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Lenore Blum, PhD, is Distinguished Career Professor of Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon and Founding Director of Project Olympus, an innovation center fostering very early stage student and faculty enterprises. She is internationally recognized for her work in increasing the participation of girls and women in STEM fields. Her research—founding a theory of computation and complexity over continuous domains—forms a theoretical basis for scientific computation.

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J. Zico Kolter, PhD, is Assistant Professor in the Computer Science Department and the Computation, Organizations, and Society program in the School of Computer Science. His research focuses on sustainable energy domains, with a focus on core learning, inference, and control tasks within this space, with applications including energy disaggregation, wind turbine control, large-scale resource forecasting, and smart grid planning and control.

Noah Smith, PhD, is Finmeccanica Associate Professor of Language Technologies and Machine Learning in the School of Computer Science. His research interests, covered in his book Linguistic Structure Prediction, include statistical natural language processing, especially unsupervised methods, machine learning for structured data, and applications of natural language processing.

Ian Lane, PhD, is Research Assistant Professor in Electrical and Computer Engineering and the Language Technologies Institute, working in the areas of speech recognition, machine learning, and spoken language understanding. He leads the speech processing efforts at CMU Silicon Valley and is PI of the CUDA Center of Excellence at CMU.

Adrien Treuille, PhD, is Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Robotics at Carnegie Mellon University. One research thread seeks model-reduction approaches to complex phenomena such as animal morphology, human motion, and large fluid systems. A complimentary thread addresses complex scientific challenges through multiplayer online games such as Foldit (protein folding) and EteRNA (nano-engineering).

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1:10 CMU FACULTY RESEARCH IN BIG DATA AND MACHINE LEARNING
Lenore Blum, Co-director, Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Computational Methods for Sustainable Energy
J. Zico Kolter www.cs.cmu.edu/~zkolter
Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Software Research
Sustainable energy presents one of the chief challenges facing society, and computational methods can play a role in transforming how we understand and optimize energy. This talk will highlight some of the ongoing research using machine learning and data analysis techniques to tackle key challenges in sustainable energy systems.

Text and Social Context
Noah Smith www.cs.cmu.edu/~nasmith
Finnmeccanica Associate Professor of Language Technologies and Machine Learning
This talk will review statistical analyses of large-scale text datasets, including social media, exploring how language varies with social variables, and how we can use text to forecast social outcomes in scientific and political domains.

Accelerating Speech Analytics
Ian Lane www.cs.cmu.edu/~ianlane
Research Assistant Professor, CMU Silicon Valley
Over the past two years, large-scale machine learning approaches such as Deep-Networks have dramatically improved the accuracy of large vocabulary speech recognition. This talk will review the state-of-the-art in speech recognition and speech-analytic technologies and present recent work in GPU-accelerated machine learning and speech recognition for large-scale speech-analytics and related tasks.

Crowdsourcing: Future of Labor
Adrien Treuille www.cs.cmu.edu/~treuille
Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Robotics
This talk will present experiences creating large-scale crowdsourcing projects, which have involved hundreds of thousands of non-expert gamers in the search for scientific truth. His talk will go over the implications and challenges of this new crowdsourcing approach, not only on a technological level, but also on educational, legal, and economic levels.

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1:10 BIG DATA AND MACHINE LEARNING STARTUPS FROM CMU
Paul Wellener IV, Lead University Principal, Deloitte

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Prashant Reddy (MS in Machine Learning, ’12; PhD in Machine Learning, ’13)
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2:00-3:00 BREAKOUT SESSIONS WITH CMU FACULTY RESEARCHERS

4:00-5:00 BREAKOUT SESSIONS WITH CMU STARTUPS

5:00-6:00 NETWORKING RECEPTION IN THE GRAND LOBBY