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CAS 2022–23 INITIATIVE

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Americans are facing another challenge—an "infodemic" of "fake news," disinfomation, 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 ongoing initiative featuring UI faculty as well as invited guests.

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

The "Propaganda of History": Conspiracy and Misinformation in our Public Schools

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 | 7:00 pm CDT

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This presentation provides a general overview of the "Propaganda of History" since the origination of public schools in the United States during the 1840s. Connecting this history to recent legislation in the state of Illinois around Media Literacy, this presentation provides critical historical context to more recent efforts to resist modern iterations of misinformation and conspiracy in our schools.

Registration is required for this Zoom event.
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