.edu, Smithsonian ODI
- Richard Naples, naplesr@si.edu, Smithsonian Libraries and Archives

Resources and links:

- Lorelei Kelly:
 - Here's a description of the First Branch LLM that I presented to the House digital task force:
<https://www.techpolicy.press/could-congress-leverage-ai-to-help-restore-faith-in-us-democracy/>
 - Here's a teaching guide that a friend at a local non profit sent to me:
<https://www.nawb.org/strategy-in-action/generative-ai-for-the-workforce/>
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Thursday, May 15, 2025 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Zoom Link:

<https://smithsonian.zoom.us/j/84574020816?pwd=FuY0Pnd79byYaG7bAtD0tkYGI04mCI.1>
(working on a replacement now!) 🙋
<https://smithsonian.zoom.us/j/82314872892?pwd=XVUdUTu7T4szEphAJebicojK47qEar.1>

Agenda

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| 4:00 pm | Welcome & introductions |
| 4:15 pm | (virtual) Presentation from Ines Vodopivec, Secretary General AI4LAM |
| 4:30 pm | Recap of discussions & Surveys |

- 4:40 pm Initial AI4LAM DC Chapter Norms & Goals
- 5:00 pm Presentation: The value of public open-source datasets for training and using AI models, and what you can do about it from Travis Hoppe, former Assistant Director of AI Research and Development at the White House Office of Science Technology Policy. Speaking in his personal capacity.
- 5:30 pm Announcements
- Report from Yale AI search summit from NGA
 - Proposal for FF25 (Now Due June 1)
 - Call for volunteers for AI4LAM DC Chapter Planning Group
 - FF26 Discussion - 15-17 September 2026 Washington DC

Meeting slides:  AI4LAM DC Chapter

Attendees: (Name and email, optional affiliation)

- Jill Reilly, jillfaheyreilly@gmail.com
- Sami Norling, National Gallery of Art
- Rachel Huang, r-huang@nga.gov
- Laura Wrubel, lwrubel@stanford.edu, Stanford Libraries (remote in DC)
- Isabel Brador, ibrador@loc.gov, Library of Congress
- Kelli Bogan, kbogan@mountvernon.org, George Washington's Mount Vernon
- Corey DiPietro, dipietro@si.edu Smithsonian
- Soo Bae, j-bae@nga.gov, NGA
- Kelly Revak, revakk@si.edu, Smithsonian, Office of Digital Transformation
- Ines Vodopivec, ines.vodopivec@nb.no, AI4LAM
- Sarah Osborne Bender s-bender@nga.gov , National Gallery of Art
- Amanda Lehman, Library of Congress
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Thursday, March 20, 2025 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Zoom Link:

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Recording: Unfortunately not captured

Meeting slides w/ activity notes  AI4LAM DC Kickoff!

Planning survey sent 27 March 2025: <https://forms.gle/AgkrCELwXcwhenWE6>

Agenda

- Welcome and introductions (25 mins)

- AI4LAM overview (15 mins)
 - AI4LAM as an organization
 - AI4LAM's annual conference (Fantastic Futures) in DC in 2026
- Survey responses (10 mins)
- Activity: What could the DC chapter do together? (25 mins)
- Activity: How do we work together? (25 mins)
- Decision Time: (10 mins)
 - Next meeting? Where?
 - Homework - Who else should be included/invited?

Attendance:

- In-person:
 - Abbey Potter, LoC
 - Matt Westerby, NGA
 - Abby Foster, NGA
 - Rachel Wolff, NGA
 - Isabella Bruno, Smithsonian
 - Corey DiPietro, Smithsonian
 - Gina Kim, Smithsonian
 - Keith Krut, NGA
 - Heather Williams, Smithsonian
 - Pedro Gonzalez-Fernandez, Library of Congress
 - Ryan King, Smithsonian
 - Mike Trizna, Smithsonian
 - Bill Hoston, DoD
 - Bill Santry, State
- Virtual
 - Richard Naples, Smithsonian
 - Shannon Morelli, NGA
 - Soo Bae, NGA
 - Nick Garcia, Public Knowledge
 - Yota Batsaki, Dumbarton Oaks
 - Marge Huang, NGA
 - B Cavello, Aspen Institute
 - Rachel Huang, NGA
 - Jennifer Serventi, NEH
 - Lorelei Kelly, Georgetown
 - Dara Baker, FDIC
 - Jennifer Wodzianski, Smithsonian
 - Amaobi Otiji, LoC
 - Jill Reilly, NARA
 - Sami Norling, NGA