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Dr. Gil Alterovitz is the inaugural Director of Artificial Intelligence at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Based in the Office of Research and Development, Dr. Gil Alterovitz is working on leveraging health data for AI as well as building AI research and development capacity. He was one of the core authors of White House Office of Science Technology and Policy's The National AI R&D Strategic Plan from 2019. He is also a professor at Harvard Medical School and core faculty at the Computational Health Informatics Program, Boston Children's Hospital.

In addition to over 50 publications and 3 books, he has led international projects and has mentored scholars and students from all over the world. Earlier this year, he was selected for the Fed100 Award for "Getting government ready for AI" for his work as a White House Presidential Innovation Fellow.

He has spearheaded the "AI-able Data Ecosystem" Pilot, creating a new approach for public-private collaborations with personnel/resources across a dozen agencies and working with companies internationally. The results were presented at and are feeding into national initiatives at, among others, the White House and federal agency Chief Information Officers Council.