

Schedule for the SAC.

Each of the three days begins at 9:00 in the morning, breaking for an hour of lunch at about noon, and regrouping at 1:15 until about 5:00. Friday will end with the Reed Alumni Union after lunch. All plenary sessions are in Eliot 314. Conference sessions will have different groupings of participants so that people experience all of the faculty members and each other. All parallel conference sessions are in the first floor (basement) of Eliot Hall.

- **Wednesday morning plenary #1 (9:00 – 11:50):**
 - 9:00 – 9:40 General introduction to SAC, beginning with introductions of faculty, staff, and participants, overview of logistics, and a presentation explaining what it is all about (Kahan).
 - 9:50 – 10:50 Presentation by Sheldon Hochheiser, “The Ubiquitous Home Washing Machine” on how American society has received, rejected, or transformed technology (approximately 40 minutes of lecture and 10 minutes of discussion).
 - 11:00 – 12:00 Presentation by Alexandra Hrycak entitled “It’s Tough to Be a Despot” on how Eastern European societies and governments failed to effectively face the rising tide of information flow.
- **Wednesday lunch in Commons (12:00 – 1:15)**
- **Wednesday afternoon, parallel conference session #1 (1:15 – 3:15):** Discussion of two issues arising from considerations of history and culture:
 - **Chickens or eggs.** Does technology drive societal/cultural change (“supply pull”), or does societal/cultural change drive technology advancement (“demand push”). Look at the history of generations of technological development, using the morning’s lectures as starting points. What would be an appropriate balance for each?
 - **Is the divide only digital?** In the world of ICT, much is made of the “digital divide” (although that divide can be based on socioeconomic status, age, or geographical location). To what extent are there divides in how technology influences the substantive area under discussion, and how are such divides defined? What ways might we have to mitigate any threats the technology poses for social cohesion?
- **Wednesday afternoon plenary #2 (3:30 – 5:00):**
 - Presentation and discussion of separate conference points made in parallel conference sessions #1. This will be a structured session, using large post-its, moving them around so as to capture the emergent structure and linkages.
- **Wednesday dinner on your own, in Commons or elsewhere (5:00 – 7:30)**

- **Thursday morning plenary #3 (9:00 – 11:45):**
 - 9:00 – 9:30 Presentation of what will happen today, with conference assignments repeated. Discussion of Wednesday evening diversion.
 - 9:30 – 10:30 Presentation by Colin Diver entitled “Clash of Titans” on the interplay between public interest and public choice in administrative regulation.
 - 10:45 – 11:45 Presentation by Jeff Parker entitled “Intellectual Property and Technological Progress” on how economic forces and patent law influence the pace of innovation.
- **Thursday lunch in Commons (11:45 – 1:15)**
- **Thursday afternoon conference #2 in separate rooms (1:15 – 3:15):**
 - 1:15 – 2:15 Security vs. privacy and centralization vs. decentralization in managing technology. What are the advantages and disadvantages of government as a tool for managing technology?
 - 2:15 – 3:15 Are we in good unseen hands? What are the advantages and disadvantages of relying on market forces as tools for managing technology?
- **Thursday afternoon plenary #4 (3:30 – 5:00):** Presentation and structured discussion of separate conference points made in conference #2.
- **Thursday dinner on your own, in Commons or elsewhere (5:00 – 7:30)**
- **Thursday evening after dinner plenary #5 in Eliot 103: (7:30 – 9:00)** Cricket Parmalee (1967) leads Storytelling Session focused on “technology on campus.”
- **Friday morning plenary #6 (9:00 – 9:15):** Presentation of what will happen today, with conference assignments repeated. Discussion of Thursday evening diversion.
- **Friday morning conference #3 (9:20 – 10:50): Integrating culture, rules, and economics.** Parallel conference discussions to determine how cultural, rule-based, and economic levers might, individually and jointly, be brought to bear on the problems identified in Winter Alumni College, namely: (1) quality assurance on the internet, (2) lifelong learning, (3) social rationality, and (4) measuring how well we’re doing. From this, identify immediate and short-term things that we should be doing.
- **Friday morning session #8 (11:00 – 12:00): Integrating the integration.** The parallel conference discussion conclusions are presented to identify robust conclusions (that is, ones that appeared in all or most of the conferences). These will be the centerpoints of the Friday afternoon session.
- **Lunch with Profs (12:00 – 1:00)**
- **Friday afternoon in Eliot 314 (1:15 – 2:30, preceding the wine tasting and convocation): Bringing the Alumni College and the Reunion together via a Reed Alumni Union (RAU).** A Reed Alumni Union meeting dedicated to presenting the results of WAC and SAC (15 minutes) and soliciting reactions (one hour).