

# Understanding and Addressing Misinformation About Science: A Symposium Event

Keck Center of the National Academies, Room 100  
500 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001

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**8:30 AM**      *Breakfast is available for in-person attendees.*

**9:15 AM**      **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**Heidi Schweingruber**, *National Academies* (Board Director)

**Tiffany E. Taylor**, *National Academies* (Study Director)

**Vish Viswanath**, *Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health* (Committee Chair)

**9:30 AM**      **Understanding and Addressing Misinformation About Science: Report Overview**

Moderator:

**Vish Viswanath**, *Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health*

Presenters:

- **Afua Bruce**, *ANB Advisory Group*
- **Lisa Fazio**, *Vanderbilt University*
- **Brian Southwell**, *RTI International*

Discussants:

- **James Druckman**, *University of Rochester* (virtual)
- **Whitney Phillips**, *University of Oregon* (virtual)

**10:15-10:30**      **Audience Discussion**

**10:30 AM**      **Break**

**10:45 AM**      **Building Capacity for Public Communicators of Science**

Moderator: **Brian Southwell**, *RTI International*

Panelists

- **Claudia Fracchiolla**, *American Physical Society*
- **Julia MacKenzie**, *American Association for the Advancement of Science*
- **Kristen Panthagani**, *Yale School of Medicine* (virtual)
- **Sameer Vohra**, *Illinois Department of Public Health* (virtual)

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**11:40-12:00 Audience Discussion**

**12:00 PM Lunch**

*Lunch available for in person attendees.*

**1:00 PM Addressing Misinformation about Science Across Sectors**

Moderator: **Lisa Fazio**, *Vanderbilt University*

Panelists:

- **Tiara Green**, *Accessia Health*
- **Lizzy Hazeltine**, *NC Local News Lab Fund*
- **Trisha Pasricha**, *Institute for Gut-Brain Research at BIDMC*
- **Emma Slayton**, *Carnegie Mellon University Libraries*

**1:55-2:15 Audience Discussion**

**2:15 PM Break**

**2:30 PM Fireside Chat: Fostering a Healthy Information Ecosystem in the Current Policy Landscape**

Moderator: **Vish Viswanath**, *Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health*

- **Nora Benavidez**, *Free Press*
- **Olivier Sylvain**, *Fordham University*

**3:10-3:25 Audience Discussion**

**3:25 PM Closing Remarks**

**Vish Viswanath**, *Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health*

**3:30 PM MEETING ADJOURNS**