



## Pre-Conference Day • February 16, 2026

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8:30 am–12:00 pm **Keeping the Robots in Line: Provisioning Access to Content for AI Systems**  
*EST US/Canada*

Tony Alves, HighWire • Todd Carpenter, NISO • Margie Hillava, Access Innovations • Jessica Miles, The Informed Frontier • Matteo Ripamonti, Elsevier

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9:00 am–5:00 pm **JATS-Con**

Jeffrey Beck, JATS-Con Chair

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1:00–5:00 pm **Tracking Usage in the Age of AI**

Todd Carpenter, NISO • Tasha Mellins-Cohen, COUNTER • Michael Sisolak, Sage • Michelle Urberg, LibLynx

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8:30 am **Registration and Breakfast**  
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9:00 am **Welcome**  
Todd Carpenter, NISO • Mary Beth Barilla, NISO

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9:15 am **Opening Keynote**  
Brandie Nonnecke, Americans for Responsible Innovation

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10:15 am **Networking Break**

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10:30 am **Addressing the Accessibility Imperative: You Have Options!**  
Bill Kasdorf, Kasdorf and Associates, LLC • Barry Bealer, Impelsys • Jessica McMillen, West Virginia University

**Better Together: How Diverse Researcher Identifier Systems Can Work Together to Meet Community-Specific Needs while Achieving the Goal of Universal Interoperability**

Alice Meadows, MoreBrains Cooperative • Julie Petro, ORCID • Christine Dunn, Clarivate • Edward Dunne, American Mathematical Society

**Discovering the Future Discovery Pathways: Understanding the Journeys, Stumbling Blocks, and Solutions for Humans (and Machines)**

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 XPlor 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 <i>EST US/Canada</i>	<b>Breakfast</b>
9:00 am	<b>Headless Scholarly Infrastructure: The Hard Questions about Access, Identity, and Standards Nobody's Answering Yet</b> Emily Hazzard, Silverchair • Jeremy Little, Silverchair
	<b>Interoperability in Practice: Building Sustainable Collaboration Across Libraries, Vendors, and Publishers</b> Carl Piraneo, PALCI • Lenny Allen, Bloomsbury • Sebastian Hammer, IndexData •
	<b>Responsible Approaches to Training AI Systems</b> Jessica Miles, The Informed Frontier • Jonathan Woahn, Cashmere.io
10:15 am	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:45 am	<b>The Fund(er) Gap: Making Sense of Federal Layoffs and the Impact on University Libraries</b> Perry Collins, University of Florida Libraries • Hadassah St. Hubert, University of Maryland Libraries • Ashley Sands, Johns Hopkins Sheridan Libraries
	<b>The Metadata Imperative: Building Interoperable Infrastructure for Research Integrity, Discovery, and Author Experience</b> Josh Dahl, Silverchair •
	<b>Not Just Supporting Information...Starring Data Takes Center Stage</b> Jeff Lang, FigureTwo • Jennifer Kemp, Stratos • Michelle Wilson, University of Maryland
	<b>NISO Working Group Update 2</b> 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	<b>Lunch</b>
1:30 pm	<b>Lightning Presentations</b>
	<b>Metadata, Meaning, and Machines: Library Experiments with Generative AI</b> 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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2:45 pm **Coffee Break**

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3:15 pm **Closing Session and Conference Close**

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