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Professor Kate Crawford

Research Professor | USC Annenberg
Senior Principal Research | Microsoft Research
Author | Atlas of AI (Yale, 2021)

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Professor Kate Crawford is a leading scholar of the social, political, and ecological implications of artificial intelligence. She is a Research Professor at USC Annenberg, a Senior Principal Researcher at MSR in New York, and the inaugural Abeona Visiting Chair for AI and Justice at the École Normale Supérieure. She leads the Knowing Machines Project, an international research collaboration about the epistemic foundations of machine learning. Over her twenty year career, Kate also produced groundbreaking creative collaborations and visual investigations. Her project Anatomy of an AI System with Vladan Joler won the Beazley Design of the Year Award, and is in the permanent collection of the MoMA in New York and the V&A in London. Her collaboration with the artist Trevor Paglen, Excavating AI, won the Ayrton Prize from the British Society for the History of Science. Crawford's latest book, Atlas of AI was described as "a fascinating history of data" by *the New Yorker*, a "timely and urgent contribution" by Science, and was named one of the best books of the year by both *The Financial Times* and *New Scientist*. In June, *Atlas of AI* won the Best Information Science book award from the Association for Information Science and Technology.

Angela Kim

WAI Australia Ambassador and WAI APAC Head
WAI Global Chief Education Officer

Angela is an AI professional specialised in Ethics, Bias, Diversity & Inclusion in AI and a recipient of Top 5 Analytics Leaders 2020 from the Institute of Analytics Professional Australia. She sits on the Founding Editorial Board of Springer's new & timely AI and Ethics Journal and the ACS Data Sharing Committee. Angela also sits on the Global AI Action Alliance (GAIA) for Equity & Inclusion in AI with the Global Future Council on Artificial Intelligence for Humanity at the World Economic Forum.

Dr Catriona Wallace

Founder | Responsible Metaverse Alliance
Chair | Boab AI

Dr Catriona Wallace is a specialist in the fields of Artificial Intelligence and the Metaverse. Catriona has been recognised by AFR as the most influential woman in business, and by Onalytica as one of the top speakers internationally on Ethical AI and the Metaverse. Catriona co-authored the book Checkmate Humanity: the how and why of Responsible AI.

Dr Wallace is an Adjunct Professor, Founder of the Responsible Metaverse Alliance, Co-Chair of Richard Branson's B Team AI Coalition, Director of Gradient Institute and the Garvan Institute, Chair of VC fund Boab AI and was the Founder of an AI company based out of New York. Catriona is a mother of five.

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Professor Didar Zowghi

Senior Principal Research Scientist
| AI Diversity and Inclusion Research Lead, CSIRO's Data61

Chair
| National AI Centre's Think Tank, Diversity and Inclusion in AI

Conjoint Professor
| Faculty of Engineering, University of New South Wales

Professor Didar Zowghi leads "Diversity and Inclusion in AI" research at CSIRO's Data61 and chairs the National AI Centre's Think Tank on Diversity and Inclusion in AI. She is a conjoint professor at UNSW and previously worked at UTS as a Professor of Software Engineering where she held many leadership roles including Deputy Dean, Director of the university research centre, and Director of Women in Engineering and IT.

She is an expert in the "Evidenced Based" and "Human Centred Design" research paradigms. She received IEEE Lifetime Service Award in 2019 for her outstanding leadership in the research community. In 2022, She received the IEEE TCSE Distinguished Educator Award and 2021 the Kindness & Leadership 50 Leading Lights Asia Pacific award. She is Associate Editor of IEEE Software and Springer's Requirements Engineering Journal. She has published over 200 research articles and co-authored papers with 90+ scholars from 30+ countries.

Professor Joanna Batstone

Director | Monash Data Futures Institute

Professor Joanna Batstone, PhD, is a leading global expert on AI, data analytics and technology. She has more than 20 years' experience in top executive roles in the USA, Europe and Australia, helping universities, companies and government use technology to meet their goals.

Joanna is the inaugural Director of Monash Data Futures Institute at Monash University, supporting government, companies and organisations in using AI, data analytics and insights to help with COVID recovery and develop governance and policy for social good. She is building a global reputation for the institute's ground-breaking work, along with a digital ecosystem to foster collaborative research with industry engagement. Responsible for data science and AI across the university, Joanna is passionate about the benefits of AI driving major change for social good.

Joanna joined Monash after a range of technical and business leadership roles in IBM's Research and development laboratories, including work with IBM Watson.

Professor Toby Walsh

Chief Scientist | UNSW AI Institute

Toby Walsh is an ARC Laureate Fellow and Scientia Professor of AI at UNSW and CSIRO's Data61. He is Chief Scientist of UNSW.AI, UNSW's new AI Institute. He is a strong advocate for limits to ensure AI is used to improve our lives, having spoken at the UN, and to heads of state, parliamentary bodies, company boards and many others on this topic. This advocacy has led to him being "banned indefinitely" from Russia. He is a Fellow of the Australia Academy of Science, and was named on the international "Who's Who in AI" list of influencers. He has written three books on AI for a general audience, the most recent is "Machines Behaving Badly: the morality of AI".

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Dr Maria Milosavljevic

Chief Data Integration Officer | Department of Defence

Dr Maria Milosavljevic is the inaugural Chief Data Integration Officer at the Department of Defence. In this role, she is responsible for establishing a new Division and working across the Department to deliver the Defence Data Strategy and the Defence Business Integration Program. She joined Defence from Services Australia where she spent 3 years, first as the inaugural Chief Data Officer (CDO) where she was similarly responsible for establishing a new Data and Analytics Division and defining and championing the agency's data and analytics strategy.

Dr Milosavljevic is also an Honorary Professor of Artificial Intelligence at the Australian National University (ANU). She completed a PhD in Artificial Intelligence with the Microsoft Research Institute, graduated from ANU with an Executive Master of Public Administration from ANZSOG, and is a graduate of the AICD.

Ellen Broad

Associate Professor and Senior Fellow
| School of Cybernetics, Australian National University

Ellen's substantive position is as Associate Professor with the School of Cybernetics, founded by Distinguished Professor Genevieve Bell at the Australian National University, where she focuses on designing responsible, ethical and sustainable AI. At the moment, Ellen is on leave from the ANU while working for the federal Minister for Industry and Science, the Hon Ed Husic MP, as his Senior Advisor on Science and Technology.

Ellen has spent more than a decade working in the technology sector in Australia, the UK and Europe, in leadership roles spanning engineering, data standards development and policy for organisations including CSIRO's Data61, the Open Data Institute in the UK and as an adviser to UK Cabinet Minister Elizabeth Truss. She has written for publications including The Guardian, New Scientist, Harper's Bazaar and Griffith Review and is a regular keynote speaker and commentator on technology issues. She is the author of Made by Humans: the AI Condition (Melbourne University Publishing, 2018) and co-designer of a board game about open data, alongside ODI Vice President Jeni Tennison, called Datopolis that is being played in 19 countries.

Dr Mahendra Samarawickrama

Director | The Centre for Sustainable AI

Dr Mahendra Samarawickrama (GAICD, MBA, SMIEEE, ACS(CP)) is the ACS ICT Professional of the Year 2022. He is a highly accomplished leader and entrepreneur having an impressive track record of driving visions, technology innovations and transformation towards humanity, social justice, and sustainability.

Mahendra is a Director of The Centre for Sustainable AI. He leads the Australian AI and data-science strategy while building capabilities for social justice and sustainability with diversity, equity and inclusion in AI and data science by mobilising the power of humanity. He has contributed to innovations in ESG, AI ethics and governance, climate and disaster resilience, customer experience and sustainability. He is an author, inventor, mentor and regular speaker in various tech forums, conferences and events worldwide.

Dr Jon Whittle

Director | CSIRO's Data61

Dr Jon Whittle is Director of CSIRO's Data61, the digital and data science arm of Australia's national science agency. With around 1000 staff and affiliates, Data61 is one of the largest collections of R&D expertise in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science in the world. Data61 partners with over 200 industry and government organisations, over 30 Universities, and works across vertical sectors in manufacturing, health, agriculture, and the environment. Prior to joining Data61, Jon was Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology at Monash University, the largest university in Australia. He was named CEO Magazine's 2019 Education Executive of the Year. Jon is also a former Technical Area Lead at NASA, where he worked on software for NASA space missions.

Jon is passionate about the role digital technologies can play in society. He has a world-leading reputation on how to adapt software development methods to fully take into account human values and ethics, so that we build software for a society we want rather than one we get by accident.

Blair Palese

Managing Director and Global Climate Editor | Climate & Capital Media
Director of Philanthropy | Ethinvest

Blair Palese is managing director and global climate editor at international outlet *Climate & Capital Media*, focused on the trends, opportunities and innovators in the emerging climate economy. She is also Director of Philanthropy at impact investment firm Ethinvest. She has consulted to companies and organisations on climate change, related issues to Google's X moonshot group, the C40 Cities for Climate Action, the UNSW's Climate Justice Research Program and the Australian Museum's Climate Solutions Center.

Blair has contributed to the *Guardian Australia*, science publisher *The Brilliant*, the *Fifth Estate* and *MichaelWest Media*. In 2009, Blair founded the climate organisation 350.org Australia and was CEO for 10 years. Previously, she was head of PR at The Body Shop internationally working with company founder Anita Roddick and head of communications at Greenpeace International and Greenpeace USA. Blair has worked as the editor-in-chief of *Green Pages* magazine and for ABC News, Good Morning America and *Channels Magazine* in New York. She graduated from New York University with a double degree in Politics and Journalism.

Dayle Stevens OAM

Executive | Cloud Data & Shared Technology, Telstra

Dayle has a 30-year career in technology, she loves solving big problems and enabling potential. Dayle is the Executive for Cloud, Data & Shared Technology at Telstra. Dayle has previously been the Chief Data Officer at AGL Energy, Divisional CIO and other roles at National Australia Bank, and as an IT consultant with PWC working all over the world helping businesses transform through the adoption of new technologies. She is the Board Chair at Robogals Global, and an Ambassador at Girl Geek Academy, both being global organisations aimed at encouraging women to participate in STEM.

Dayle's work has been recognised with multiple industry and professional awards, including being named in the Australian Financial Review's 100 Women of Influence, and this year being awarded an Order of Australia Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours for her services to information technology and to women.

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Dr John Flackett

Co-founder & Head | AiLab (Artificial Intelligence Laboratory)
AI Specialist in Residence | Auckland University of Technology

Dr. John Flackett is the co-founder and head of AiLab (Artificial Intelligence Laboratory); a global company headquartered in Australia providing Artificial Intelligence education programs and research. John is also the AI Specialist in Residence and AI Ambassador for Auckland University of Technology, where he's launched an 'AiLab at AUT' at the university as part of AiLab's expansion into New Zealand. John has been working in AI for over 25 years and is an international AI speaker, educator, and advisor. With a PhD in Artificial Intelligence, he has received various awards and previously spent 10 years as a senior university academic teaching AI and Software Engineering in the UK. Additionally, John is the co-founder of Adelaide AI – the largest AI networking community in South Australia.

Ana Cammaroto

Chief Information Officer
| Personal Banking and Digital, National Australia Bank

Anastasia Cammaroto was appointed as NAB's Chief Information Officer, Personal Banking and Digital, in March 2021 and is responsible for the end-to-end technology delivery that ensures we serve our customers well. Along with oversight of the development of NAB's core digital channels and shared digital platforms, Ana also leads key technology teams across Home Ownership, Personal & Everyday Banking and Retail, Direct & Operations.

Ana is a passionate advocate for addressing the gender imbalance in technology and driving growth in STEM skills across Australia. She was named as one of Australia's Top 50 CIO's in 2016 and in 2018 was selected as Woman of Influence for her work in amplifying STEM confidence and experiences in both students and adults. In 2022 Ana was awarded the Women in Banking & Finance Award for contributions to the industry across her career. Outside of work Ana is a proud mother to three children and is a lifelong music and pop culture enthusiast.

Caroline Pegram

UNSW Visiting Fellow
Strategy Advisor | Uncanny Valley Music & Tech

Caroline Pegram started her working life as sound engineer mixing Australian independent bands around the country. She has worked as a producer for award winning companies and celebrated media personalities, with a specialisation in science communications. Most notable is her 20 years as producer for Dr Karl Kruszelnicki. She is currently still a member of the Gruen team [ABCTV].

Always leading with curiosity, she ventured into the world of Artificial Intelligence in 2018, when she joined Uncanny Valley as their Innovation & Strategy Director, expanding their technology arm to form both commercial and academic global partnerships. In 2020 she led the team that won the very first global AI Song Contest. Caroline holds a Visiting Fellowship at UNSW and was a finalist in the Women in AI Awards in 2022. She is currently collaborating with the School of Cybernetics at the Australian National University.

Dr Emma Burns

Data and AI Specialist | Environment and Sustainability, Public Sector, Microsoft Australia

Dr Emma Burns is a Data and AI Specialist with Microsoft Australia where she works on environment and sustainability problems with public sector customers. Since completing her doctoral research in conservation genetics and phylogeography, she has worked in various roles in environmental consulting, research, government, and now the corporate sector.

Emma is passionate about the power of transdisciplinary and using science and technology for public good outcomes. She has published extensively on diverse topics in ecology, natural resource management, and science-policy. She is also a member of the Editorial Board for Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems, Agroecology and Ecosystem Services.

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Kylie Walker

Chief Executive Officer
| Australian Academy of Technological Sciences & Engineering

Kylie is the CEO of the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering (ATSE), where she works with expert Fellows to provide expert advice to national leadership, and lead crucial national conversations to solve complex challenges and move towards a technology-powered, human-driven future.

Kylie's a visiting Fellow at the Australian National Centre for the Public Awareness of Science. She was Chair of the Australian National Commission for UNESCO, is a member of Chief Executive Women, and has been named an AFR 100 Women of Influence for her work to improve equity, diversity and inclusion in STEM.

Anna-Maria Arabia

Chief Executive | Australian Academy of Science

Anna-Maria Arabia has over 20 years' experience in the science sector and is an experienced Chief Executive currently leading the Australian Academy of Science, an independent organisation that provides authoritative and influential scientific advice, represents Australia on key international scientific bodies, builds public awareness and understanding of science, and champions excellence in Australian science. In this role Anna-Maria has led significant reform in global science engagement, in science policy matters; and in improving diversity and inclusion in science.

Starting her career as a neuroscientist, Anna-Maria undertook medical research in Australia and abroad, before applying her skills to policy development both in the Australian public service and in politics where she has provided policy advice across many social and economic portfolios. She has held several senior executive positions in the science sector where she has worked extensively with parliamentarians, the business and community sectors, and the media. She is a strategic advocate for evidence-informed decision making, social justice, diversity and inclusion.