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CANVAS Call Time Correction

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CANVAS CALL SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY



Whoops. My bad. What I meant to say was: Join the CANVAS (CAN Virtual Association of Scholars) community for our February call, *Thursday, February 19 at 2pm EST*. Presenters will be Ren Butler (PhD Student, Carnegie Mellon University), JiWoong Jang (PhD Student, Carnegie Mellon University), and Dr. Andrew Begel (Associate Professor, Carnegie Mellon University), presenting *“Preparing Autistic Students for the AI Workforce: Weaving Technical Skills with Social-Emotional Learning.”*

As AI becomes more central to society, autistic people risk being left out of AI careers—not because of ability, but because of communication differences and unspoken workplace norms. Many computing programs focus on technical skills while overlooking teamwork and social



learning. The presenters will describe an NSF-funded program that supports autistic community college students through a multi-week experience combining AI learning, communication practice, and social-emotional skill building, followed by internships. They will share lessons from the first year: what worked, what was challenging, and how they adapted in year two. The talk offers practical insights for creating inclusive, neurodiversity-affirming pathways into AI careers.

Please use [this agenda](#) to list your name if you plan to attend. Use this meeting link to join the call:
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