

### AWARE-AI Annual Retreat

The AWARE-AI program hosted its first annual retreat on March 23-24.

The retreat featured two invited keynote speakers. On the first day, Dr. Daniel Hannon of Tufts University delivered a talk on Building Literacy in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Future Generations of Technology-Minded People. On the second day, Dr. Ajay Divakaran of SRI International at Princeton spoke about Using Hierarchies of Skills to Assess and Achieve Automatic Multimodal Comprehension.

Technical sessions included a Trainee-led demo on Human-sensing Robots, a lecture on The Future of Eye-tracking in VR by Associate Professor Gabe Diaz, and a Research Computing Technical Tutorial by the Director for ITS Research Computing Kirk Anne.

Additionally, graduate students benefited from three career-development sessions. GCCIS Librarian Roman Koshykar presented a session on Information Literacy and Strategies for Dealing with Exploding AI Research Literature, Lorraine Stinebiser, Director of Faculty Diversity and Recruitment discussed Considerations for Careers in Academia, and a panel of RIT Assistant Professors – Drs. Rain Bosworth, Alex Ororbia, Kristen Shinohara, and Garreth Tigwell shared Perspectives on Academic Careers with NRT Trainees and other graduate students attending the retreat.

The retreat also provided opportunities for mingling and networking. We look forward to the next annual retreat, expected to take place in January 2023!

