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Austin Forum on Technology & Society!*

*Thank you for joining our community
online or in-person!*

Austin Forum Team!



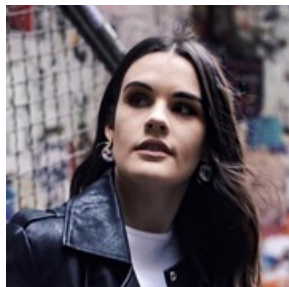
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Before we get started, join our slack

Why join the Austin Forum Slack workspace?

- Continue and deepen the conversation after Austin Forum events
- Find new opportunities for collaboration, mentoring, working, and more
- Promote local events and relevant Tech & Society opportunities
- Because this gives *everyone* in our community—online and in-person—the *same* way to ask questions!

How?

1. Open a web browser
2. Go to: www.austinforum.org/slack
3. Click “Join the Austin Forum Slack Workspace”
4. Enter your email address
5. Check your email to confirm Slack invitation
6. Enter your name and click “Create Account”
7. You’re in! You can use the Slack mobile app now, too.
8. To submit questions during the event, in the channel **#event-questions** (add to your view using + **Add channels**)

We have 4 kinds of programming!

Events	Online
<p>Presentation + Networking events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Live• Monthly• Presenter-focused• In-person and online—hybrid• Recording and slides posted online	<p>Podcasts – Austin Forum Upload</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audio only• Weekly• Conversation formats• Hosted in podcast stores, AF website
<p>Discussion events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Live• Monthly• Participatory for everyone• In-person <i>or</i> online• Never recorded!	<p>Blog – Austin Forum Update (<i>October!</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Text/graphics, web-based (or Medium)• Weekly• “techsplanations,” interviews, analyses/positions, and series• Hosted on Medium

Austin Forum Presentation + Networking Events: Experts Share, Inform & Inspire

We bring leaders, thinkers, builders, creators, and learners together to [connect, collaborate, contribute!](#)



6:00-6:15

“Doors open” for Zoom and room—mingle with in-person speakers or chat with online speakers in Zoom.
*Please self-introduce in **Zoom Chat!***

6:15-7:25

Main event & presentation
*Ask questions in **AF Slack #event-questions** channel,
Tweet with **#misinfoAF @AustinForum***



7:25-7:40

Q&A with presenters

7:40-7:45

Final comments/slides

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Austin Forum Upload: New Podcast Episodes!




- We are *weekly* now!
- Episodes #42-47 are now available online
- Paused for summer but resuming recording this week!
- Next three episodes are on:
 - Quantum computing
 - Innovation
 - Data, data analytics, data science

Q: For what topic are you most worried about getting accurate information?

(discuss with nearby attendee or type in Zoom chat, 30 seconds)

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Questions for
speakers?

Submit questions in
the AF Slack channel
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*Must be in-person and present at
~7:40PM to win!*

*Must use your name (first and
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- ✓ Ask questions in the AF Slack in the [#event-questions](#) channel
- ✓ Share key points via Twitter w/hashtag [#misinfoAF](#) and tag [@AustinForum](#)
- ✓ ***Please be respectful*** of our speakers & audience in your comments & questions
- ✓ Learn, think, enjoy!





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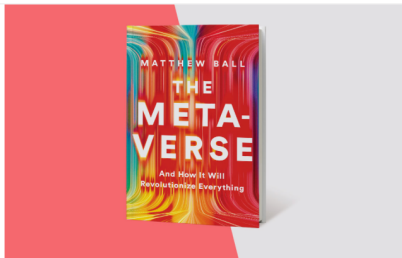
Q: What is the best thing you learned tonight?

(30 seconds)

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Discussion of "The Metaverse: And How it Will Revolutionize Everything"

October 20, 2022 | 7:15-8:30 p.m. CDT | Event Type: Online, Discussion

REGISTER

ASK THE MODERATOR

Event Type: Online, Discussion

Location

Online via Zoom

Moderator

Hugh Forrest

Chief Programming Officer

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The metaverse is actually already here—but in such early, limited forms that it may be difficult for some to understand and imagine just how powerful and revolutionary it can—and will—be. Matthew Ball's new book, "The Metaverse: And How it Will Revolutionize Everything," is designed to open our minds to the possibilities and prepare us to visualize, or at least embrace, the tremendous growth in capabilities and importance of the multiverse. Join us for a lively discussion moderated by Hugh Forrest, Chief Programming Office of SXSW (and huge book lover). Read the book (or a summary), or just come listen to those who have, but above all come prepared to discuss possibilities, challenges, and what the future may hold for our companies, school, daily lives, and more!

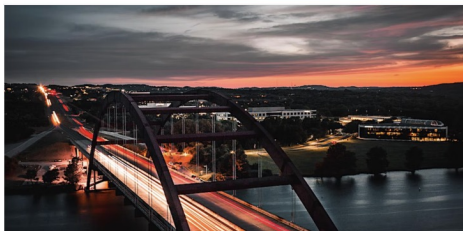
Registration and Attendance

All participants must register for this event via Eventbrite.

Online via Zoom

Once you register for a virtual ticket via Eventbrite, you will receive an email from both Zoom and Eventbrite. The email from Zoom will contain the direct Zoom Meeting link and a calendar Invite. Please save this link and/or add the calendar Invite to your calendar to ensure you have easy access to the Zoom link at the start of the event.

By registering you will also gain access to the Eventbrite Virtual Event Page, which will be accessible on this



Event Type: Hybrid, Presentation + Networking

Location

In-person

[Austin Energy Headquarters](#)

4815 Mueller Blvd, Austin, TX 78723

Speaker

Karl Popham, Manager, Electric Vehicles
& Emerging Technologies, [Austin Energy](#)

Agenda

5:15-6:15 p.m. - Networking

6:15-7:30 p.m. - Presentation

7:30-7:45 p.m. - Q&A

The Future of Electricity

November 2, 2022 | 6:15-8:00 p.m. CDT | Event Type: Hybrid, Presentation + Networking

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ASK THE SPEAKERS

Electricity powers our homes, businesses, and increasingly transportation. What are the most promising technology advancements in the future of electricity? What's in the Austin Climate Equity Plan, one of the most aggressive city-based climate action roadmaps in the world? What technologies are being deployed to address local and state-wide outages of the grid?

This moderated presentation will conclude with recommendations for individuals and organizations, followed by questions from the audience. After the main event, please stay for networking and ongoing discussion among speakers and attendees, with free eats and drinks courtesy of the awesome Austin Forum sponsors listed below. And, thanks to our sponsor SXSW, one in-person attendee with the best question of the night will win a free badge to SXSW 2023!

Join Us for More Great Content in 2022+

- **Schedule is posted at www.austinforum.org**
- Topics will include
 - Future of electricity
 - Data, data science, and data-driven decisions
 - Robotics, autonomous vehicles/drones,
 - Tech trends
 - Personal digital health & wellness tech
 - and more!

Plus:

- Online conversations
- New podcast episodes
- Rebooted blog
- and more!



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