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Bruce and Elizabeth Dunlevie Professor
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UC Berkeley
"An Artificial History of Natural Intelligence"

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Kellie Robertson
Associate Professor, Department of English
University of Maryland
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Susan Pearson
Associate Professor, Department of History
Northwestern University
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Kalpana Seshadri
Professor, Department of English
Boston College
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J. Andrew Brown
Associate Professor, Spanish and Comparative Literature
Washington University, St. Louis
"Edmundo Paz Soldán and the Rethinking of the Latin American Posthuman"

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Kelly Oliver
W. Alton Jones Professor, Department of Philosophy
Vanderbilt University
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