The COVID-19 pandemic and reckonings with racial injustice have highlighted the importance of narrative and science communication in research and public health responses. IDI invites you to a virtual discussion with Angus Fletcher, PhD, on how the humanities factor into the fight against infectious disease. Our conversation will consider how scientists can utilize narrative in their work to engage in interdisciplinary research and address critical problems like structural inequality and communication barriers.

Dr. Fletcher is a professor of Story Science at Ohio State’s Project Narrative, the globe’s top academic think-tank for the study of stories. Dr. Fletcher studies the technology of literature and how it can be utilized to address life’s most difficult problems—he recently discussed his research on a podcast episode of Unlocking Us with Brené Brown. His most recent book, Wonderworks: The 25 Most Powerful Inventions in the History of Literature, explores how technical breakthroughs in literature can be scientifically shown to alleviate problems that plague society.

Join us for an interactive discussion of questions like:
- How can I effectively communicate my science to the public?
- How can I use my research to inform policymakers?
- How do I incorporate equity into my research?
- How do I design research that is community-oriented?

What problems can Dr. Fletcher and the humanities help you solve? Email IDI@osu.edu with your questions for the discussion & we hope to see you there!

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