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Noontime Seminar Series

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Please join us for our next Joint CSTPR/IBS Noontime Seminar. Robert Frodeman, Director of the Center for the Study of Interdisciplinarity at University of North Texas, will give a talk on "What is interdisciplinarity?" on Monday, September 21.

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SEPTEMBER 21 at 12:00 PM
WHAT IS INTERDISCIPLINARITY?

By Robert Frodeman, University of North Texas
at Center for Science and Technology Policy Research
Conference Room [Directions](#)

This will be a "brown bag seminar". Feel free to bring your lunches if you wish.

Abstract: Talk of interdisciplinarity is all the rage - so much so, that it is in danger of becoming a cliché. But what actually is interdisciplinarity? Is there an identifiable interdisciplinary method? And what does the National Science Foundation mean when it wants interdisciplinary approaches or wants an account of the 'broader impacts' of research? This talk will address these questions from the perspective of having just completed the Oxford Handbook of Interdisciplinarity.

Biography: Robert Frodeman is Professor of Philosophy and former Chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies at the University of North Texas (UNT), where he specializes in environmental philosophy, the philosophy of science policy, and the theory of interdisciplinarity. He is the author of *Geo-Logic: Breaking Ground between Philosophy and the Earth Sciences* (2003), co-editor of the *Encyclopedia of Environmental Ethics and Philosophy* (2008), and editor of the forthcoming Oxford University Press *Handbook of Interdisciplinarity* (2009). Frodeman is now the founding director of the [Center for the Study of Interdisciplinarity](#) at UNT.

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