Welcome!

The 2015 BITSS Annual Meeting

- Share updates on Twitter @ucbitss #bitss2015
- Interview Corner – we want to hear from you!
- Share your questions for today’s Q&A panel.
- Reception tonight at 5:00pm.
BITSS

Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences

Edward Miguel, UC Berkeley
Faculty Director CEGA/BITSS
- What is BITSS?
- The year in review & looking ahead to 2016.
- Today’s meeting.
What is BITSS?

The Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences (BITSS) was established in 2012 to strengthen the quality of social science research and evidence used for policy-making, by enhancing the practices of economists, psychologists, political scientists, and other social scientists.
A year in reproducibility

Study on Attitudes Toward Same-Sex Marriage Retracted by a Scientific Journal

By Benedict Carey  May 28, 2015

Will Academia Waste the Michael LaCour Scandal?

By Drew Foster

June 5, 2015 12:22 p.m.

Why The Retracted Gay Marriage Study Matters

Jun 1, 2015 @ 03:22 PM  8,387 Views

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# What is BITSS?

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Changing Norms + Building Consensus

- Transparency and Openess Promotion (TOP) Guidelines developed and published, with over 530 journals (!) signed on
- BITSS Blog
- Launched the BITSS Catalyst Program
Tools + Resources

- New BITSS.org website that connect you to our network, research and resources
- E.g.,
- Library of slideshows and lectures
- Manual of Best Practices in Research Transparency, software
Education

- BITSS Summer Institute with participants from across social sciences
- Semester-long course on transparency
- Over 100 participants in international workshops in Kenya, UK
Research

- Ten funded projects through the Social Science Meta-Analysis and Research Transparency (SSMART) grant program, $300,000 in funding

- Growing internal capacity, publications by BITSS research staff (e.g., PLoS One)
Recognition

- Ten recipients of the inaugural Leamer-Rosenthal Prize for Open Social Science - awarded today!
Meeting Agenda

- Professor Edward Leamer, UCLA: S-values
- Professor Paul Romer, NYU: Macro models
- Leamer-Rosenthal Prize Recipient award ceremony
- Q&A Panel and Discussion

Tomorrow

- Presentation of new research on transparency, including this year's SSMART grant recipients