

# Stochastic Parrots Day Reading List

On March 17, 2023, Stochastic Parrots Day organized by T Gebru, M Mitchell, and E Bender and hosted by The Distributed AI Research Institute (DAIR) was held online commemorating the 2nd anniversary of the paper's publication. Below are the readings which popped up in the Twitch chat in order of appearance.



1. **On the Dangers of Stochastic Parrots** \*the paper of the day - happy birthday paper\*:  
<https://dl.acm.org/doi/10.1145/3442188.3445922>  
& <https://magazine.scienceforthepeople.org/vol24-2-dont-be-evil/stochastic-parrots/>
2. Algorithms of Oppression: <http://algorithmsofoppression.com/>
3. Climbing Towards NLU: <https://aclanthology.org/2020.acl-main.463.pdf>
4. Bounty Everything: Hackers and the Making of the Global Bug Marketplace:  
<https://datasociety.net/library/bounty-everything-hackers-and-the-making-of-the-global-bug-marketplace/>
5. Enchanted Determinism: Power without Responsibility in Artificial Intelligence:  
<https://estsjournal.org/index.php/ests/article/view/277>
6. <https://betterwithout.ai/>
7. Are language models Scary? <https://betterwithout.ai/scary-language-models>
8. Lessons from Archives: Strategies for Collecting Sociocultural Data in Machine Learning:  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.10389>
9. Algorithmic injustice: a relational ethics approach:<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2666389921000155>
10. Situating Search: <https://dl.acm.org/doi/10.1145/3498366.3505816>
11. Watermarking LLMs: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2301.10226.pdf>
12. Article from OpenAI founder on not sharing data:  
<https://www.theverge.com/2023/03/15/23640180/openai-gpt-4-launch-closed-research-ilya-sutskever-interview>

13. Vampyroteuthis Infernalis A Treatise, with a Report by the Institut Scientifique de Recherche Paranaturaliste:  
<https://www.upress.umn.edu/book-division/books/vampyroteuthis-infernalis>
14. Deb Raji's article on ground truth/lies:  
<https://www.technologyreview.com/2020/12/10/1013617/racism-data-science-artificial-intelligence-ai-opinion/>
15. A Watermark for Large Language Models:  
<https://huggingface.co/spaces/tomg-group-umd/lm-watermarking> 😊
16. Artificial Consciousness is Impossible:  
<https://.com/artificial-consciousness-is-impossible-c1b2ab0bdc46>
17. Data Governance in the Age of Large-Scale Data-Drive Language Technology -  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.03216>
18. Dr. Bender has also written on some of these points, specifically addressing AI hype and claims that LLMs "have intelligence", in a really accessible way here:  
<https://medium.com/@emilymenonbender/on-nyt-magazine-on-ai-resist-the-urge-to-be-impressed-3d92fd9a0edd>
19. Weapons of Math Destruction:  
<https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/roots-of-unity/review-weapons-of-math-destruction/>
20. Time article about how workers for identifying toxic language for OpenAI were underpaid: <https://time.com/6247678/openai-chatgpt-kenya-workers/>
21. Microsoft lays off AI ethics team (what could go wrong?)  
<https://techcrunch.com/2023/03/13/microsoft-lays-off-an-ethical-ai-team-as-it-doubles-down-on-openai/>
22. Birhane and Raji critique ChatGPT, Galactica, and the Progress Trap  
<https://www.wired.com/story/large-language-models-critique/>
23. The Black Box Society The Secret Algorithms That Control Money and Information:  
<https://www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog.php?isbn=9780674970847>
24. Reading on invisibilized labor for automation & content moderation: Sarah Roberts - Behind the Screen; Gray and Suri - Ghost Work:  
<https://yalebooks.yale.edu/book/9780300261479/behind-the-screen/>
25. Atlas of AI: <https://yalebooks.yale.edu/book/9780300264630/atlas-of-ai/>; visual aid:  
<https://anatomyof.ai/img/ai-anatomy-map.pdf>
26. Social Turkers (art): <https://lauren-mccarthy.com/social-turkers>
27. Design Justice: <https://mitpress.mit.edu/9780262043458/design-justice/>
28. Film about content moderators: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Cleaners\\_\(2018\\_film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Cleaners_(2018_film))
29. Speculative short film about a world in which people "plug in" to work:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sleep\\_Dealer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sleep_Dealer)
30. Between Subjectivity and Imposition: Power Dynamics in Data Annotation for Computer Vision: <https://dl.acm.org/doi/abs/10.1145/3415186>
31. Milagros Miceli on the power over data annotators in AI work:  
<https://dl.acm.org/doi/abs/10.1145/3415186>
32. Content moderation and data-labeling work: The Gig is Up by Canadian filmmaker Shannon Walsh: <https://thegigisup.ca/>
33. Ghost work - the invisible work force that powers the web: <https://ghostwork.info/>

34. A Future for Intersectional Black Feminist Technology Studies:  
<https://sfoonline.barnard.edu/safiya-umoja-noble-a-future-for-intersectional-black-feminist-technology-studies/>
35. Bully Boss: "If you don't complete this (unethical) request, I'll fire you and hire someone else who will." The importance of why tech workers should unionize, especially in the age of A.I. bias. <https://adactio.com/articles/18676>
36. On the intersection of race and google search:  
<https://www.invisibleculturejournal.com/pub/google-search-hypervisibility/release/1>
37. [https://research.utexas.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2015/10/mechanical\\_turk.pdf](https://research.utexas.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2015/10/mechanical_turk.pdf)
38. Data workers: Please let us know if there's anything the LaborTech Research Network can do to support you ([labortechresearchnetwork.org/](http://labortechresearchnetwork.org/)).
39. Thea Ricofrancis on the cost of lithium batteries --  
<https://logicmag.io/nature/what-green-costs/>
40. Noble: Towards a Critical Black Digital Humanities:  
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.5749/j.ctvg251hk.5>
41. TRK calculator by Caroline Sindere: <https://carolinesinders.com/trk/>
42. On the hidden costs of low wage workers:  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nickel\\_and\\_Dimed](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nickel_and_Dimed)
43. On food poverty in Britain:  
<https://policy-practice.oxfam.org/resources/below-the-breadline-the-relentless-rise-of-food-poverty-in-britain-317730/>
44. How Europe Underdeveloped Africa is a classic --  
<https://www.versobooks.com/books/2785-how-europe-underdeveloped-africa>
45. Climate Leviathan has a lot of great insight about how academics became activists inside the climate fight, as well as a critique of the economic/authoritarian aspects of the current responses to climate: <https://www.versobooks.com/books/3138-climate-leviathan>
46. Artisanal Intelligence:  
<https://polclarissou.com/boudoir/posts/2023-02-03-Artisanal-Intelligence.html>
47. Addressing the tropes of AI: [Betterimagesofai.org](http://Betterimagesofai.org)
48. Map of AI Myths and responses to these: <https://www.aimyths.org/>
49. Possibilities and risks of AI re: automated structuring of museum collection data:  
<https://trainingthearchive.ludwigforum.de/en/interviews-en/>
50. ChatGPT Is Dumber Than You Think:  
<https://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2022/12/chatgpt-openai-artificial-intelligence-writing-ethics/672386/>
51. The Hierarchy of Knowledge in Machine Learning and Related Fields and Its Consequences: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DccuM7kGWss>
52. Can we improve large language models if we train them according to values?:  
<https://cdn.openai.com/palms.pdf>
53. CFP for TextGenEd Teaching with Text Generation Technologies:  
<https://wac.colostate.edu/repository/collections/cfp-textgened/>
54. Coding Literacy How Computer Programming Is Changing Writing:  
<https://mitpress.mit.edu/9780262036245/coding-literacy/>
55. <https://www.deepl.com/translator> vs google translate

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77. All-knowing machines are a fantasy:  
<https://iai.tv/articles/all-knowing-machines-are-a-fantasy-auid-2334>
78. <https://rethinkmedia.org/>
79. The Centre for Ethics at the University of Toronto (multiple playlists on AI and ethics):  
<https://www.youtube.com/@CentreforEthics/>
80. Machine Habitus: Toward a Sociology of Algorithms: ([Google Books link](#))
81. <https://whichlight.notion.site/AI-Projects-8a3316193f564fe3840c970639bec005>
82. The Artificial Intelligence Act: <https://artificialintelligenceact.eu/>
83. <https://www.vice.com/en/article/ak3w5a/openai-gpt-4-is-closed-source-and-shrouded-in-secrecy>
84. UNESCO Ethics of Artificial Intelligence:  
<https://www.unesco.org/en/artificial-intelligence/recommendation-ethics>
85. How truthful can LLMs be: a theoretical perspective with a request for help from experts on Theoretical CS: <https://www.lesswrong.com/posts/E6jHtLoLirckT7Ct4>
86. Using speculative fiction to examine refugee rights in Denmark (fake Job Center app):  
<https://dl.acm.org/doi/abs/10.1145/3461778.3462003>
87. AI/ML Media Advocacy Summit Keynote: Steven Zapata:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=puPJUbNiEKg>
88. The viral AI avatar app Lensa undressed me—without my consent:  
<https://www.technologyreview.com/2022/12/12/1064751/the-viral-ai-avatar-app-lensa-undressed-me-without-my-consent/>
89. Gender Shades: <https://www.media.mit.edu/projects/gender-shades/overview/>
90. GPT-4 System Card: <https://cdn.openai.com/papers/gpt-4-system-card.pdf>
91. Copyright Registration Guidance: Works Containing Material Generated by Artificial Intelligence:  
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/03/16/2023-05321/copyright-registration-guidance-works-containing-material-generated-by-artificial-intelligence>
92. Race After Technology: <https://www.ruhabenjamin.com/race-after-technology>
93. Ursula K. Le Guin -- these technologies are not inevitable:  
<http://www.ursulaklequinarchive.com/Note-Technology.html>
94. Reconstructing Training Data from Trained Neural Networks:  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.07758>
95. Extracting Training Data from Large Language Models: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2012.07805>
96. Controversial technology Pushback against AI policing in Europe heats up over  
<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202110/1237232.shtml>
97. This Algorithm Could Ruin Your Life:  
<https://www.wired.com/story/welfare-algorithms-discrimination/>
98. AI & Equality < Human Rights Toolbox >: <https://aiequalitytoolbox.com/>
99. Why AI Models are not inspired like humans:  
<https://www.kortizblog.com/blog/why-ai-models-are-not-inspired-like-humans>
100. A Relational Theory of Data Governance:  
[https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3727562](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3727562)
101. AI Incident Database: <https://incidentdatabase.ai/>
102. AI Incidents Database: <https://partnershiponai.org/workstream/ai-incidents-database/>



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104. Awful AI: <https://github.com/daviddao/awful-ai>
105. Glaze for identifying AI artwork: <https://glaze.cs.uchicago.edu/>
106. Against Predictive Optimization:  
[https://predictive-optimization.cs.princeton.edu/?utm\\_source=pocket\\_saves](https://predictive-optimization.cs.princeton.edu/?utm_source=pocket_saves)
107. Computer vision recognition that suggests what something is not:  
[https://ridiculous.software/probably\\_not/](https://ridiculous.software/probably_not/)
108. AI Data Laundering: How Academic and Nonprofit Researchers Shield Tech Companies from Accountability:  
<https://waxy.org/2022/09/ai-data-laundering-how-academic-and-nonprofit-researchers-shield-tech-companies-from-accountability/>
109. Replika users fell in love with their AI chatbot companions. Then they lost them  
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/science/2023-03-01/replika-users-fell-in-love-with-their-ai-chatbot-companion/102028196>
110. Against Predictive Optimization: On the Legitimacy of Decision-Making Algorithms that Optimize Predictive Accuracy: <https://predictive-optimization.cs.princeton.edu/>
111. Model Cards: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.03993>
112. Data Sheets for Data Sets: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.09010>
113. <https://incidentdatabase.ai/apps/incidents/>
114. Ethical Guidelines of the German Informatics Society: <https://gi.de/ethicalguidelines>
115. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computers\\_are\\_social\\_actors](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computers_are_social_actors)
116. Snap Judgment: <https://chriscombs.net/2022/07/09/snap-judgment/>
117. Global Indigenous Data Alliance: <https://www.gida-global.org/>
118. Equality labs: <https://www.equalitylabs.org/>
119. AI researcher on the drone debate "For me, it would be terrible if my work contributed to the death of people":  
<https://www.stern.de/amp/digital/technik/-for-me--it-would-be-terrible-if-my-work-contributed-to-the-death-of-people--9548216.html>
120. The Tech Worker Handbook: <https://techworkerhandbook.org/>
121. Examining Responsibility and Deliberation in AI Impact Statements and Ethics Reviews: <https://dl.acm.org/doi/abs/10.1145/3514094.3534155>
122. Tech Workers Coalition: <https://techworkerscoalition.org/>
123. What Choice Do I Have? <https://weallcount.com/2022/06/20/what-choice-do-i-have/>
124. Indigenous Protocol and Artificial Intelligence Position Paper:  
<https://spectrum.library.concordia.ca/id/eprint/986506/>
125. Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Policy:  
<https://www.taylorfrancis.com/books/oa-edit/10.4324/9780429273957/indigenous-data-sovereignty-policy-maggie-walter-tahu-kukutai-stephanie-russo-carroll-desi-rodriguez-lone-bear>
126. A Survey on Bias and Fairness in Machine Learning (gathering 23 sources of “bias”):  
<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1908.09635.pdf>
127. Understanding data: Praxis and Politics <https://datapraxis.net/>
128. Artificial Unintelligence:  
<https://mitpress.mit.edu/9780262537018/artificial-unintelligence>

129. Artificial Intelligence: A Guide for Thinking Humans  
<https://melaniemitchell.me/aibook/>
130. Stuff of Bits <https://mitpress.mit.edu/9780262546522/the-stuff-of-bits/>
131. Automating Equality  
<https://us.macmillan.com/books/9781250074317/automatinginequality>
132. Data Feminism: <https://mitpress.mit.edu/9780262547185/data-feminism/>
133. Cloud Ethics: <https://www.dukeupress.edu/cloud-ethics>
134. Constructing Certainty in Machine Learning: On the performativity of testing and its hold on the future - <https://osf.io/zekqv/>
135. Nodes of Certainty for AI Engineers:  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/1369118X.2021.2014547?journalCode=rics20>
136. Steven Wolfram's approachable explanation  
<https://writings.stephenwolfram.com/2023/02/what-is-chatgpt-doing-and-why-does-it-work/>
137. For those who asked, my website is [mirabellejones.com](https://mirabellejones.com) - I'm an artist and PhD Fellow at UCPH in CS - Relevant projects: [Artificial Intimacy](#) (chatbots made using GPT-3 fine-tuned on social media data - we have a workshop coming up! Please email me if interested.), [Embodying the Algorithm](#) (performance artists use GPT-3 instructions for performances - CHI '23 paper on the way with C. Neumayer and I. Shklovski), [It's Time We Talked](#) (can we use deep fake to explore alternate timelines?) [Zoom Reads You](#) (what would it be like for a LLM to narrate your Zoom presence?)