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UPCOMING EVENT

Announcing an Exciting October Event: Reimagining the Script



This one-of-a-kind event brings together two worlds: film and STEM. Whether you're a professional, student, or advocate in either field—or simply love a great short film and thoughtful conversation—join us for this enjoyable and impactful event.

We will screen short films from Womanhood: The Series (Season 2) that use humor to explore the cultural attitudes and biases that women face in STEM or any male-dominated profession. Meet the directors and filmmakers, **Jessica McGaugh** and **Sheila E. Schroeder**, and join an expert panel discussion on how storytelling shapes perceptions—and what more authentic representation of women's contributions and capabilities would look like.

Using comedy to highlight social injustices and biases, the Womanhood project offers a unique storytelling approach that has already proven impactful. Season 1 received eight awards and over 55 international film festival acceptances, demonstrating that audiences want to see high-quality content with female leads and stories about women.

Jessica McGaugh is an award-winning filmmaker-educator and a professor of film and television production at San Diego State University. **Sheila E. Schroeder** is a core filmmaker and co-creator of the project and a professor of Media, Film & Journalism Studies at the University of Denver. Other panelists include **Kathryn Gould**, film director, screenwriter and founder of Women in Film & Media Colorado and **Wenhwa Ts'ao**, award-winning filmmaker and professor in Columbia's School of Film and Television, and more.

Come for the films! Stay for the conversation that could change how you see the future! Register for either **Columbia College on** Oct 3 or **College of DuPage on** Oct 4.

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Alive Center STEM Exploration Day



On Saturday, August 15, Vision 1948 once again participated in the annual Alive Center STEM Exploration Day in Naperville. It was a vibrant event, with many business and educational groups providing hands-on activities. Students, mostly Gr. 4 and below, and their parents enjoyed Vision 1948's educational activities about technology, AI, and math puzzles. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers Betsy Covell, Randee Adams, Asha Hariprasad, Phyllis Tom, and Eileen Gelblat.

AI For Humanity Workshop Pilot



Vision 1948 piloted a multi-module workshop, "AI for Humanity," designed for middle schoolers. The instructional sessions include AI Foundation, Basic Programming using JavaScript, and Integrating JavaScript and Google's Teachable Machine to create a prototype project to improve society. Students presented their projects and were judged based on problem definition, solution, code quality, and reflection on their learnings. Early feedback has been very positive. Our student intern, Surina Yada, did an outstanding job creating and delivering the workshop. The workshop will be fine-tuned and offered broadly in the near future. Stay tuned!

IEEE WIE International Leadership Summit



Join industry experts and leaders (including Vision 1948's Loredana Abramo) as they share real-life experiences, lessons learned, and the future outlook on leadership and Generative AI at the upcoming IEEE WIE International Leadership Summit on Sept 18 at 7:30 am in Naperville, IL. Register here. There is a Labor Day Special Promotion offering 50% off registration with the code CONSTD50 (valid through September 7).

Featuring a New Trailblazer

Our latest Trailblazer is Marian Croak, who pioneered and advocated successfully for Voice over IP, opening the door to apps like Zoom and WhatsApp to use the internet for voice and video traffic. She was recently inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame. Please visit the Trailblazers page on our website.