



Science Studies Workshop

Why Science Studies? Our world is increasingly technoscientific, mediated by technical knowledge and operations. Scholars of science and technology (STS) work in the places where people, tools and knowledge meet. STS is, consequently, an interdisciplinary collaborative field at its very core. STS offers a lens for understanding the production of social and biological difference, and is engaged with feminist and anti-racist theory. Scholars active in the field today critically engage with sustainability, environmental toxicity, and the science and politics of urban infrastructure. STS scholars expand our understanding of innovation and speculative futures.

The Science Studies Workshop at UCR builds bridges across the sciences and humanities, with a public-facing orientation. Workshop participants include faculty, graduate students and visiting scholars across the humanities, social sciences, the School of Medicine, Engineering, and the natural sciences. When it began in Fall 2014, Science Studies was a unique forum for faculty and researchers across UCR to meet and discuss issues related to science and society. Thanks, in part, to this intellectual space, multiple collaborations are now well established across campus. Science Studies group members are key leaders in UCR Medical and Health Humanities (MHH,) Science Fiction and Cultures of Science (SFCS,) Bridging Regional Ecology, Aerosolized Toxins, and Health Effects (BREATHE,) and the California Agriculture and Food Enterprise (CAFE.) Through connections made at the Science Studies Workshop, members initiated and participated in STS-related faculty recruitment, and UCR has gained several new faculty members working in this area (Fuson Wang, English; Gloria Kim, Media & Cultural Studies; Philipp Lehmann and Antoine Lentacker, History.)

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