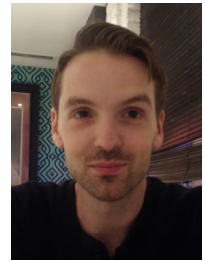


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Qualifications

PhD, Thought Experiments in Science, University of Toronto
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BA, York University
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Employment

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University of York
Sally Baldwin Buildings Block A, York
1 Aug 2023 → present

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Research outputs

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Activities**A Pragmatist Epistemology of Scientific Imagination**

Stuart, M. (Keynote/plenary speaker)

2025

Explanation, Narrative, and Understanding in the Social Sciences, HKUST, Hong Kong

Stuart, M. (Speaker)

2025

Joint meeting of the Asia Pacific Philosophy of Science Association and Logic, Methodology and Philosophy of Science and Technology, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU), Taiwan
Stuart, M. (Speaker)
2025

Philosophy of science meets robotics
Stuart, M. (Invited speaker)
2025

Artist in Conversation: Rashaad Newsome and Dr Michael T. Stuart
Stuart, M. (Invited speaker)
29 May 2024

Lessons for and about Scientific Imagination
Stuart, M. (Keynote/plenary speaker)
2024

Prizes

Ambizione Fellowship
Stuart, M. (Recipient), 2018

Research Fellowship in AI Ethics
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Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Postdoctoral Fellowship
Stuart, M. (Recipient), 2016