VOICES OF DATA SCIENCE

We invite you to be a part of the inaugural Voices of Data Science conference aimed at broadcasting the voices of data scientists and celebrating diversity in the field! Voices of Data Science is a virtual conference organized by UMass Amherst students.

February 19-20th, 2021
Virtually at UMass-Amherst

ABOUT

With Voices of Data Science, our mission is to provide a platform to amplify the voice of data scientists, specifically those from underrepresented communities. We aspire to build a strong and inclusive network of data scientists with a shared vision to use data science for common good. This year, we celebrate and showcase the success of women (cis and trans) and non-binary data scientists.

We welcome and value attendees of all identities.

CONFIRMED 2021 SPEAKERS

Dr. Susan Dumais
Microsoft Research
Distinguished Scientist & Deputy Managing Director

Prof. Laura Balzer
UMass Amherst
Assistant Professor and Director of the Causality Lab

Amy Prager, ABD
Applied mathematician
Advocate for underrepresented groups in STEM

Prof. Amy McGovern
U of Oklahoma
NSF AI Institute for Trustworthy AI in Weather, Climate, and Coastal Oceanography

Dr. Rumman Chowdhury
CEO and founder of Parity
BBC’s 100 Women 2017

Prof. Hima Lakkaraju
Assistant Professor at Harvard University, cofounder of the Trustworthy ML Initiative
CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Technical Vision Talks
Delivered by highly accomplished data scientists, our technical vision talks highlight their work in the common good space or their experience in navigating the world of data science

Panels
Group discussion sessions co-led by rising stars of data science

Datathon
A data hackathon for participants to apply their data science talent to a real world problem

Poster session
Featuring lightning talks and posters showcasing selected data science work from participants

Networking
A chance to connect 1-1 with our speakers, panelists or industry mentors

WHY SPONSOR US?

Voices of Data Science aims to provide a fresh perspective to all students from diverse backgrounds, be it the rising data scientists exploring this world for the first time or those data unicorns who are taking charge and leading this effort on their own. We specifically focus on two key issues that face the data science community, the need for more diversity and inclusion, and a focus on data science for the common good. This conference is organized by a team of passionate undergraduate and graduate students who seek to unite data scientists from academia and industry who share this vision.

By being a part of this initiative, we hope to connect you with our attendees who are looking for industry mentors and/or career opportunities. In these difficult times, we seek to make this platform a stepping stone to new connections in data science.

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SPONSOR OUR DATATHON

The Datathon is a data-science related hackathon that aims to give the students a chance to showcase their skills in data science, and the mentors and industry sponsors a chance to spot and nurture talent.

The Voices of Data Science team is looking for an industry sponsor to host and conduct the datathon. Ideally, the sponsor should provide a dataset, a problem statement and/or general expectations and the students will be given roughly a week to use their skills and creativity to come up with a solution.

The datathon could be hosted as a Kaggle competition and will be solely available to the participants of Voices of Data Science.

CONTACT US:

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We look forward to working together and bringing inclusivity to the field of data science!

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