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Each of these fields differs in obvious and not so obvious ways from the others in terms of goals, methods, purposes, and perspectives. Yet each also holds much in common with the others. Having worked in these fields and crossed the boundaries between them, I will explore in this talk not only the similarities and differences I have encountered on this journey, but also my growing appreciation of how these fields together provide a unified perspective on physics as a science and a discipline and as a vital component of our broader human culture.