

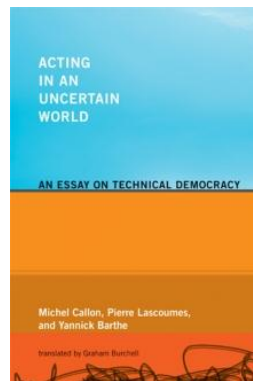
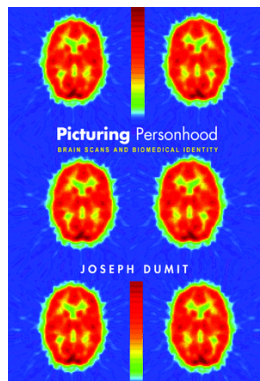
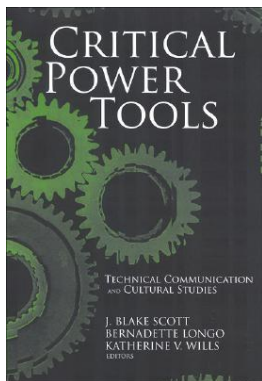
Social, Political & Ethical Issues in Scientific & Technical Communication

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Students in this course will investigate social, political, and ethical issues in a wide variety of scientific and technical communication contexts. In so doing, students will interrogate the very nature of technical communication practice and research, exploring how different theoretical models of technical communication create varying ethical commitments and problems. Students will further explore the social and political issues that arise from the communication of complex scientific and

technical information in popular culture, law, and public policy. Specific course units will include 1) ethical issues which arise from the humanist/instrumentalist debates in technical communication, 2) critical-interventional theories of technical communication, 3) the ethics of visual design, 4) legal and cultural appropriations of technical information, and 4) the role of technical communicators in science and technology policy.



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