Spring 2024 Duke Math DEI Colloquium



From Bytes to Rights:

The Fight for Justice in the Era of Data Chad Topaz, Ph.D.

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Tens of millions of people in the United States have been directly impacted by the criminal justice system, with nearly half the population affected through close familial or social ties. Alongside the direct harm inflicted by the system, an insidious challenge arises: the system's opaque nature makes pinpointing the specific loci of harm complex and elusive. Echoing the words of civil rights pioneer Ida B. Wells, who stated that "the way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them," this talk will showcase how data science can be harnessed to promote racial justice.





Thursday March 28
2:00pm
Physics 128

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Co-founder of Institute for the Quantitative Study of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (QSIDE), a research-to-action institute working at the intersection of social justice and data science. Dr. Topaz is deeply committed to educating the American public about the intersections of data science and social justice.

Join us for Colloquium tea!
3:00pm
Physics 101

