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Measuring the Happiness, Health, and Stories of Society through Social Media

LECTURE AND Q&A WITH CHRIS DANFORTH

Director, Vermont Advanced Computing Center
and Co-lead, Computational Story Lab

Professor of Mathematics & Statistics at the University of Vermont, Chris Danforth serves as the Director of the Vermont Advanced Computing Center and co-leads the Computational Story Lab research group at the Vermont Complex Systems Center. He has extensive experience in chaos theory applied to weather forecasting and current research on socio-technical systems— and is the co-inventor of hedonometer.org, an instrument that measures daily happiness based on social media use. Danforth has also developed algorithms to identify predictors of depression from Instagram photos.

Danforth's work has earned support from numerous organizations and has resulted in over 100 peer-reviewed publications spanning various fields. In 2022, he was honored with UVM's Kroepsch-Maurice Excellence in Teaching Award and has guided numerous research dissertations, shaping the academic paths of many.

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🕒 **MONDAY, NOV 13 | 4:30PM**

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