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Kent,

Thank you.

I will inform the Council on Academic Affairs at a forthcoming meeting – and send you a message afterward.

Randy



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Hi, Randy,

Happy new year!

Dennis kindly let me know that you asked him to send you notice that the College of Law is creating a new college center: the Center for Responsible AI and Governance. Attached is a brief description of the Center to share with the CAA. If you need anything further, please let me know, and thank you for your assistance.

Best,  
Kent



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**The Center on Responsible AI and Governance (CRAIG)**  
**at**  
**The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law**

In August 2025, the National Science Foundation awarded to The Ohio State University and three other universities (Baylor, Northeastern, and Rutgers) a grant to establish an Industry-University Cooperative Research Center (IUCRC) focused on responsible AI and Governance. The Center on Responsible AI and Governance (CRAIG) conducts research on responsible AI technology and governance and trains the next generation of responsible AI professionals. Ohio State is the lead university for this initiative; Professor Dennis Hirsch (Law, CSE), the Principal Investigator and Center Director; and the Moritz College Law, the Center's home at OSU.

The purpose of an Industry-University Cooperative Research Center is to bring together industry, government agencies, and academia to conduct breakthrough research and build the workforce in a particular area. The NSF funds the administrative costs; the universities provide the faculty, students, and infrastructure; and the industry and government agency members fund the research. The NSF funds IUCRCs across the country. Ohio State is currently home to three other IUCRCs, each of which is based at the College of Engineering. CRAIG is the first IUCRC to focus exclusively on responsible AI and governance.

The new Center on Responsible AI and Governance focuses on three core components:

- Interdisciplinary research on the law, ethics, management, and technology required to develop and deploy AI in a socially responsible way. The interdisciplinary approach enables researchers to perceive how technology, law, ethics, and management impact one another, and so to generate fresh and practical insights and translational solutions.
- Workforce development activities such as curriculum development, internships, mentorships, and executive education. The Center trains and engages students in responsible AI and connects them to companies and government agencies interested in hiring those with knowledge in this field.
- Peer-to-peer learning accomplished through guided, bi-monthly discussion sessions. Center faculty guide these online meetings in which members share responsible AI experiences, questions, and best practices.

The Center is deeply integrated with the broader university. Center Co-PI's come from Law (Hirsch), Engineering (Parthasarathy, Ramnath), and Business (Chandrasekaran). CRAIG's OSU Leadership Team includes representatives from Law, Business, Engineering, Public Affairs, and Medicine. Mindful that fluency in AI includes an understanding of how to develop and use AI responsibly, CRAIG coordinates closely with OSU's AI Fluency Initiative and AI(X) Hub.

For more information about CRAIG contact Professor Hirsch (Hirsch.151, 614-688-1435).