

Michael Littman, Communication Co-chair

Hi, everyone. Thanks so much for being part of this conversation. My name is Michael Littman. I'm serving as communication co-chair for the conference along with the *marvelously* knowledgeable and talented Katherine Gorman. I'm a computer science professor at Brown University. I'm excited to be part of organizing this conference, which hosted the first major presentation of my research career over 30 years ago.

Personally, I'm excited to be serving the conference as communications co-chair because I think clear, accurate reporting about computing and AI are essential. By conveying the latest advances to a broader audience, we can help people be engaged in AI and its impacts on the world. And, at the same time, we can put these results into context and temper expectations.

Today, you'll be getting an overview of the conference from **Terry Seh-NOF-ski**, president of the NeurIPS Foundation, **Hugo Laro-SHELL**, NeurIPS 2020 general chair, and **Marc'Aurelio Ranzato**, this year's program chair. You'll also hear statements from representatives from each of this year's award winning papers, to give you a sense of the exciting ideas that are generating buzz and impact in the community. We'll finish with Q&A with our speakers, moderated by my counterpart, **Katherine Gorman**.

Once again, thanks for joining us.