



## Pre-Conference Day • February 16, 2026

8:30 am–12:00 pm <i>EST US/Canada</i>	<b>Keeping the Robots in Line: Provisioning Access to Content for AI Systems</b> Tony Alves, HighWire • Todd Carpenter, NISO • Margie Hllava, Access Innovations • Jessica Miles, The Informed Frontier • Matteo Ripamonti, Elsevier
9:00 am–5:00 pm	<b>JATS-Con</b> Jeffrey Beck, JATS-Con Chair
1:00–5:00 pm	<b>Tracking Usage in the Age of AI</b> Todd Carpenter, NISO • Tasha Mellins-Cohen, COUNTER • Michael Sisolak, Sage • Michelle Urberg, LibLynx

## Day One • February 17, 2026

8:30 am <i>EST US/Canada</i>	<b>Registration and Breakfast</b>
9:00 am	<b>Welcome</b> Todd Carpenter, NISO • Mary Beth Barilla, NISO
9:15 am	<b>Opening Keynote</b> Brandie Nonnecke, Americans for Responsible Innovation
10:15 am	<b>Networking Break</b>
10:30 am	<b>Addressing the Accessibility Imperative: You Have Options!</b> Bill Kasdorf, Kasdorf and Associates, LLC • Barry Bealer, Impelsys • Jessica McMillen, West Virginia University
	<b>Better Together: How Diverse Researcher Identifier Systems Can Work Together to Meet Community-Specific Needs while Achieving the Goal of Universal Interoperability</b> Alice Meadows, MoreBrains Cooperative • Julie Petro, ORCID • Christine Dunn, Clarivate • Edward Dunne, American Mathematical Society
	<b>Discovering the Future Discovery Pathways: Understanding the Journeys, Stumbling Blocks, and Solutions for Humans (and Machines)</b> Heather Staines, DeltaThink • John Felts, Coastal Carolina University • Jessica Miles, The Informed Frontier • Chris Shillum, ORCID

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## NISO Working Group Update I

Keondra Bailey, NISO • Cristin Hipke, NISO • John Chodacki, California Digital Library • Noah Levin, Springer Publishing • Boaz Nadav-Manes, Lehigh University

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12:00 pm

### Miles Conrad Award Lecture and Luncheon

Todd Carpenter, NISO • Alondra P. Nelson, Institute for Advanced Study

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1:30 pm

### Building Trust in AI: Governance, Guardrails, & Humans

Barry Bealer, Impelsys • David Myers, Data Licensing Alliance • Jay Brodsky, AAAS • Barbara Kline Pope, Johns Hopkins University Press

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### Clearing the Cobwebs from Metadata Workflows

Sean Concannon, Wiley Partner Solutions • Patricia Feeney, Crossref • Jennifer Kemp, Stratos

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### Access in Flux: What Librarians Need to Know About the Changing Scholarly Landscape

John Felts, Coastal Carolina University • Tim Lloyd, LibLynx

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### Diversification and Decentralization of Peer Review

Tony Alves, Highwire • Samanta Hindle, bioRxiv and medRxiv

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2:45 pm

### Coffee Break

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3:15 pm

### Sustaining Open Research: Shared Infrastructure, Shared Responsibility

Ravi Venkataramani, Kriyadocs • Katherine Skinner, Invest in Open Infrastructure • Nick Steinwachs, Notch8

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### From Threat to Opportunity: How Can We Ensure That Scholarly Metadata Isn't a Point of Vulnerability in Our Increasingly Censored World?

Alice Meadows, MoreBrains Cooperative • John Chodacki, California Digital Library • Patricia Feeney, Crossref • Lauren Marra, PLOS

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### Measuring Usage and Making Value Out of AI Services

Michelle Urberg, LibLynx • Rikki Gracia, Senior Manager, IEEE XPlore Analytics & Insights

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### Meet the NISO Board

Jonathan Clark, The DOI Foundation • Rhonda Ross, CAS • Emily Singley, Elsevier • Leslie Sharp, Georgia Institute of Technology • Robert Wheeler, ASME

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4:45 pm

### Day One Close

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6:00 pm

### Conference Reception

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## Day Two • February 18, 2026

8:00 am

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### Breakfast

9:00 am

#### **Headless Scholarly Infrastructure: The Hard Questions about Access, Identity, and Standards Nobody's Answering Yet**

Emily Hazzard, Silverchair • Jeremy Little, Silverchair

#### **Interoperability in Practice: Building Sustainable Collaboration Across Libraries, Vendors, and Publishers**

Carl Piraneo, PALCI • Lenny Allen, Bloomsbury • Sebastian Hammer, IndexData •

#### **Responsible Approaches to Training AI Systems**

Jessica Miles, The Informed Frontier • Jonathan Woahn, Cashmere.io

10:15 am

### Coffee Break

10:45 am

#### **The Fund(er) Gap: Making Sense of Federal Layoffs and the Impact on University Libraries**

Perry Collins, University of Florida Libraries • Hadassah St. Hubert, University of Maryland Libraries • Ashley Sands, Johns Hopkins Sheridan Libraries

#### **The Metadata Imperative: Building Interoperable Infrastructure for Research Integrity, Discovery, and Author Experience**

Josh Dahl, Silverchair •

#### **Not Just Supporting Information...Starring Data Takes Center Stage**

Jeff Lang, FigureTwo • Jennifer Kemp, Stratos • Michelle Wilson, University of Maryland

#### **NISO Working Group Update 2**

Keondra Bailey, NISO • Cristin Hipke, NISO • John Felts, Coastal Carolina University • Patrick Hargitt • Margie Hlava, Access Innovations • Melissa Jones, Silverchair • Chris Shillum, ORCID

12:00 pm

### Lunch

1:30 pm

### Lightning Presentations

#### **Metadata, Meaning, and Machines: Library Experiments with Generative AI**

Russell Michalak, Goldey-Beacom College • Lorrie McAllister, Hofstra University • Patrick Burden, West Virginia University

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## Perspectives on Trust Markers for Publishing

Alice Meadows, MoreBrains Cooperative • Blaine Butler, Center for Open Science • Emily Esten, ORCID • John Willinsky, Public Knowledge Project

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**Coffee Break**

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3:15 pm

**Closing Session and Conference Close**

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