

DR SAMANTHA PILLAY OAM

Surgeon. AI Filmmaker. Social Impact Storyteller.



BIO

Dr. Samantha Pillay has spent her career forging paths where none existed, first as a pioneering surgeon, now as an AI filmmaker. Driven by a need to amplify her advocacy, she taught herself generative AI, founded the world's first AI film studio for social impact, and now creates award-winning films that inspire change and challenge the status quo.

Signature Keynote: From Continenace to Cannes: A Surgeon's Story of AI for Advocacy

An incredible true story of how tackling a taboo health topic with AI led to an award-winning documentary and a global advocacy campaign. This talk shares a powerful framework for using technology to give a voice to silent crises and turn a small idea into a **worldwide movement**.

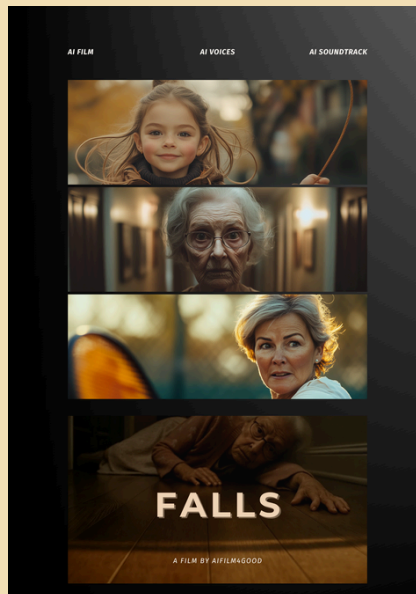
Find Your Compass, Not Your Map: Navigating Your Career in an Age of Disruption

In an age of disruption, a map is useless. You need a compass. Dr. Pillay shares the story and strategies for navigating a multi-faceted career with clarity and purpose:

- Self-belief is your superpower.
- She who hesitates is lost.
- Turn tragic into magic.
- Take your dream, double it, and double it again.

Creative Courage: The AI Advantage for Purpose & Productivity

Learn how new technology can be a 'lever' to multiply your mission and impact. Dr. Pillay makes the powerful case that learning a difficult new skill is the **ultimate antidote to burnout**, keeping you sharp, productive, and relevant in the age of AI.



"Her presentation was witty, informative, and genuine. She is a pioneer of her profession and gender, and we hope to have her back again soon."

Peta Forwood, RACS

"Dr. Pillay not only engaged but inspired a room of over 500 business leaders, highly regarded by guests as the highlight of our International Women's Day event. More than just a pleasure to work with, Dr. Pillay's actions reflected in her commitment to our event, valuing it as if it was her own."

Mia Hamilton, Event Organizer, Showcase SA

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