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Goldwasser will discuss how cryptography and computational learning have shared a curious history: a scientific success for one has often provided an example of an impossible task for the other. Today, the goals of the two fields are aligned. Cryptographic models and tools can and should play a role in ensuring the safe use of machine learning. Goldwasser will present this development with its challenges and opportunities.