Field III: Public Science

Field Description
This field explores the interactions of science and the public sphere. Scientific theories have been shaped by the social and cultural contexts in which they developed. But once articulated by scientists, accepted by the scientific community, and embedded in technological inventions, they are communicated to the public and begin to shape social and cultural realities.

These readings draw upon the rich interdisciplinary scholarship in scientific education, science policy, and the legal and ethical dimensions of scientific and technological issues. They also address topics relating to science, technology and various forms of elite and popular culture, including art, literature, the internet, and museum display.

The Core Reading List (for all students)


**The Recommended Reading List**

*ELITE, POPULAR SCIENCE AND SCIENCE EDUCATION*


**LEGAL AND ETHICAL**


**GEOGRAPHIES OF KNOWLEDGE**


Civil Society
Carson, Cathryn. 2010. Heisenberg in the Atomic Age: Science and the Public Sphere. Washington: German Historical Institute; Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University. (Selections)


