

AMAZON RESEARCH DAYS

BOSTON

October 5 2018

AGENDA

- 8:45 - 9:45 **Coffee, Breakfast Buffet**
- 9:45 - 10:00 **Rohit Prasad**
Welcome, Overview of Day
- 10:00 - 10:30 **Heather Zorn**
Alexa's Origins and How The Customer Experience Is Evolving
- 10:30 - 11:00 **Andrew McCallum**
- 11:00 - 11:30 **Lu Wang**
Convince Me If You Can: Building Neural Network-based Argument Generation Model
- 11:30 - 12:00 **Yaron Singer**
Maximizing Submodular Functions Exponentially Faster
- 12:00 - 2:00 **Lunch & Poster Session**
- 2:00 - 2:30 **Dilek Hakkani-Tur**
Conversational AI in Alexa Conversational interactions
- 2:30 - 3:00 **Alex Rudnicky**
Conversational Moves and Blended Conversation Research
- 3:00 - 3:30 **Sanjeev Khudanpur**
Alexa, How Is Kaldi Enabling the Conversational AI Revolution?
- 3:30 - 4:00 **Break**
- 4:00 - 4:30 **Cynthia Breazeal**
Social Robots: Beyond Voice Transactions to Emotional Engagement for Human Flourishing
- 4:30 - 5:15 **Spyros Matsoukas**
Panelists: Lu Wang, Cynthia Breazeal, Andrew McCallum, Sanjeev Khudanpur, Prem Natarajan
- 5:30 - 5:35 **Prem Natarajan**
Closing Remarks
- 5:30 - 7:00 **Cocktail Reception**

