



“It’s the Humanities,
Stupid.” Making sense
of the world in
uncertain times.

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Florence, Italy

Early Humanism

Humanism

- Humanists studied ancient Greek and Roman (Classical) texts.
- Focused on five humanities: poetry, grammar, history, moral philosophy and rhetoric.
- Emphasized the importance of human values instead of religious beliefs.
- Focused on using reason and logic to understand people and nature.





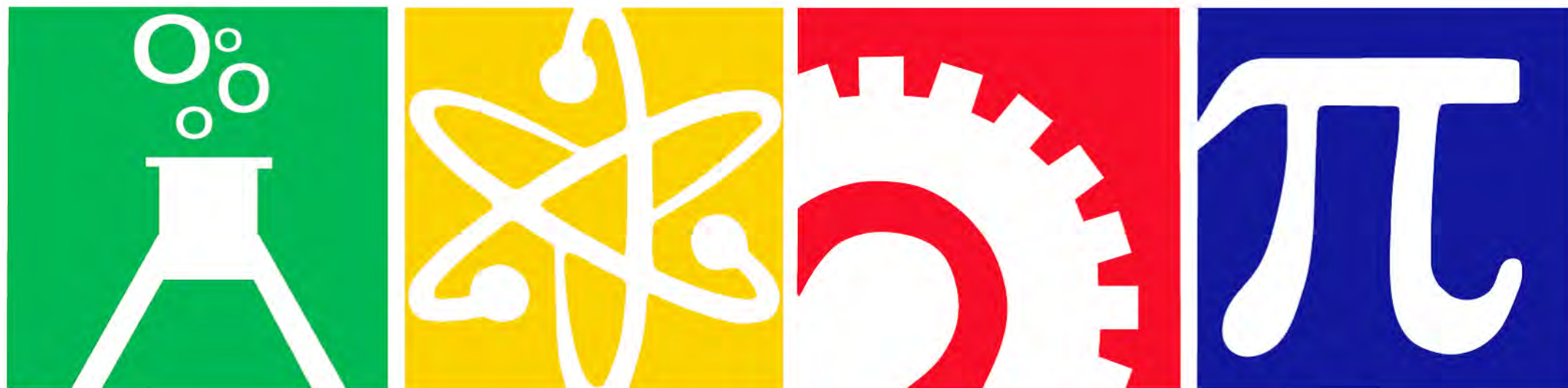




The Scientific Revolution

Kepler, Galileo,
Descartes, and Newton

Europeans develop a new way of knowing the world
through empirical observation

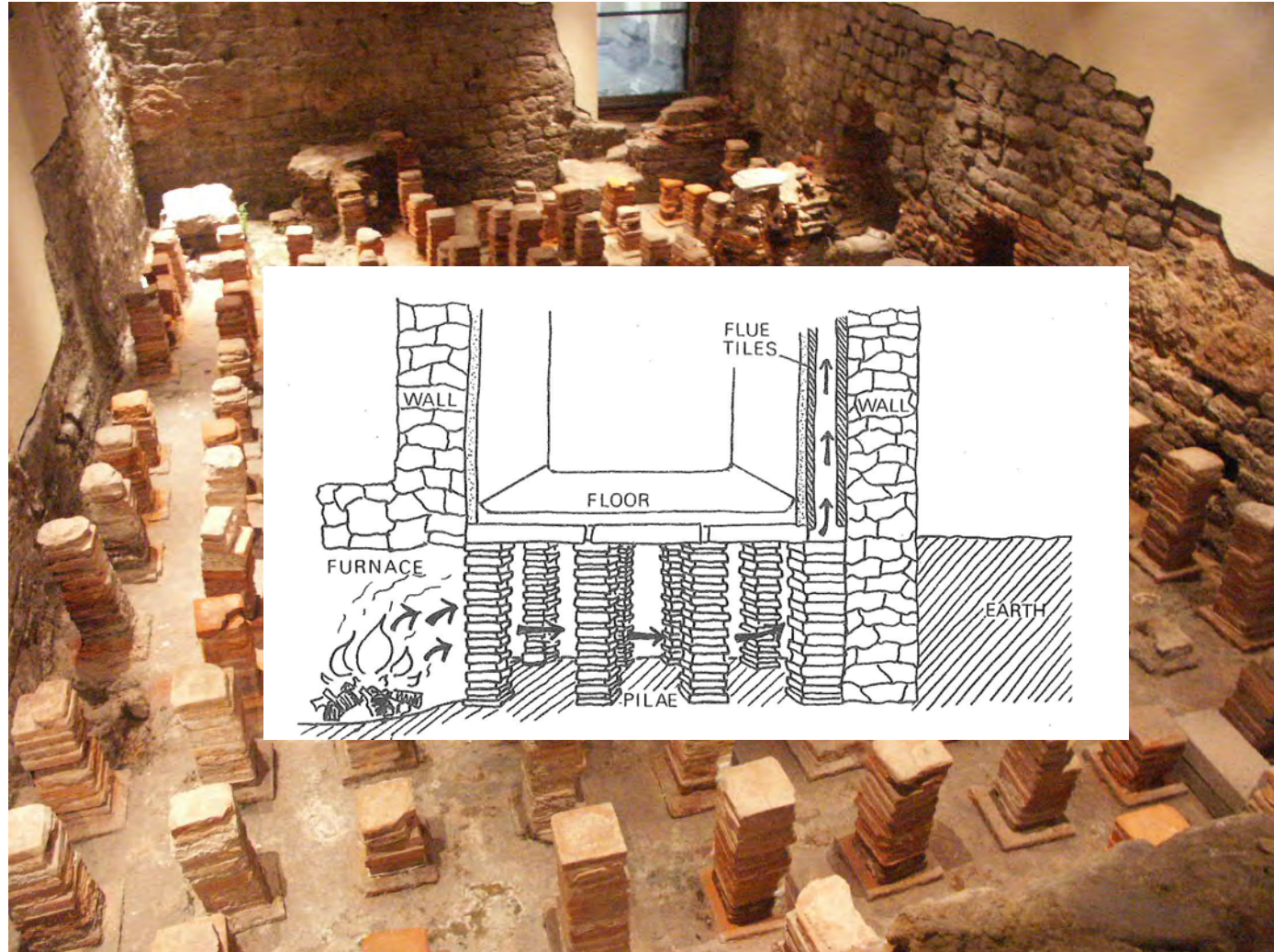


STEM Science, Technology,
Engineering, Mathematics

Science vs Humanities



Humanities
can seem
estoeric.



Roman bath hypocaust



Humanities an Liberal Arts have been charged as ELITIST.

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USEFUL SCIENCE

\$1 TRILLION IN STUDENT DEBT

\$1 TRILLION CAN...



**CAN PURCHASE ALL THE
HOMES THAT FORECLOSED
IN 2007 AND 2008.**



**FOR
SALE**

**CAN PAY FOR EVERY
MILITARY INTERVENTION
AND WAR SINCE 9/11.**

**WHY IS THIS NUMBER SO RIDICULOUS?
BECAUSE IT HAS TO COME
FROM OUR POCKETS.**

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Crushing Student
Debt

Critics of the Humanities
say: Humanities students
do not leave college with
“job” skills.

BUT

— EMPLOYERS WANT —

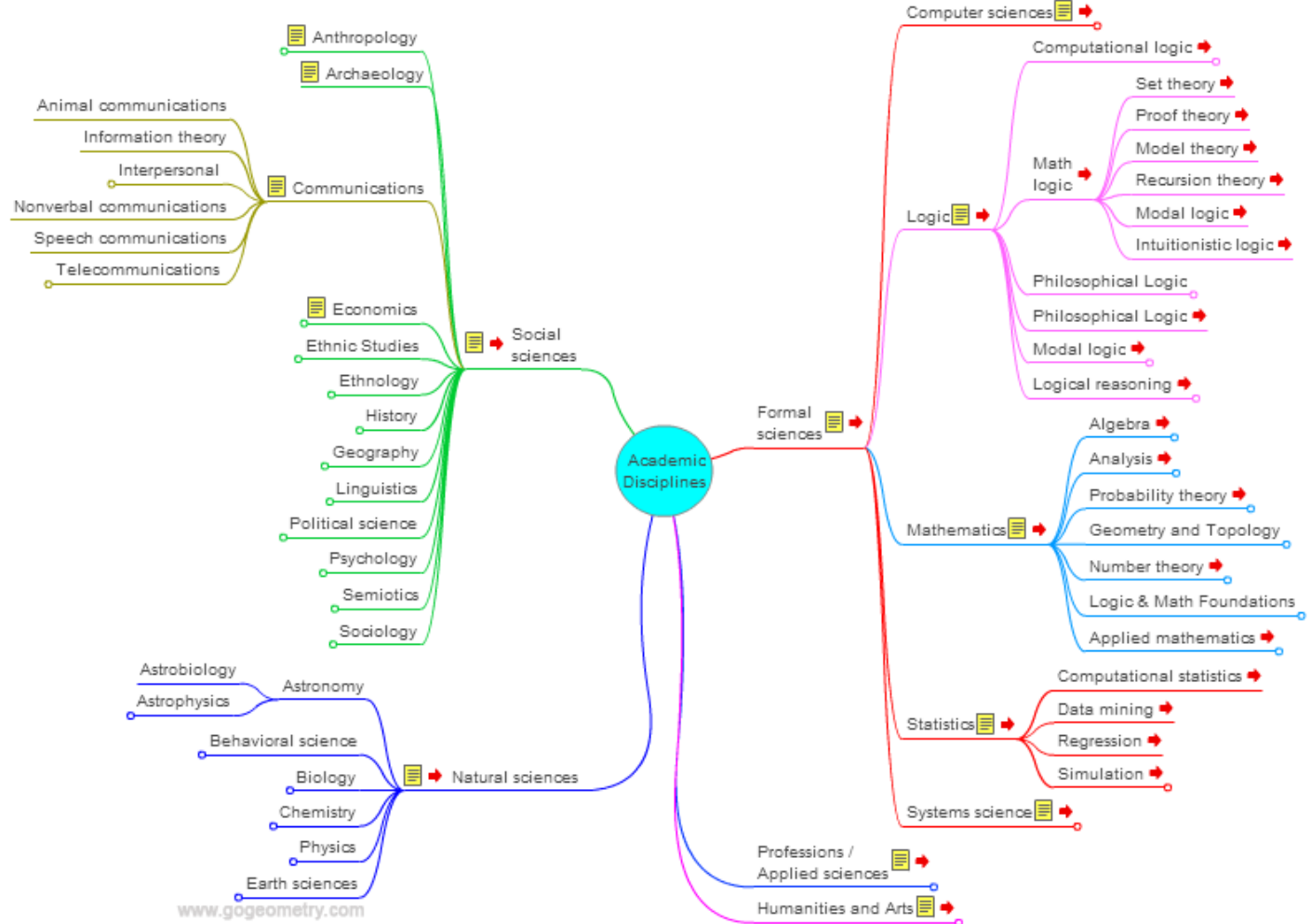
LIBERAL ARTS KNOWLEDGE



Source: *It Takes More Than A Major: Employer Priorities for College Learning and Student Success*. AAC&U, 2013.



One version of the Academic Disciplines





What do we risk
when Humanities
and Sciences
don't talk?

Paul Gauguin, *Contes Barbares* (*Barbarous Tales*), 1902.





Medical Students Studying Art?

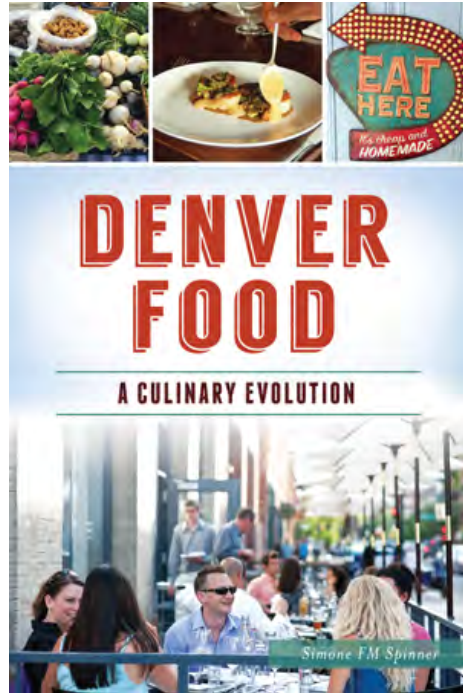
Frida Kahlo, *Henry Ford Hospital*, 1932



Louise
Martorano,
MH
Executive
Director,
RedLine Art







Simone Spinner, MH

Ala Al-Bann, MArch, PhD



SCIENCE

CAN TELL YOU
HOW TO CLONE A
TYRANNOSAURUS REX



HUMANITIES

CAN TELL YOU WHY THIS
MIGHT BE A BAD IDEA