

# Conspiracy, Misinformation, AND THE Infodemic

## CAS 2021–22 INITIATIVE

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Americans are facing another challenge—an “infodemic” of “fake news,” disinformation, and conspiracy theories spreading at an unprecedented rate, exacerbating anxiety and widening political divides. Dishonest communication has plagued democratic societies across the millennia, but new technologies broaden its reach, accelerate its spread, and demand new approaches to governing public discourse. The Center for Advanced Study invites you to participate in a series of public conversations about the origins of conspiracy theories; the dissemination of misinformation; rumors and fake news; the uses of propaganda; and other forms of information manipulation that change behavior and public opinion.

CAS Director May Berenbaum and Deputy Director Masumi Iriye oversee this new initiative featuring UI faculty as well as invited guests.

Co-hosted by the Center for Advanced Study and the Office of the Provost.

## The Genetics of Education

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 | 7:00 pm CST

### Kathryn Paige Harden

*Department of Psychology and Faculty Research Associate, Population Research Center, The University of Texas at Austin*

*CAS Professor of Entomology Gene Robinson and Associate Professor of Psychology Daniel Briley will moderate.*

DNA is what makes us different: in our personalities and in our health. Reclaiming genetic science from the legacy of eugenics, Kathryn Paige Harden examines the role of “nature” in the “nature-nurture” debate as it relates to educational achievement and economic success.

Registration is required for this Zoom event.

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