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IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS

Friday, February 6, 2026 Application for degree due to The Graduate School to receive a degree in Spring

Friday, February 13, 2026 Last day to drop a FULL-TERM class for Winter in CAESAR.

Monday, February 16, 2026 Pre-registration for Spring quarter begins

Monday, February 23, 2026 Registration for Spring Quarter begins

Saturday, March 14, 2026 Winter classes end

Monday, March 16, 2026 Winter exams begin

Saturday, March 21, 2026 Spring Break Begi

We want to hear from you!

Please send any upcoming news and events to
news@cs.northwestern.edu to be included in future bulletins &/featured
on our socials/website.

Events for the bulletin must be emailed by Thursdays 12PM to be in that Friday's bulletin.

Missed a seminar? No worries!
View past seminars via the Northwestern CS Website
(northwestern login required).

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UPCOMING SEMINARS

February

2nd - Xiaorui Sun

25th - Austin Mordahl

Please note the public lecture scheduled for January has been postponed to later in the spring quarter. More details will be provided in a subsequent announcement.

CS Department Events

BAGEL THURSDAY

Join us for our monthly free bagels and coffee while mingling with fellow faculty and students.

There will also be another informal discussion from hosted by CSPAC and CSSI on the topic "AI in Research".

🕒 Thursday, January 29, 2026
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

📍 Mudd Hall, 3514,
2233 Tech Drive, Evanston, IL 60208

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Other Events

NNCI: "GENERATIVE AI FOR MOLECULES & MATERIALS" - FEATURING JULIUS LUCKS, CHRIS WOLVERTON, CHRIS SCHUH

Join us for an in-person Distinguished Panel event featuring Julius Lucks, Chris Wolverton, moderated by Chris Schuh.

Title: "**Generative AI for Molecules & Materials**"

Since the award of the 2024 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, AI is no longer a theoretical tool. AlphaFold and its successors are now being used to rapidly identify disease targets, create novel molecules, and predict drug properties (like toxicity and effectiveness), significantly faster and cheaper than before. Likewise, Gnome and its successors are now reshaping the landscape of materials design, allowing designers to specify function first and then generate potential structures, dramatically speeding up discovery. Join our Distinguished Panel to learn how AI is reshaping the synthesis of materials, molecules, and drugs!

Lunch will be provided. **Registration is required.**

🕒 Thursday, February 5, 2026
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM CT

📍 Chambers Hall, Ruan Conference Room,
600 Foster St, Evanston, IL 60208

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Awards



**Canyu Chen
wins Best
Paper Award
at the AAAI
2026
TrustAgent
Workshop**

[Award Details](#)



**Canyu Chen
was awarded a
\$5,000 Tinker
Research
Grant from
Thinking
Machines Lab
on January 9,
2026.**

[Award Details](#)

CS News



This Professor Won the ‘Nobel for Education.’ Here’s What His Work Means for Educators

Speaking with Education Week, Professor Uri Wilensky discussed agent-based modeling and why it matters for students in the age of AI.

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Harnessing the Power of Quantum

Early in a career that’s gotten underway as the potential for quantum computing has begun to accelerate, Kate Smith is focused on leading both academic researchers and companies toward a future in which the vast power of quantum becomes scalable for an exciting array of uses.

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