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**AI Ethics Expert Timnit Gebru Joins Inaugural Event of The AI Hub at NYU McSilver**  
*She will discuss algorithmic bias and potential benefits with McSilver's Chief AI Officer*

NEW YORK, N.Y. — On October 12, 2022, [The AI Hub at NYU McSilver](#) will host an illuminating discussion featuring several leading powerhouses in the artificial intelligence (AI) ethics space. **Dr. Timnit Gebru**, founder and executive director of the Distributed Artificial Intelligence Research Institute (DAIR) and **Minerva Tantoco**, Chief AI Officer at the NYU McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research, will speak with moderator **Christopher Hemphill**, a highly-regarded data scientist who is Director of Commercial Intelligence at Woebot Health. Titled, “In Conversation with Dr. Timnit Gebru and Minerva Tantoco on Ethical AI,” the discussion will address how to reduce the potential harm of AI, as well as best practices to improve the ethical use of AI techniques. It is the inaugural event in The AI Hub’s 2022-2023 Speaker Series.

“When properly applied, AI can be an effective tool to address challenges such as poverty, inequity, racism, wellness and behavioral health,” says Ms. Tantoco. “Yet, AI algorithms can also perpetuate, and even magnify societal biases against people of color, women and those with low income. Still, there are promising developments in the AI space with the potential to reduce disparities and benefit underserved communities. We look forward to exploring them during our discussion.”

Dr. Gebru, formerly of Google, is a world-renowned expert in algorithmic bias who is known for taking a stand on the ethical implications of AI. Ms. Tantoco was the inaugural Chief Technology Officer for New York City and holds four US patents on intelligent workflow. Christopher Hemphill is host of the “Hello Health” podcast and a 2022-2023 McSilver Fellow-in-Residence.

**“In Conversation with Dr. Timnit Gebru and Minerva Tantoco on Ethical AI,” will take place on Wednesday, October 12, 3-4 p.m. and is free to the public. Register to attend via Zoom at [bit.ly/ethical-ai-1](https://bit.ly/ethical-ai-1).**

Community Co-Sponsors for the event include DAIR, Beta NYC, The New York Tech Alliance, Silicon Harlem, The Algorithmic Justice League, NYC Center for Innovation through Data Intelligence and the New York Hall of Science.

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