Widening Participation in Research & Innovation





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Gender Summit 5
Cape Town, South Africa
Benefits of STEM Diversity in Operation
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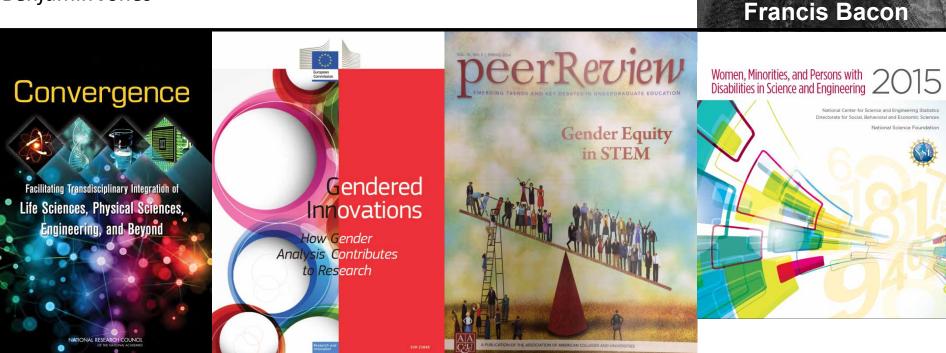
Solitary Genius?

Bacon saw science as a fundamentally communal endeavor, dependent upon "the accumulating cultural base and the concerted efforts of men [sic] of science sharpening their ideas through social interaction."

Robert Merton

"... if one is to stand on the shoulders of giants, one must first climb up their backs, and the greater the body of knowledge, the harder this climb becomes."

Benjamin Jones



Insular Science

"Civic science aims to tap the immense potential of science—and scientists—to transform society ... The civic science framework recognizes that many talents and different kinds of knowledge—cultural and narrative, experiential, local, spiritual, among others—are integrated in effective collaborative efforts as a community of experts, with scientific knowledge on tap not on top." Harry Boyte



The Miami Merald

In Florida, officials ban term 'climate change'

Los Angeles Times Disneyland measles crisis should wake up the anti-vaccination

The Washington Post

Americans are still scientifically illiterate and scientists still need a PR team

Generative Partners & Communities of Experts

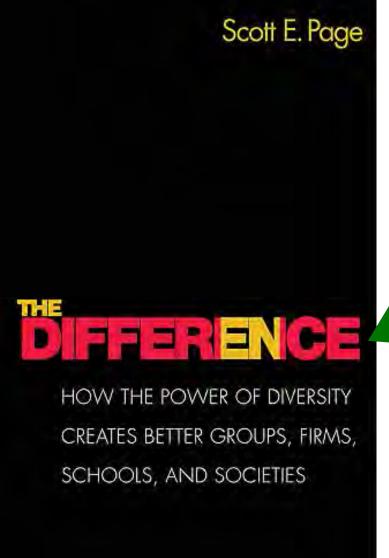


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Diversity Democracy

"Institutions and communities are developing a new paradigm for generative partnerships ... not done to but designed with a multifaceted group of stakeholders whose norms, resources, perspectives, and histories meet, greet, and collide in the crucible of community that binds one person's welfare to another's." Caryn McTighe Musil

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Realizing STEM Equity and Diversity through Higher Education – Community Engagement

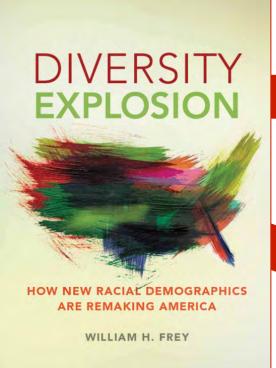
Significant societal problems cannot be solved without full inclusion

Inclusion will result in better science and a better society

Higher education –
community engagement
focused on locally
manifested global
problems is a good way to
realize full inclusion

Harkavy, Cantor & Burnett 2014

Ensuring Diversity in STEM





Students view Google demographics report as cry for diversity in STEM programs

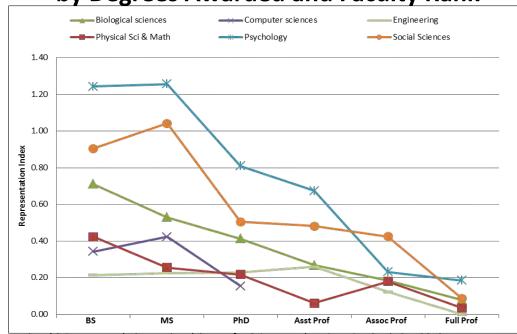
The New Hork Times

A Future Segregated by Science?

By Charles M. Blow

"...is this an area in which the future will feel more stratified, and in which the inequalities, particularly economic ones, will mount?"

Representation Index for Women of Color by Degrees Awarded and Faculty Rank



National Science Foundation National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, 2013

Data for women faculty in computer sciences suppressed.

Representation Index = % Representation in a category/% Representation in US population Rankins, et al., Peer Review, Vol 16, No. 2, 2014

Good for Science, Good for Society

