



Research Exchange Meeting 2026

TUESDAY, JUNE 9 • PHILADELPHIA, PA

9-9:30am

Research Exchange Registration and Breakfast

This optional pre-meeting is open to all network members who would like to hear a report out from our Research Exchange workgroup and discuss future collaborations.

9:30-9:45am

▶ Drafting Room

Welcome & Orientation

Dennis Culhane & Sharon Zanti

9:45-10:30am

▶ Drafting Room

Lightning Talks & Ideas for Future Research

Topics

- IDS Policy Simulation Methods
- Child Care Subsidy
- SNAP/WIC

10:30-11:15am

▶ Drafting Room

Proposal Workshop

Dennis Culhane & Sharon Zanti

11:15-11:30am

▶ Drafting Room

Closing & Next Steps

Dennis Culhane & Sharon Zanti

11:30am-12pm

Break

12-12:45pm

Lunch, registration for new arrivals

New members are invited to gather in the drafting room for a brief orientation



AI Summit 2026

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12:45–1:15pm

▶ Banquet Salon

AI Summit Kick-Off

Della Jenkins, Dennis Culhane, Isabel Agrant

Welcome to the first AISP AI Summit! We will kick-off Day 1 of the Network Meeting with framing from AISP to help level set on language and context and explore the role of our IDS community in shaping the future of AI in the public sector.

1:15–1:45pm

▶ Banquet Salon

KEYNOTE

Intelligence with Integrity: Creating the Data Architecture for Modern Policy

Josh Martin

Josh Martin, founder of Martin Innovation and former network member and Chief Data Officer for the State of Indiana (2020–2025), will kick-off the AI Summit with a keynote on harnessing the potential of emerging technologies for social good. Josh will draw on over 13 years of tech leadership to walk us through the complex challenges of AI readiness, strategy and enablement in the public sector and highlight how AI can be leveraged to help us translate data insights into action, without compromising integrity.

1:45–3pm

▶ Banquet Salon

PLENARY PANEL

Network Perspectives on AI: Governance, Implementation, & Impact

Moderated by **Amy Hawn Nelson**

- **Katy Collins** (Allegheny County)
- **Erik Erickson** (Hennepin County)
- **Scott Gaul** (Connecticut)
- **Bob Goerge** (NORC)
- **Maia Woluchem** (Data & Society)

This session will feature five panelists sharing learnings from their work to identify the challenges and opportunities in public sector AI across the micro, mezzo, and macro levels. AISP partner Bob Goerge (NORC) will talk about his work with states leveraging AI to unlock insights from unstructured data. Network members Katy Collins (Allegheny County), Scott Gaul (CT), and Erik Erickson (Hennepin County) will discuss practical and responsible public AI implementation and governance. Finally, Maia Woluchem (Data & Society) will discuss some of the ethical implications of the AI race as experienced by institutions and communities.

3–3:15pm

Break



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Concurrent Sessions

WORKSHOP 1

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Micro: Preparing an AI-enabled Workforce

Moderated by **Amy Hawn Nelson**

- **Stephanie Garland** (Maryland)
- **Erik Erickson** (Hennepin County)

The AI Micro Workshop will explore opportunities and challenges that come with using AI to assist, augment, or automate part of your workflow. The workshop will discuss examples of everyday AI use from Hennepin County and the State of Maryland. Presenters will share frameworks that they have used to build AI literacy and determine whether potential AI use is appropriate, and how to make these determinations. Participants will then experiment with these frameworks to brainstorm and determine tasks that AI tools could potentially assist, augment, or automate in their own work.

WORKSHOP 2

▶ Drafting Room

Mezzo: Designing AI Policy

Moderated by **Della Jenkins**

- **Scott Gaul** (Connecticut)
- **John Stark** (Indiana)

The AI Mezzo Workshop will explore examples of state AI policy and governance frameworks from Indiana and Connecticut. Each presenter will discuss the process of developing and implementing their policies, who was involved, and what has (and has not) worked so far. After learning about these examples, participants will get the opportunity to develop considerations for policies of their own and workshop key practices, principles and topic areas for effective public sector AI governance.

WORKSHOP 3

▶ Studio 2

Macro: Grounding Ethical Public AI

Moderated by **Isabel Algrant**

- **Jadyn Elliot** (University of Pennsylvania)
- **Maia Woluchem** (Data & Society)

The AI Macro Workshop will tackle a wide range of high-level ethical implications by posing a few key questions: How does the public currently feel about AI? What is AI really and how does it show up in our lives and work? How do we define public sector AI? How have we reacted to other big technology changes throughout history, and what can we learn from these experiences? Join us for a frank discussion on the ethical risks we face and help us build self-efficacy in the face of a rapidly changing landscape.

4:45–5pm

Break



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Full Group Report Out & Closing Remarks

Michelle Shevin

We will come back together for a full group workshop report-out and closing remarks to regroup as we conclude Day 1.

5:30-7pm

▶ Pre-Function Area
outside of Banquet Salon

Welcome Reception

We hope you'll stay for drinks and light fare with friends old and new.
Cheers!