

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.

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Misinformation in Science and Scholarship: Why Do We Keep Citing Retracted Papers?

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Errors, falsification, and fraud all occur in science and scholarship. Retraction is a mechanism for alerting readers to unreliable scholarly publications that should not be used. However, some retracted articles continue to be treated by researchers and the public as valid content. Why?

Professor Schneider will draw on the year-long stakeholder consultation and citation analysis from her Alfred P. Sloan Foundation project, “Reducing the Inadvertent Citation of Retracted Papers,” and a new cycle of standards development work in progress through the NISO CORREC Working Group in order to offer suggestions for readers, authors, journal editors, and publishers.

CAS Director and Professor of Entomology **May Berenbaum** will moderate.

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