



**NGCP Webinar  
Chat Transcript:**

**Exploring Issues of Equity in AI**

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Jennifer Martin: Jennifer Martin STL MO

Brenda Britsch: Welcome! Please introduce yourself and let us know where you are joining from, what you do, and what you are excited to learn about in today's webinar.

Jennifer Martin: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jennifer-martin-a13823103/>

Hannah Howard(she/her): Hi! Hannah Howard (she/her) from Kansas City, interested in how research can be used to better understand youth perspectives and feelings about AI.

Carly Vauthier: Carly from MT. Assistant librarian at a small, rural library.

Rebecca Singer- Full STEAM Forward: Rebecca Singer, COO Full STEAM Forward, NY. Looking forward to hearing about what we can do to help level the field for students from underserved communities around AI.

Candid Mack: Hi everyone Candid from NGCP in Dallas

Monica McQueen: STEM & CCL Projects Director in Oregon - I'm interested in best practices for recruiting more diversity in CS & AI studies and careers, and also how we can present this information to girls and more diverse youth so that they are inspired to go into this field as a career!

John Sheppard: John Sheppard, Professor of Computer Science at Montana State University. I do research in ethical and explainable AI, among other AI/ML-related areas.

Chris Wagner (he/him): Chris Wagner Atchison, KS

Caitln Davis (she/her): Hi all, I'm Caitlin with Techbridge Girls, calling in from the unceded lands of the Kumeyaay people (San Diego, CA). I'm excited to learn about empowering youth to think critically about using AI as a tool to further their learning.

Candid Mack: how is everyone is doing today?

Jennifer Martin: will we get slide deck as well?

Candid Mack: Yes, slides and the recording will be sent to all that register.

Brenda Britsch: Yes @Jennifer Martin we will share the slides and recording after the webinar.

Heidi Cian: Hi, Heidi Cian from Maine Mathematics and Science Alliance. I'm looking forward to learning more about how to support educators in equity in AI

Amanda Sullivan: We can definitely ask our speakers to share their thoughts on how to support educators in equity in AI during the Q&A!

Amy Isvik: Hi folks, I'm Amy Isvik. I'm the K-12 Engineering Outreach Program Coordinator at NC State University. I think that learning about and discussing equity in AI can be a really great avenue to connect with students.

Amanda: Hi everyone! I am Amanda an Associate Librarian from Salt Lake City Public Library. I am a member of our Committee for Digital Inclusion and have worked on issues about Digital Equity for several years, including the pilot program for the Digital Navigator program.

Brenda Britsch: Learn more about NGCP: <https://ngcproject.org/>

Maddy Coss - Imagination Station: Hi! Maddy Coss from Imagination Station in Toledo, Ohio. Interested in resources for introducing AI to students for the first time and how to frame queries to AI platforms in ways that force it to avoid biases.

Brenda Britsch: Join us for upcoming webinars and events:

<https://ngcproject.org/events-announcements>

Brenda Britsch: Subscribe to NGCP monthly e-newsletter: <http://ow.ly/Zuds30qwpOK>

Brenda Britsch: Learn more about Lalitha: <https://www.stantec.com/en/people/k/krishnamoorthy-lalitha>

Brenda Britsch: If you've just joined, please introduce yourself in the chat. We are happy to have you all here!

Jennifer Martin: Anyone familiar about this school <https://www.today.com/video/how-one-school-in-texas-is-solely-using-ai-to-teach-their-students-220192837913>

Brenda Britsch: Interesting... I will look at this after the webinar. Thanks for sharing!

Jennifer Martin: Miranda, are you a part of the Office of Ed Tech?

Miranda Bogen: I am not!

Miranda Bogen: But I have colleagues who work actively on edtech issues

Amanda Sullivan: If you have questions at any time, feel free to put them in the chat! We'll pose them to the panelists during the Q&A or try to answer some in the chat as we go.

Monica McQueen: Wow. Ironically, the SoFi: Face of Finance ad actually made me so much more interested in bias in AI and I use it to share with youth to emphasize the importance of having more girls and diverse representation in CS classes and careers to change who is developing these technologies so they can help reduce some of those biases.

Brenda Britsch: I had the same reaction to that ad - so interesting

Monica McQueen: Question: How open are companies to this kind of advice and making the changes you recommend?

Amanda Sullivan: Great question! We'll be sure to ask that today.

Jennifer Martin: Scientist, Engineer, as well...

Amanda Sullivan: Good point

Amanda Sullivan: Good point, Lalitha!

Jennifer Martin: How about Data Science as something that needs to be studied in all levels of education?

Jennifer Martin: How can that even be monitored?

Amanda Sullivan: Good questions

Jennifer Martin: It is such a balance. I don't want to get to we are throwing the "baby with the bath water" mentality.

Jennifer Martin: I feel like we are in the Wild West AI !!!

Jennifer Martin: I have professional educators that would rather go back to only use paper and pen, then deal with AI

Amy Isvik: Love this point about the power of sharing the story/voice of users

Brenda Britsch: Yes!

Amanda Sullivan: I do too!

Jennifer Martin: We have been using it for years...just not consciously until the open source & speed of it has changed.

Jennifer Martin: BANDWIDTH!!!!

Amanda Sullivan: If we don't get to your question today, please keep the conversation going with NGCP on social media!

Amanda Sullivan: Please complete our post-webinar survey:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/7UUtFTcFdD>

Amanda Sullivan: If you enjoyed this webinar, support the work of the National Girls Collaborative: <https://ngcproject.app.neoncrm.com/forms/donation>

Amanda Sullivan: NGCP's Youth Advisory Board is having a fundraiser to support their initiatives. Purchase Breaking STEM Stereotypes merchandise and receive 20% off. 100% of proceeds go back to our Youth Advisory Board. <https://ngcproject.myspreadshop.com/>

Brenda Britsch: Thank you all for joining us! We appreciate Lalitha, Parul, and Miranda sharing their expertise!

Candid Mack: Great webinar! I learned so much

Jennifer Martin: Please share LinkedIn if possible

Hannah Howard(she/her): Thank you so much. This was absolutely amazing.

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Jennifer Martin: It is beginning

Maddy Coss - Imagination Station: Thank you!!

Amanda: So much to cover here! Enjoyed the conversation!

Miranda Bogen: Feel free to follow CDT's work to keep up with my team and also all of the organization's advocacy! <https://cdt.org/>

Jennifer Martin: Can't wait to order a sweatshirt

Carly Vauthier: Hoping this will be shared so I can rewatch. So helpful, thank you all!

Monica McQueen: Great information to share with our youth and youth programs. I'd love to see another webinar or video with some "Career Exploration" with diverse kinds of presenters in this field that we could show to youth to inspire them to go into the field in some way! Thank you!