

# Catholic Studies Speaker Series

## “FOUNDATIONS OF AI ETHICS?”



with Taylor Black,  
director of AI & Venture Ecosystems at Microsoft

7pm, Tuesday, January 27

Wolff Auditorium, Jepson Center

Do you use AI regularly? Are you fascinated with AI? Does AI concern you? How do you think about your interactions with AI? What philosophical and ethical questions does AI raise? What resources can the Catholic intellectual tradition offer as we navigate this new era? Taylor Black argues, “As AI systems quietly permeate daily life—from the algorithms curating our news feeds to the automation guiding hiring decisions and policing—each promises efficiency and insight, but each also carries the risk of unintended consequences. How do we respond to such challenges? How can we ensure these powerful technologies serve justice and the common good, rather than undermine them? We need more than technical fixes; we need wisdom and moral discernment.”



Taylor Black, a Gonzaga alumnus, is director of AI & Venture Ecosystems in the Office of the Chief Technology Officer at Microsoft, where he explores the frontiers of innovation and corporate entrepreneurship. He is the founding director of a new AI and ethics institute at the Catholic University of America. Taylor is also a deacon candidate in the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix.

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