# Event Agenda

Women in Data Science Conference

## Thu, Mar 13, 2025

**7:30 AM - 8:30 AM**          **Registration & Networking**

**8:30 AM - 9:00 AM**          **Welcome to WiDS!**
Location: Crown Ballroom

**9:00 AM - 9:55 AM**          **Morning Keynote: Camille Stewart Gloster on "An Evolving AI Landscape"**
Location: Crown Ballroom
Speaker: Camille Stewart Gloster

**9:55 AM - 10:00 AM**          **A Word from Our Sponsors**

**10:00 AM - 10:55 AM**          **Panel: Breaking Barriers: Women Leading the Way in Data Science**
Location: Crown Ballroom
Speakers: Ilieva Ageenko, Camille Stewart Gloster, Lekha Banerjee, Greta Loveheim

**10:55 AM - 11:00 AM**          **A Word from Our Sponsors**
Location: Crown Ballroom

**11:00 AM - 11:15 AM**          **Networking Break**

**11:15 AM - 12:00 PM**        **Breakout Session 1**

### Fortifying AI: Tackling Adversarial Threats and Building Defenses
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Location: Crown Room 1/2/3
Speaker: Pravallika Devineni

### Coding Confidence: Empowering the Next Generation of Women in Data Science
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Location: Crown Room 4
Speakers: Jessica Dunn, Ashleigh Sico, Nora Bryant, Delaney McClure, Laura Lamm

### Quantum Computing in Fintech: First Steps and Fresh Perspectives
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Location: Crown Room 5
Speakers: Karrin Russo, Lekha Banerjee, Parisia Clyburn-Patton, Vijaya Raghunathan

### Beyond Boundaries: Promoting Diversity in Data Science Across Genders and Geographies
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Location: Mallard Creek 1
Speaker: Courtny Wiggs

### Explaining the Unseen: Enhancing Machine Learning Interpretability and Explainability with XAI Techniques for Shark Presence Prediction in Coastal Massachusetts
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Location: Mallard Creek 2
Speakers: Pamela Thompson, Grace Casselberry

### The Art of Storytelling in Data Science
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Location: Toby Creek
Speaker: Sabina Azizli

### AI for All: Building Inclusive Language Models
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Location: Reedy Creek
Speaker: Vrushali Sawant

### Redefining AI Leadership: Women Innovators in Healthcare and Drug Discovery
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Location: Sugar Creek
Speaker: Ravalika Aduri

### "From Text Tsunami to Data Paradise: The GenAI Way"
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Location: 49er Gold Room
Speaker: Dhwani Contractor

### LLM System Design: Engineering for Advanced Reasoning
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Location: 49er Green Room
Speaker: Pooja Sharma

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**12:00 PM - 1:30 PM**        **Lunch/Career Fair**

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**1:30 PM - 2:30 PM**        **Keynote Sheila Jordan, Honeywell "Driving Digital Transformation with Data and AI"**
Location: Crown Ballroom
Keynote Speaker: Sheila Jordan

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**2:30 PM - 2:35 PM**        **Closing Remarks: Speaker TBD**

| 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM | **Breakout Session 2** |

**Implementing AI Responsibly**
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM
Location: Crown Room 1/2/3
Speakers: Saumya Deepesh Kumar, Nandini Ganapathy, Funmi Omoliki

**Navigating in Data Privacy and Regulatory Compliance Space**
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM
Location: Crown Room 4
Speakers: Mariam Kapanadze, Katherine (Heighington) Stout

**Personalizing Retail E-Commerce at Scale**
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM
Location: Crown Room 5
Speaker: Zenefa Rahaman

**The Future of Work with AI Agents**
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM
Location: Mallard Creek 1
Speaker: Lucie DeCristofaro

**Privacy in the Age of AI: Legal Strategies for Protecting Data in a Machine Learning World**
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM
Location: Mallard Creek 2
Speaker: Jade Davis

**Are you worried about the Trust gap between humans and machines? explainable AI (XAI) , is the solution. Here is how.**
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM
Location: Toby Creek
Speaker: Kabita Paul

**AI of a Different Kind - Advanced Interviewing and how it can launch your career!**
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM
Location: Reedy Creek
Speaker: Jaime Staengel

| 3:00 PM - 4:35 PM | **WORKSHOPS** |

**Prompt like a Pro**
3:00 PM - 4:35 PM
Location: Sugar Creek
Speaker: Ava Grossman

**Introduction to Data Engineering, Generative AI, and Hands-On Training with Data Pipelines**
3:00 PM - 4:35 PM
Location: 49er Gold Room
Speaker: Divya Chintada

**Assigning tags to articles using a limited training dataset**
3:00 PM - 4:35 PM
Location: 49er Green Room
Speaker: Flora Tran

| 3:50 PM - 4:35 PM | **Breakout Session 3** |

**Reality Check: Is your Data Ready for AI?**
3:50 PM - 4:35 PM
Location: Crown Room 4
Speakers: Holly Sowinski, Courtney Parry, Kailee Zeltner, Emily Johnson

**LLMs and RAG: Redefining the Future of AI Applications**
3:50 PM - 4:35 PM
Location: Crown 5
Speakers: Rittika Mitra, Afsana Akther Asha

**Leveraging Machine Learning Methods and Compelling Visuals to Inform Government Decision-making**
3:50 PM - 4:35 PM
Location: Mallard Creek 1
Speaker: Amber Sanders

**Holograms and ChatGPT: What is Possible in Data Science**
3:50 PM - 4:35 PM
Location: Mallard Creek 2
Speaker: Liz Johnson

**Considerations for Data Ethics Policies for Foundations and Non-profit Organizations**
3:50 PM - 4:35 PM
Location: Toby Creek
Speaker: Lindsay Messinger

**Bridging the Gap: Leveraging Data Science and AI to Empower Suppliers and Drive Growth in Food Service Management**
3:50 PM - 4:35 PM
Location: Reedy Creek
Speakers: Amy Massa, Margaux von Buren

| 4:35 PM - 5:30 PM | **Reception & Career Fair** |