

EVENT LINEUP 2023-2024



From the Executive Director

Dear Silicon Flatirons Community,

An acquaintance told me that, almost every evening, he has two or three events in the community to choose from. "But when I see a Silicon Flatirons event," he said, "I think, 'I trust them.'"

This comment highlights Silicon Flatirons' north star. We convene <u>high caliber events</u> that illuminate valuable insights. At the intersection of technology, policy, and innovation, Silicon Flatirons helps you see what is coming around the next corner.

Below you will find our Academic Year 2023–24 lineup. A trip – or multiple trips – to Boulder is easy to recommend. I hope that you will hold the dates and plan to join us. Last year's Silicon Flatirons slate was, by the numbers, a terrific one. During AY 22–23, relative to the year before, we held 7 more events, featured 54 more speakers, offered 12 more CLE credits, and doubled our overall event attendance. Event quality, as measured quantitatively through attendee feedback and qualitatively through inspired ideas, was excellent. We will build on that momentum this year.

We have a terrific team dedicated to what I call the Silicon Flatirons Way. Our Way takes a multidisciplinary approach to issues, brings public and private sector leaders shoulder to shoulder with top academics, and is relentlessly dedicated to bringing along the next generation of students. This approach represents, I believe, some of the best of a what a leading public university should offer.

Please get out your calendar and save the dates. We hope to see you at Silicon Flatirons soon.

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Fall 2023

September 8

The Future of Startup Finance: A Symposium on Investment Crowdfunding

September 12

Startup Variety Show

September 26

Al Ethics Series

October 6

Generative AI and Copyright Conference

October 17

Startup Variety Show

October 24

Al Ethics Series

November 8

A Look Ahead to Access and Regulation in the Not-Too-Distant Broadband Future

November 16

Startup Variety Show

Spring 2024

February 4-5

Annual Flagship Conference

Date TBA

Spectrum Policy Initiative Conference

Fall 2023



September 8

The Future of Startup Finance: A Symposium on Investment Crowdfunding

This symposium marks the launch of *Investment Crowdfunding* (Oxford University Press 2023), the debut book by Colorado Law Professor and Fulbright Scholar Andrew A. Schwartz. Investment crowdfunding is a new form of online venture capital market, open to the public, that was legally authorized less than a decade ago; it's like Kickstarter, except you get a share of stock. Professor Schwartz will introduce the book and thought leaders from across the country will offer comments and discussion on the book, over the course of two panels moderated by Colorado Law faculty.

Sep 12 | Oct 17 | Nov 16 | Spring 2024 TBA Startup Variety Show

The Variety Show ranks among the best ways to engage with Colorado's Front Range entrepreneurial community. Now in its second year, this series stitches together the startup scene, CU Boulder, innovators from the Federal Labs, as well as technologists from incumbent technology companies.



September 26 | October 24 | Spring 2024 TBA

Al Ethics Series

In partnership with Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative Collegiate Program at Colorado Law

The AI Ethics lecture series returns for a second year with new topics and featured speakers. There are four scheduled sessions for fall 2023/spring 2024.

October 6 Generative Al and Copyright

This conference will explore the rapidly evolving dynamics shaping the interplay between generative AI and copyright and copyright's role in intermediating the development of AI technology and its impact on creative industries. The conference will assess the bleeding edge of copyright's doctrinal application to AI, consider the impact of the law on creators and technologists, consider future directions for copyright's intersection with artificial intelligence.



November 8

A Look Ahead to Access and Regulation in the Not-Too-Distant Broadband Future

The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program promises to expand high-speed internet access by funding planning, infrastructure deployment and adoption programs in all 50 states. This conference examines regulation in a post-BEAD world. In particular, once new network infrastructure is in place, what will the regulation of broadband entail to further the goal of broadband for all? What does universal service reform look like? How do we fulfill the promise of digital equity and digital inclusion? Please join us for a look ahead into the not-too-distant future of Broadband access and regulation.

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Summer 2024



Startup Summer

This annual program provides an energetic, high caliber boost to emerging company internships. Student participants receive a curated tour of the startup ideation and creation process, build a venture with a team of their peers, and compete in an end-of-summer pitch contest for cash prizes.



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