

# UBUNTU ETHICS & AI: WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN-CENTERED

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Artificial Intelligence is transforming how we live, learn, and connect, but whose values guide its design, and who gets left behind? This session introduces Ubuntu, the African philosophy of “I am because we are,” as a framework for building ethical, human-centered AI. Rooted in fairness, dignity, and the collective good, Ubuntu challenges individualistic models of innovation and reimagines AI as a tool for justice and community well-being.

Join us for a conversation that blends ethics, education, and technology to explore how Ubuntu can guide AI toward a more human-centered digital future.



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Alecia Blackwood is an author, consultant, coach, facilitator, international speaker, and former Fulbright-Hays Scholar for Namibia and Botswana with over 25 years of experience in education. Dr. Blackwood is recognized as one of the leading experts in the USA on Ubuntu pedagogy, a humanistic approach to fostering student engagement in teaching and learning. She was recently awarded the 2024 ISTE faculty research fellow, where she is exploring research on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in school environments. Currently, she is also an Assistant Professor of Education at Longwood University.

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