

# DRIVE THE AI FUTURE: CHICAGO & ISRAEL SHOWCASE



Thursday, December 07, 2023

5:00 PM - 8:30 PM



Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP,  
525 W Monroe St Chicago, IL 60661

## MODERATOR



**Betsy Ziegler**  
CEO  
1871

## PANELISTS



**Austin Eovito**  
Senior AI Engineer  
IBM



**Kristian Hammond**  
Director, MS in Artificial  
Intelligence  
Northwestern University



**Armando Pauker**  
Managing Director  
and Co-Founder  
Tensility Venture  
Partners



**Andrea Yonah**  
Director, Israel Binational  
Industrial R&D (BIRD)  
Foundation

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Dive into the transformative world of Generative AI with AI innovators, Investors, Entrepreneurs, and Business and Community leaders for an enlightening evening of dialogue, collaboration, food, beverage & networking



# Program

**5:00 PM - Networking, appetizers, and bar/beverage service**  
Chicago AI Startup Exhibitors

**5:45 PM - Transition to Dinner Buffet Line and Seating**

**6:00 PM - Opening Remarks**

Alyse Sagalchik, Partner from Katten. AICC Secretary and Event Host.  
Itai Biran, Consul for Political and Economic Affairs, Consulate General of Israel to the Midwest.  
Sally Fernandez, President & CEO of Safety Dynamics. AICC President.

**6:05 PM - Israeli AI Startup Videos**

Introduction: By Joseph Palomares, Founder Network.

**6:25 PM - Introduction of Betsy Ziegler, Fireside Chat Moderator**

Dan Brown, Founder & CEO of InQuestAI. AICC Director.

**6:30 PM – Fireside Chat, Moderated by Betsy Ziegler, CEO of 1871**

**7:15 PM - Closing Remarks. Networking, Dessert, Bar & Beverage Service**

Robert Eisenstadt, KRDCpas. AICC Treasurer and Events Co-Chair  
Followed by: End of program, prompt to vacate the dining room, resume networking with dessert and drinks.  
Chicago AI Startup Exhibitors

**7:45 PM - Last Call for Drinks**

**8:30 PM - Event Conclusion**



# **Fireside Chat**

# Moderator



## Betsy Ziegler

CEO

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# Panelists



## [Austin Eovito](#)

Senior AI Engineer  
**IBM**

Author of Language Models in Plain English:  
Humans Understanding Machines  
Understand Language

Creator and instructor of IBM's Masterclass:  
AI Explainability



## [Kristian Hammond](#)

Bill and Cathy Osborn Professor of Computer  
Science, and Director of the Master of  
Science in AI

**Northwestern University**

Co-Founder and Chief Scientist  
**Narrative Science** (acquired by Salesforce)



## [Armando Pauker](#)

Managing Director and Co-Founder  
**Tensility Venture Partners**

Tensility Venture Partners has invested in  
Israeli AI startup [trstai](#)



## [Andrea Yonah](#)

Director, U.S. East Coast/Midwest  
**U.S.-Israel Binational Industrial  
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promote and support industrial R&D of  
mutual benefit to the U.S. and Israel



# Startups

## Israeli Startup Videos

Intelligent Traffic Control  
RenovAI

## Chicago AI Startup Exhibitors

Acute on Chronic  
Flannel AI

Graceful Management Systems

Heartful Sprout  
Incued

Inquest AI  
Mercurial AI  
Qumis AI  
Qilo  
Receipt AI





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