

Newsletter



LCSSP Updates

Trust & Safety Research Conference Stanford University, September 25-26, 2025

Mitchell Linegar, Caltech - "The Persuasiveness of Artificial Intelligence: AI Interventions Increase Confidence in Election Integrity." This joint work with Betsy Sinclair (WashU), Michael Alvaerez (Caltech), and Sander van der Linden (University of Cambridge) is part of the Election Integrity Project.



Caltech Convocation September 26, 2025

Frederick Eberhardt, Caltech - Panel discussion on AI with Georgia Gkioxari (Caltech), Katie Bouman (Caltech), and Steve Chien (JPL). The panelists discussed AI's role in their various research efforts and shared their thoughts on the use of AI in lab and classroom settings.

Spotlight Event



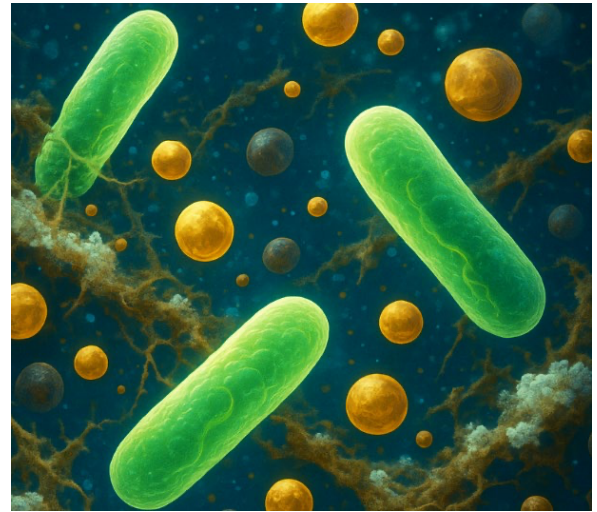
A Taste of the Divisions

During Caltech Alumni Weekend on October 17, 2025, LCSSP Co-Director Frederick Eberhardt and LCSSP Research Policy Lead Sara Kassir's participation focused on interactive activities that encouraged alumni to think about the nuanced intersection of science and public policy: demoing an AI chatbot trained to provide election information and testing their historical knowledge of science and technology-related regulations.



**Biotech Beyond Conventional Containment:
A Workshop on Policy & Governance****October 6-7, 2025 | Caltech**

The Biotech Beyond Conventional Containment (BCCC) workshop brought together scientists, policymakers, legal experts, and social scientists to explore how governance frameworks for biotechnology can evolve in a world where physical containment is no longer the primary safeguard. Hosted at Caltech, the workshop examined how emerging applications—from engineered microbes for bioremediation to gene-edited wildlife—challenge long-standing assumptions that safety can be ensured simply by keeping biotechnology confined to the lab. For the recorded public session, please click [here](#).

**Launch of the Linde Center BioPolicy Initiative****October 14, 2025 | Caltech**

To commemorate the official launch of the LCSSP Biopolicy Initiative, synthetic biologist Drew Endy visited Caltech to share his perspective on biological engineering as a force for unprecedented progress toward societal flourishing. Dr. Endy notably leads The Hoover Institution at Stanford University's Bio-Strategy and Leadership efforts. Caltech President Tom Rosenbaum and Dr. Mary Maxon also shared their thoughts about the new initiative and the importance of collaboration between scientists and policymakers. This work is made possible by the generosity of Ron and Maxine Linde, and Eric and Wendy Schmidt. For the recording of this event, please visit our [LCSSP YouTube channel](#).

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