

# STS Circle at Harvard

Fall 2008

All meetings will take place on **Mondays**, from **12:15–2 p.m.**, at **124 Mt. Auburn Street, Suite 100, Room 106**, unless otherwise noted. Sandwich lunches will be provided.

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Sep 22 **Myles Jackson** (Polytechnic University)  
The History of CCR5: Intellectual Property and Human Genetics

Sep 29 **Anders Blok** (Copenhagen University)  
Turning around Latour, or: What is “Cosmopolitical” about Environmental Objects, like Whales?

Oct 6 **Yochai Benkler** (Harvard Law School)  
The Science of Cooperation and Progressive Social Theory

Oct 20 **Robert Truog** (Harvard Medical School/Children’s Hospital)  
Death, Brain Death, and the Ethics of Organ Transplantation

Oct 27 **Alex Wellerstein** (Harvard University)  
Selling Secrecy: Laser Fusion, Classification, and the Turbulent 1970s

Nov 3 **John Carson** (University of Michigan)  
Drawing Things Together: STS and the History of Science  
*and at 4:00 pm, Science Center, Room 469, jointly sponsored by the Department of History of Science:*  
What makes an “Unsound Mind”? Medicine, Law, and Competency in the Nineteenth-Century Courtroom

Nov 12 (W) **Ulrich Beck** (University of Munich)  
Risk Society’s Cosmopolitan Moment  
**Science & Democracy Lecture Series**  
*Note: 5pm, location TBA*

Nov 17 **Sharon Traweek** (UCLA)  
Scientists’ Career Narratives and Collaborative Research in Europe, Japan, and the US

Nov 24 **Adelheid Voskuhl** (Harvard University)  
The Mechanics of Sentiment: Women Automata and the Culture of Affect in the European Enlightenment

Dec 1 **Paul Shapiro** (Humane Society of the United States)  
Technology’s Role in Factory Farming: Animal Welfare, Public Health, the Environment, and How to Make Progress

Dec 8 **David Kaiser** (MIT)  
Searching for Stability: Nuclear Physics and Fraud at Cold War’s End



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Background: Exploratory tunnel dug by a 25-foot-diameter tunnel boring machine at the proposed Yucca Mountain, Nevada, repository for spent nuclear fuel. Courtesy: U.S. Department of Energy.