

2025 CFEE AI Seminar

Meeting Bios

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

JONATHAN CARTER

***Associate Laboratory Director for Computing Sciences
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Jonathan Carter is the Associate Laboratory Director for Computing Sciences at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Berkeley Lab). The Computing Sciences Area at Berkeley Lab encompasses the National Energy Research Scientific Computing Division (NERSC), the Scientific Networking Division (home to the Energy Sciences Network, ESnet) the Applied Mathematics and Computational Research Division, and the Scientific Data Division.

Carter's research interests are in the evaluation of system architectures and algorithms for high-performance computing, and in computational chemistry and physics simulations. Recently he has been engaged in a project to look at computer architectures beyond the end of Moore's Law and has focused on techniques to perform simulations for computational chemistry using newly developed quantum computing test beds. He brings a unique perspective to his work, formed from using computing resources as a domain scientist, from performing performance analyses of computer architectures, and from his experience in moving large-scale computational systems from idea to reality.

Carter joined Computing Sciences as part of the National Energy Research Scientific Computing (NERSC) Division at the end of 1996, working with a broad range of scientists to optimize applications, transition projects from shared-memory vector systems to massively parallel systems, and providing in-depth consulting for materials scientists and chemists using NERSC. He became group leader of the consulting group at the end of 2005. During his time at NERSC, he led or played a lead role in teams that procured and deployed three of the fastest computing systems in the world.

Before coming to Berkeley Lab, Carter worked at the IBM Almaden Research Center with the Center for Computational Chemistry with a focus on developing fast, accurate and usable electronic structure models and software, and generally on chemical problems relevant to IBM's business. During his postdoctoral work at the University of British Columbia, Canada, he participated in some of the first work to use Density Functional Theory to calculate the electromagnetic properties of small molecules. He holds a Ph.D. and B.S. in chemistry from the University of Sheffield, UK.

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RUDY REYES

***Regional VP and Deputy General Counsel
State Regulatory, Gov't Affairs & Local Engagement
Verizon***



Rudy is a seasoned telecommunications attorney and public policy leader with more than twenty years of experience advancing regulatory, legislative, and community initiatives. He serves as Verizon's Regional Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, overseeing state regulatory strategy, government affairs, and local engagement across the western and southern United States.

Throughout his tenure, Rudy has guided high-impact initiatives, including securing California Public Utilities Commission approval for Verizon's acquisition of TracFone and forging pioneering 5G infrastructure partnerships with major California cities. Widely recognized for his collaborative leadership, he builds strong relationships with policymakers and community stakeholders to expand connectivity and economic opportunity.

Rudy has been featured in media outlets such as ABC30 Fresno and KCRA3 Sacramento. He holds an A.B. from Harvard College and a J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School and serves on the boards of the Bay Area Council, the California Chamber of Commerce, and the Silicon Valley Leadership Group.

DAN SETTERBY

***Associate Director, Verizon Innovation Labs
Verizon***



Dan Setterby leads the Engineering, Consulting, and Customer Engagement teams at Verizon's Edge and AI Innovation Lab in San Francisco, transforming frontier technologies—5G, AI, and Multi-access Edge Computing—into measurable business outcomes. With nearly two decades of experience in Innovation Management, Technology Strategy, and Digital Transformation, he orchestrates Verizon's innovation ecosystem by vetting strategic partners, driving co-innovation initiatives, and hosting over 250 executive briefings annually at the 35,000 square-foot Innovation Center.

During his 15+ years at Verizon, Dan has held progressive leadership roles and ranked in the top 3% globally as Business Development Manager for the IoT/M2M Partner Program. His expertise spans strategic partnerships, GTM enablement, and translating complex technical concepts into executive narratives that accelerate business transformation. Prior to Verizon, he provided consultative

solutions to C-suite executives at Iron Mountain Records Management and ADP across government, legal, financial, and healthcare sectors.

Beyond his corporate leadership, Dan is deeply committed to bridging technology and local communities through active engagement with academic and non-profit organizations, providing next-generation leaders with the insights needed to succeed in the competitive technology marketplace. He holds a BA in Psychology from Saddleback College, is fluent in English and Swedish, and is certified in 5G Networks and Services.

AMY ALZINA

Chair, AI Task Force

Association of CA School Administrators & Superintendent/Principal, Cold Spring School District

Dr. Amy Alzina is currently the Superintendent/Principal of the Cold Spring School District in Montecito, CA, a position she has held for the past eight years.



Dr. Amy Alzina's approach to leadership is centered on creating a collaborative student-centered team focused on ensuring the academic and social emotional support of every child.

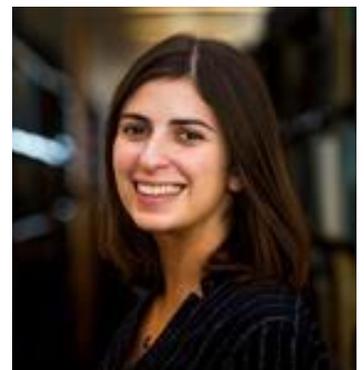
As Superintendent/Principal for Cold Spring School District, Dr. Amy Alzina has achieved the top District ranking in the State in ELA, Math, and Science for the past five years. Most recently, the District has been recognized as a 2023 California Distinguished School, a 2023 Exemplary Arts in Education School, and received a AAA Financial Rating from S&P Global.

Prior to Cold Spring, Dr. Amy Alzina served eighteen years in the Santa Barbara Unified School District, eleven years as an Elementary Principal and Interim Elementary Assistant Superintendent and seven years as a teacher. While principal at Adams Elementary School and the Santa Barbara Community Academy, both schools were recognized as California Distinguished Schools and Title I Achieving Schools. At the time of Dr. Alzina's departure from Adams Elementary, it was recognized as a National ESEA Distinguished School.

SARA G. MURRAY

***MD, Chief Health AI Officer and Vice President
UCSF Health***

Sara Murray, MD, MAS, is Vice President, Chief Health AI Officer for UCSF Health. She also serves as Associate Chief Medical Information Officer for Inpatient Care at UCSF Health. She is Associate Professor of Clinical



Medicine and Associate Chief for Health System Partnerships in the Division of Clinical Informatics and Digital Transformation (DoC-IT).

Dr. Murray is a strategic health system leader for informatics, digital health, and data science. Her team builds infrastructure and governance processes to ensure deployment of impactful and ethical AI, evaluates commercially available tools and algorithms for trustworthiness prior to implementation, and develops new machine learning models to address pressing health system problems. She is responsible for the overall vision and strategy for the use of AI at scale to transform healthcare delivery at UCSF Health and beyond. She spends her clinical time attending the hospital medicine service.

Sara completed a Certificate in Biomedical Research (2011), an M.D. in Medicine (2011), and an Internal Medicine residency (2014) at the University of California, San Francisco. She later earned a Master of Advanced Study in Clinical Research from UCSF in 2017.

ROBIN GOLDSMITH

***Practice Leader, Healthcare, Insurance and Life Sciences
Verizon Business***



Robin Goldsmith leads the Healthcare & Life Sciences practice at Verizon Business, guiding a team of industry veterans in helping customers navigate connected health solutions. With over 15 years of healthcare sector experience, he serves as a thought leader and subject matter expert, focusing on Connected Hospital, Virtual Care, Care at Home, and Patient & Clinician Experience. Robin hosts the "Healthcare on Air by Verizon" podcast and launched the Healthcare on Air Summit event series, bringing clinical leaders and innovators together to discuss the industry's future.

Prior to Verizon, Robin held senior leadership positions at Crossix Solutions, developing the Provider Solutions division's go-to-market strategy and driving 150% to goal with \$5M in new revenue, and at PatientPoint, where he tripled Northeast sales team revenue and exceeded quota by 50%. At Everyday Health Group, he rose to Senior Director of Provider Solutions, driving \$15M in annual sales while developing innovative products like MomConnect. His diverse background also includes voice-over work for clients such as Showtime and The Smithsonian Channel.

Originally from the UK and now based in Brooklyn, Robin brings a global perspective to his work in healthcare innovation. He holds a BA in History and French from the University of Delaware. Outside of his professional pursuits, he enjoys rock climbing, traveling, and spending time with his partner Whitney and their two cats.

AI and Labor Roundtable

CHRIS HANNAN

President

State Building & Construction Trades Council of CA

Chris Hannan was sworn in as President of the State Building and Construction Trades Council in July 2023 after being unanimously elected by the SBCTC Executive Board. Previously, Hannan served as Executive Secretary of the LA/OC Building Trades.



Hannan, a 29-year union member, began his career as an apprentice at Sprinkler Fitters UA Local 709 and became a journeyman, apprenticeship instructor, and then President of the local.

Hannan resides in Orange County with his wife and two children.

LORENA GONZALEZ

President

California Federation of Labor Unions, AFL-CIO

Lorena Gonzalez has dedicated her career to expanding workers' rights through organizing, politics, and legislation. From transforming the San Diego region as head of the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, to passing landmark labor laws in the State Assembly, to her historic leadership of the California Federation of Labor Unions, Lorena has relentlessly championed the cause of the working class.



Her efforts have achieved groundbreaking advances for millions of working Californians—including paid sick leave for every employee in the state, overtime pay for farmworkers, and the strongest laws in the nation against worker misclassification and wage theft. These historic victories established California at the forefront of labor policy and set a national agenda on workers' rights. As both a legislator and labor leader, she has been a leader in tackling emerging technology in the workplace, including creating protections against dangerous warehouse production quotas at Amazon and leading the fight to establish guardrails for the use of AI. She currently serves as the National Co-Chair of AFL-CIO State Federation AI Task Force.

Lorena was raised by a single mom who worked as a nurse and a father who immigrated from Mexico to work in the strawberry fields of San Diego County. Her first summer job was working at the Community Services arm of the Labor Council, providing support to striking workers. She is a graduate of Stanford University, and earned a master's degree from Georgetown University and a law degree from UCLA.

In 2022, Lorena became the first woman and first person of color to be elected as President of the California Federation of Labor Unions, AFL-CIO. Under her leadership, the Federation has built a stronger, more accessible Labor Movement through prioritizing all forms of organizing and building solidarity across unions. She has revived the Member to Member political program to build engagement and power for all Union families. Lorena consistently and unapologetically ensures that the voices, needs, and rights of all workers remain at the forefront of public discourse in California.

PETER LEROE-MUÑOZ

Senior Vice President of Technology & General Counsel Bay Area Council

Peter is Senior Vice President of Technology and Innovation and General Counsel for the Bay Area Council. Peter brings deep expertise at the intersection of law, technology, and public policy, along with years of respected leadership in Silicon Valley. He is widely admired in Sacramento and across the state for his ability to build consensus on some of the most complex and pressing issues facing the technology sector. His thoughtful and pragmatic approach has earned him a reputation as a trusted advisor to both business leaders and policymakers.



In his role, Peter oversees policy management and advocacy to ensure Silicon Valley's innovation leadership in matters of artificial intelligence, data centers, data privacy, international trade, antitrust, digital assets, immigration and more.

Peter began his career in intellectual property litigation and held leadership legal roles at a financial firm. Prior to his corporate experience, Peter served as a Deputy District Attorney for over five years, where he prosecuted narcotics crimes, violent offenses, and financial crimes. From 2011-2022, Peter was an elected official and served as Mayor Pro Tem and Council Member for the City of Gilroy. He represented the city on the Santa Clara County Cities Association and the Gilroy Gang Task Force and helped navigate the city through the aftermath of the Garlic Festival shooting.

Peter is bilingual in English and Spanish. Peter is considered a thought leader for innovation topics and is often quoted in a variety of publications including Bloomberg, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, China Global Television Network, The SF Chronicle, and San Jose Mercury, among others.

He earned a BA with honors in Political Science from UC Berkeley and a JD from Harvard Law School. He is married to Rosanna Leroe-Muñoz who is the CEO of a fintech startup.

KATE SMILEY

Director of Public Affairs

STACK Infrastructure



Kate Smiley is a seasoned public affairs and government relations leader with deep experience across the technology, energy, and infrastructure sectors. She currently serves as Director of Public Affairs at STACK Infrastructure, guiding state-level policy strategy and external engagement for one of the nation’s leading data center platforms. Prior to joining STACK, she was Senior Director of State Government Affairs at Oracle, where she managed key state-level policy priorities and strengthened relationships with policymakers nationwide.

Before moving into the private sector, Smiley spent more than a decade shaping policy in Virginia and on Capitol Hill. She led Virginia government affairs for the Data Center Coalition, served as Assistant Vice President at McGuireWoods Consulting, and was Chief of Staff to Delegate Rip Sullivan, where she oversaw legislative strategy, political operations, and major clean energy initiatives—including helping advance the Virginia Clean Economy Act. Earlier in her career, she worked in the U.S. House of Representatives, first as Legislative Correspondent and later as Legislative Assistant, managing a broad policy portfolio and coordinating policy engagement with business and advocacy stakeholders.

She holds a B.A. in Government from Georgetown University.