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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2023 - Postdoctoral Researcher
Leibniz Universität Hannover, DFG-funded Center for Advanced Studies,
Social Credibility and Trustworthiness of Expert Knowledge and Science-Based
Information (SOCRATES)
- 2022-2023 Postdoctoral Fellow
Universität zu Köln, Philosophisches Seminar, Cologne Center for Contemporary
Epistemology and the Kantian Tradition (CONCEPT)
- 2020-2022 Postdoctoral Researcher
Institut Jean Nicod, DEC, Ecole Normale Supérieure - PSL
EU Horizon 2020 project: Policy, Expertise and Trust in Action (PERITIA)
- AOS: Philosophy of Science, Science Communication
AOC: Social Epistemology, Science in Society

EDUCATION

- 2019 Ph.D. in Philosophy (under full name: Teresa Yolande Branch-Smith)
Department of Philosophy, University of Waterloo, Canada
“Contextualizing Science for Value-Conscious Communication”
Supervisor: Prof. Heather Douglas, Asst. Supervisor: Prof. Doreen Fraser
- 2014 M.A. in Philosophy
Department of Philosophy, University of Waterloo, Canada
“Reducing an Emergence of the Gaps: Computation for Weak Emergence”
- 2013 Graduate Diploma in Science Communication
Graduate Studies, Laurentian University, Canada
“Examining Factual Science on a Fictitious Frontier: A Qualitative
Exploration of Science Content in the Videogame Mass Effect”
- 2012 M.A. in the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology
Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science (IHPST)
University of Toronto, Canada
- 2010 B.Sc. in Biochemistry, Honours. Specialization. Minor in Psychology
Biochemistry Department, University of Ottawa, Canada

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Tsai, S-M., T.Y. Branch, & Shawn Rowe (2024). Public Perceptions of Ocean Science as Insight into Discovery Science. *Journal of Science Communication*. 23(07), N04. <https://doi.org/10.22323/2.23070804>.

Douglas, H. & T.Y. Branch (2024). The Social Contract for Science and the Value-Free Ideal. *Synthese*, 203, 40. <https://www.doi.org/10.1007/s11229-023-04477-9>.

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Branch, T.Y. (2022) “Enhanced Epistemic Trust and The Value-Free Ideal as a Social Indicator of Trust.” *Social Epistemology* 36 (5): 561-575: <https://www.doi.org/10.1080/02691728.2022.2114114>. [Open Access]

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Gundersen, Torbjørn, Donya Alinejad, T.Y. Branch, Bobby Duffy, Kirstie Hewlett, Cathrine Holst, Susan Owens, Folco Panizza, Silje Maria Tellmann, José van Dijk and Maria Baghramian (2022) A New Dark Age? Truth, Trust, and Environmental Science. *Annual Review of Environment and Resources* 47:1. <https://www.doi.org/10.1146/annurev-environ-120920-015909>. [Open Access]

Branch, T.Y., Gloria Origgi and Tiffany Morisseau (2022) Why Trust Raoult? How Social Indicators Inform the Reputations of Experts. *Social Epistemology* 36:3, 299-316. <https://www.doi.org/10.1080/02691728.2022.2042421>.

Morisseau T., T.Y. Branch and Gloria Origgi (2021) Stakes of Knowing the Truth: A Motivational Perspective on the Popularity of a Controversial Scientific Theory. *Front. Psychol* 12:708751. <https://www.doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2021.708751>. [Free Access]

TEACHING - CERTIFICATION

2018 Graduate Certificate in University Teaching
Centre for Teaching Excellence, University of Waterloo, Canada
Thesis: “Creating Inclusive Classrooms amidst Discriminatory Content”

TEACHING - INVITED LECTURES

“Rethinking the Conceptual Space for Science in Society After the VFI” November 7, 2023

Course: Science and Democracy: Philosophical Perspectives
Instructor: Prof. Heidi Grasswick - Middlebury College

“Science in Society through Science Education” September 18, 2023

Course: Science Communication in Democracy - Paideia Program
Instructor: Vanessa Schipani - University of Pennsylvania

“Values In Science and Implications for Sci Comm” September 30, 2022

Course: Science and Public Engagement
Instructor: Dr. Marina Joubert - Stellenbosch University

“Values in Science Communication” January 31, 2022

Course: Research Group
Instructor: Prof. Stéphanie Ruphy - Ecole Normale Supérieure

“Science Communication and the Value-Free Ideal” March 29, 2021

Course: Graduate Class
Instructor: Prof. Gloria Origgi - Ecole Normale Supérieure

TEACHING - COURSE INSTRUCTORSHIPS

Social Epistemology	2025 Summer
Philosophy of Sex & Love	2019 Winter
Metaphysics	2018 Fall
Gender Issues	2018 Spring
Ethics	2018 Winter
Gender Issues	2017 Fall
Gender Issues	2017 Spring
Philosophy of Sex and Love	2017 Winter
Gender Issues	2016 Spring

TEACHING - ASSISTANTSHIPS

Intro to Ethics and Values	2016 Winter
Bioethics	2015 Fall
Critical Thinking	2014 Winter
Bioethics	2013 Fall

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- 2025 “TBD”
(November 10)
Interdisciplinary Challenges: Bridging Philosophy and Science Education Workshop
University of Salzburg
Salzburg, Austria.
(INVITED)
- “Smallpox and an Environment for Basic and Applied Science”
(July 20-25)
International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology
(ISHPSSB)
University of Porto
Porto, Portugal.
- “Tensions in Communicating Discovery Science - Changes over Time”
(May 27-29)
Public Communication of Science and Technology (PCST) Conference
University of Aberdeen
Aberdeen, Scotland.
- “Values in Science and Science Communication Models”
(January 27)
Science Studies Reading Group
Cornell University
Ithica, USA.
- “Openness but not Transparency - A Response to John’s Ethics of Science
Communication”
(January 14)
Socially Engaged Philosophy of Science (SEPOS) Work-in-Progress
Michigan State University
East Lansing, USA.
- 2024 “Science Communication and the Evolution of Philosophical Discourse on Values”
(December 2)
Knowledge in Crisis conference
University of Salzburg
Salzburg, Austria.
(INVITED)

“The Nature of Science, Consensus View and Social Contract for Science”
(November 14)

‘Intersections between Philosophy of Science and Science Education’ panel
with Kevin Elliott, Charbel El-Hani, Hanne Andersen and Matthew J. Brown
The 29th Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association (PSA)
New Orleans, USA.

“Communicating Uncertainty and Error in Science” (August 1 – 8)

‘Distrust in Expertise: How to Counter Anti-scientific Behavior’ panel
XXV World Congress of Philosophy
Sapienza University of Rome
Rome, Italy.

“Freedom and Responsibility in Models of Science Communication” (June 14)

Enabling Diverse Knowledge-Systems workshop
Leibniz Universität Hannover - SOCRATES
Hannover, Germany.

“Epistemic Landscapes of Public Science Communication and implications for Vaccine
Hesitancy” (February 19 – 21)

Vaccine Ethics & Epistemology conference
University of Cologne - CONCEPT
Cologne, Germany.
(INVITED)

2023 “Science Education under the Social Contract for Science” (September 19)

Science in Democracy Talk series
University of Pennsylvania - SNF Paideia Program
Philadelphia, USA.
(INVITED)

“Exploring the Nexus of Scientific Testimony and Vaccine Hesitancy” (June 29)

Morality, Epistemology, & Vaccine Hesitancy conference
The University of Warwick & The University of Cologne - CONCEPT
Online.

“How POS ‘Scaffolding’ can support the bridge between STS and SCS” (June 14 – 16)

RRC and c:o/re Conference: Nowhere(to)land? What Science Studies Contribute to
Science Communication conference
University of Bonn - Forum Internationale Wissenschaft (FIW)
Bonn, Germany.
(PLENARY TALK)

“Distinguishing Disciplinary Norms for Public Scientific Testimony” (June 5 – June 9)
XXIXth Bled Philosophical Conference – Applied Epistemology: Virtue, Vice, and Bias
Slovenian Society for Analytic Philosophy
Bled, Slovenia.

“Values and Vulnerability: The Impact of Error Expositions on Trust in Science”
(May 25 – 26)
Malfunction, Error, Failure: How to Learn from Scientific Mistakes?
The Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Budapest, Hungary.
(INVITED)

“Science Communication and the Legacy of the VFI for Epistemic Testimony”
(April 28 – April 30)
Linguistic and Epistemological Perspectives on Public Scientific Testimony workshop
University of Sweden
Stockholm, Sweden.
(INVITED)

“The Ecosystem of the VFI and its role in the New Demarcation Problem” (April 24)
Budapest University of Technology and Economics
MTA Lendület “Values and Science” Research Group (online).
(INVITED)

“Roundtable: Visible Scientists in the age of Covid-19: Characteristics, Changes, Challenges” and “Roundtable: Toward a unified research agenda for communicating basic science” (April 11 – 14)
Public Communication Science Technology (PCST) Conference
Rotterdam, Netherlands.

“The Value-Free Ideal and the Resilience of the Deficit Model in Science Communication” (April 5)
International Postdoc Forum for the Philosophy of Science
Minnesota Center for Philosophy of Science (MCPS)
Minneapolis (MN), USA (online).
(INVITED)

“The Social Contract for Science and the Value-Free Ideal” (February 16 – 17)
The Legacy of the Value-Free Ideal of Science workshop
Uppsala University
Uppsala, Sweden.
(INVITED)

2022 “The Ecosystem of the VFI and its role in the New Demarcation Problem”
(November 10 – 13)
‘The New Demarcation Problem symposium panel’ with Bennett Holman,
Janet Kourany, Philip Kitcher and Heather Douglas
The 28th Biennial Meeting of the Philosophy of Science Association (PSA)
Pittsburgh, USA.

Learning from Experience: How Sharing Diverse National Approaches to Science
Communication can lead to better solutions in Health, Climate, Energy, Food and
Development (August 30 – September 3)
The Bellagio Centre - Rockefeller Foundation
Lake Como, Italy.
(INVITED)

“Une histoire des valeurs dans la communication scientifique” (June 30)
Archives Henri Poincaré - Philosophie et Recherches sur les Sciences et les Technologies
Université de Lorraine
Lorraine, France.
(INVITED)

“Science Advice in Polarised Times - Managing Values in the Science Policy Interface”
(June 13 – 15)
with Heather Douglas, Mario Scharfbillig and Angela Pereira Guimaraes
Joint Research Centre (JRC) Science Summit
Online.
(INVITED)

“Moral Obligation and Vaccine Hesitancy” (May 31 – June 1)
The Ethics of Trust and Expertise conference (PERITIA)
American University of Armenia
Yerevan, Armenia.

2021 “Describing Values in Science for Communicators” (November 16 – 19)
Science & You conference
Université de Lorraine
Metz, France.

How to be a Researcher in the XXI century: Challenges & New Paradigms in a Changing
Society (September 16)
Center for Excellence and Transdisciplinary Studies-Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche
Conference
Milan, Italy.
(INVITED)

SCI:COM Conference

Creating a Climate of Trust (March 10)

(INVITED)

2020 “Social Indicators of Civic Mistrust: The Lubrizol Fire” (September 3 – 4, 11 – 12)

Public Engagement with Science: Defining and Measuring Success

Michigan State University

Online.