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This year Intellect celebrates 30 Years of Academic Publishing. This special issue of IQ Magazine is a celebration both of Intellect’s founder, Masoud Yazdani, who sadly died at the much too young age of 58 in February 2014, and of the work he inspired. It is also a thank you to the many staff members, authors, editors and contributors, past and present that have helped make Intellect the academic publisher you see today, where subject area innovation, design and the highest quality author service are underpinned by strong ethics and values.

For those not familiar with our backstory I begin this special issue with a short history and a few reminiscences.

Intellect was founded in 1984 by Masoud Yazdani and in 1986 he published its first journal, Artificial Intelligence Review. Masoud and I first met around the same time when I was working for Expert Systems International, a small innovative business in Oxford that specialised in the new and exciting field of Artificial Intelligence, where Masoud joined us from the University of Exeter on sabbatical.

We became immediate friends, and built a friendship that lasted to his death. I have particularly fond memories of those early days, the two of us spending many hours in his spare bedroom stuffing envelopes with journals, sticking on stamps and posting them to the subscribers. I also remember struggling with our first 128K Macintosh computer (I still hate Macs even if our staff love them) trying to build a database to generate invoices and labels. From those small beginnings, Masoud’s creativity and energy, and his constant readiness to take risks and to be different, has transformed Intellect into the outstanding company we are proud to be part of today.

In fact Masoud’s passion for publishing can be traced back to when he was at school in Iran where he published the school’s newsletter. Masoud and I first met around the same time when I was working for Expert Systems International, a small innovative business in Oxford that specialised in the new and exciting field of Artificial Intelligence, where Masoud joined us from the University of Exeter on sabbatical.

His experience with the Iranian censors also influenced his determination to represent the author’s authentic voice, without the often heavy hand of the editor that some experience with the big publishers. We are often asked, particularly by fellow publishers, how we manage to make any money publishing most of the books and journals we do given that the market for them is so small and niche. To make life even harder for ourselves, we usually publish straight to paperback so our books are more affordable to readers. It should not come as a surprise then to learn that Intellect is not driven by profit. For sure we have to pay our rent, salaries and all the other non-avoidable overheads companies face, but profits are ploughed back into the business to help support our authors and editors. In this way,
the more successful books and journals help give a voice to others. We also look at a variety of business models that will support the publication of a book where there is no clear financial case to publish, which may include seeking grants or other forms of financial support. However, quality and scholarly integrity is never compromised and double-blind peer review remains the backbone of our publishing process. Intellect is able to operate its business in this way because it does not rely on any external investment. It is privately owned by the shareholders who include myself and my fellow directors, Holly and May, Masoud’s widow, and a number of our staff. Nor do we pay shareholder dividends, only salaries. It is a fundamental part of our ethos that we are here for the author and we see it as our job to use our resources to give them the highest possible level of author service.

As I mentioned earlier, the story of Intellect is also one of innovation, particularly in relation to subject area publishing. Some notable examples include our early books and journals in film studies, curatorial studies, the performing arts, fashion and food. Many of our books and journals are multi-disciplinary, bridging the gaps between traditionally separate subject areas such as science and art or practice and theory. We have also crossed the boundaries between academia, professionals and enthusiasts with the publication of book series such as World Film Locations, Fan Phenomena and, most recently, Crime Uncovered. In addition, we have been quick to adopt eBook technology and now embrace Open Access, where we are experimenting with different models to find the ones that are sustainable and deliver authors and readers the best service.

There is much discussion about the future of the book, academic publishing in general and the need for academic publishers to look for new, sustainable models. Open Access is just one element in the mix and Intellect is constantly looking at new ways to develop, curate, disseminate and promote content. But if there is one thing I’m absolutely sure about, it’s that for the foreseeable future success will depend on open-minded cooperation and partnerships between authors, publishers and librarians. It’s our job as academic publishers to communicate, listen and provide the services that our customers need and I have every confidence that we will do so.

Mark Lewis
Managing Director
‘Working with Intellect Books these past several years has been a real pleasure: watching this boldly independent publishing company grow and change and get better and better – from the range of books and journals they publish to the quality of the scholars they attract to the striking design and production of their books – has been nearly as much fun as working with the talented, energetic staff that makes it all happen. Here’s to another thirty years!’

Levi Stahl, Promotions Director/Associate Marketing Director
The University of Chicago Press.
What first drew you to design as a profession?

The thing that drew me to design initially is not at all what drives me now. In fact, now I sit on the exact opposite end of what I originally liked about design. At first I enjoyed design because it was a field of making. Now I appreciate design because it evolved to become a field of thinking as well.

Could you tell us a little about your wider research interests, and academic experience?

When it comes to research, I like to work at both ends of the spectrum — applied research and academic research. I engage in applied research when I work for clients. This is an evidence-based research and it helps me to make informed design decisions. When I work on my own personal development or when I prepare teaching materials, I do academic research. This is a theoretical research that explores various historical or philosophical facets of design. This type of research helps me to understand better what design is and why it is important, where it has come from, and where is it going next.

My academic experience is quite broad. I have held academic positions in Europe, Australia, New Zealand and China. Now I am the Director of The Myron E. Ullman, Jr. School of Design at University of Cincinnati’s College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning (DAAP) in the United States.

The University of Cincinnati’s School of Design has been ranked in the top 3 best design schools in the world by Business Insider, and is regarded as one of the best in the US by Bloomberg Businessweek and DesignIntelligence. What do you do that’s different and how would you describe the teaching techniques you use in your school?

Imagine a university where Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon, was a full-time Professor of Aerospace Engineering and where celebrity philosophers such as Slavoj Žižek attend our conferences. This is the University of Cincinnati, a 200-year old Tier 1 research institution – the home of the world-renowned College of Design, Art, Architecture, and Planning (DAAP) and The Myron E. Ullman, Jr. School of Design.

What sets us apart is our exceptional commitment to advancing professional practice while providing academic excellence. Our success as a School of Design is based on running a unique educational programme that merges cutting-edge design education with real-world professional practice. The University of Cincinnati invented this ‘cooperative education programme’ in 1906. This educational model provides a mandatory industry placement for all our students — meaning that everyone is required to spend a certain amount of time in the workplace. This practice usually adds up to several years of job experience for our students before graduation. In this model students alternate between working as paid employees in industry and studying. While most design schools deliver three-year-long undergraduate programmes, this co-op experience extends our undergraduate programs up to five or more years – making them one of the most ambitious undergraduate design programmes in the world. Add to this our network of over 1300 industry partners, which includes organizations such as Apple, Google, Facebook, Boeing, NASA, Nike, Adidas, Macy’s, P&G, Pfizer, Tesla, BMW, Chrysler, GM, Volkswagen, IKEA, and then you will understand why we are one of the very best design schools in the world.

Could you tell us a bit more about the role of a journal editor? What do you personally like about the position?

Being a journal editor is certainly not an easy task. There is an enormous amount of work that goes into running and managing a journal and I rely on the help of my team to get things done. None of us are doing this as a profit-based venture and all of us are donating our free time to this publication in order to help our field grow and develop further.

Design is a relatively young academic discipline, and as such it needs journals like the Journal of Design, Business & Society. As any other academic discipline we too must demonstrate that we have a presence of a community of scholars; a tradition or history of inquiry; a mode of inquiry that defines how data is collected and interpreted; requirements for what constitutes new knowledge; and existence of a communication network. This is the true purpose of this journal.

Then again, despite all of the hard work that goes into the journal, I have to say that I really enjoy working with all our contributors, as well as the members of our editorial and advisory boards, many of whom are leading experts in their respective fields. That is why I often refer to the journal as a community of people, rather than a publication.

Why do you think it’s important to have a cross-disciplinary journal on design, business and society?

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As design scholars we all have our own paths to follow, but we need to be careful not to end up following only ourselves. Our journey as design academics and professionals cannot and should not be taken in isolation. As members of an emerging discipline, we need to grow our field further and make a meaningful contribution not only to our own design community, but also to other communities that need design. In order to remain relevant and competitive as a field we need to continue acquiring new skills, enrich our levels of expertise, and expand our base of knowledge. But we need to be careful not to lose track and develop these capabilities solely for a self-serving purposes. We need a cross-disciplinary focus.
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In addition to being the editor of the Journal of Design, Business & Society, Gjoko Muratovski has also published five books with Intellect so far. Find out more at: www.intellectbooks.com.

WHAT ARE THE KEY THINGS THAT POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE JOURNAL OF DESIGN, BUSINESS & SOCIETY?
WHAT MAKES IT DIFFERENT FROM OTHER DESIGN JOURNALS?

The journal is a scholarly peer-reviewed publication interested in publishing high quality academic papers, case studies, book reviews of relevant literature, and critiques that examine the role of design in business or society. The purpose of the journal is to promote cross-disciplinary research, and therefore, in addition to soliciting design papers, we are also interested in receiving manuscripts on research about design that are coming from non-design areas, such as business, marketing, management, health, psychology, social sciences, environmental sciences, and others. We have two issues per year, but we are also interested in commissioning special topic issues from guest editors. We are particularly proud that the articles we publish are not only popular with academics, but also with governmental and corporate consultants who have shown a significant interest in subscribing to the journal.

Overall, the journal is very practical in focus. We are not really that interested in publishing purely philosophical articles or articles that focus just on design, without discussing the broader implications that design can have to business or society. We are, however, very interested in articles that showcase exemplary case studies, or provide new insights to policy makers and strategic business leaders.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT WORKING WITH INTELLECT?

I love working with Intellect. Intellect has been fantastic in providing lots of support to us in terms of advice and logistics, and in having physical presence at research events and conferences that we run around the world. I also appreciate the fact that Intellect has always been supportive of new and emerging talent and has been prepared to explore and publish novel and original areas of scholarship. That’s really commendable.

IN YOUR EDITORIAL FOR THE FIRST ISSUE, YOU MENTIONED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR DESIGNERS TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORLD. IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU THINK DESIGNERS CAN ACHIEVE THIS?

In the past, designers were often too busy focusing on their own self-expression at the expense of everything else. This attitude made designers a part of the problem – rise of consumer societies, depletion of natural resources, and growing social inequality. Today, designers need to be a part of the solution. Design is no longer just about creating objects, spaces and visuals. Design is about creating better systems for living, working, information and entertainment. This way of designing calls for a holistic, evidence-based approach that is also focused on finding the problem before it occurs rather than just dealing with it once it takes effect.

WHAT IS THE ‘DEATH SPIRAL’ AND HOW DO YOU THINK THE JOURNAL CAN HELP DESIGNERS AND DESIGN ACADEMICS AVOID THE ‘DEATH SPIRAL’? YOU TALK ABOUT IN YOUR FIRST EDITORIAL?

One of the main flaws that we often encounter in design practice is that designers can become so immersed in the process of design that at times they end up disregarding the real need behind the design itself. When this happens, the design outcome begins to revolve around the designer rather than the client or the end-user. In such cases, the design is no longer a conscious problem-solving process, but a form of self-expression. This is why from time to time designers need to be reminded that design is not a goal in itself, but only one part of a broad sociocultural and economic framework and that they too can exhibit the same traits when it comes to their own research.

That is why in the inaugural issue of the journal I decided to reflect on this issue. In my editorial I likened this behavioural trait to a ‘circular mill’ – a natural phenomenon that occurs when a group of army ants (foragers) are separated from the main swarm column. After a period of disorder the separated group randomly picks up a pheromonal scent that they follow, unaware that the scent is coming from them rather than the main colony. Soon after, they end up running around in a densely packed circle following each other, until they all die from exhaustion. The deadly deception of the circular mill is that those who are trapped inside are under the illusion that they are following the right path and may never register the fact that they are lost – even in their final moments. That is why this type of behaviour is also dubbed the ‘death spiral’. The death spiral as a metaphor is now commonly used to describe similar patterns of behaviour in a range of professions and fields, including insurance, finance and digital culture. Designers, as I have pointed out, are no exception – regardless of whether they are practitioners or academics.
Sharon Louden is a practicing, professional artist who lives in Minneapolis and works in New York. Her work has been exhibited at the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, the Drawing Center, Weisman Art Museum, Birmingham Museum of Art, Weatherspoon Art Museum and the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, among other venues, and it is held in public collections such as the Whitney Museum of American Art, Weatherspoon Art Museum and the National Gallery of Art. For more information, visit http://www.livesustain.org/sharon-louden/.

Q&A

WHAT ARE YOU CURRENTLY WORKING ON?

WHAT IS YOUR BEST-Liked CITY AND WHY?
New York because I lived there for 23 years, still work there and have a love/hate relationship with it that is like a close relative who continues to annoy me but I still love them.

WHAT IS YOUR EARYEST MEMORY?
Eating black sigi olives wrapped in red hot peppers at family reunions with my Sicilian family in my grandmother’s row house on South Sydenham Street in South Philadelphia.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?
Sustaining a creative life as an artist.

I have a love/hate relationship with it like a close relative.

OF ALL YOUR SENSES, WHICH DO YOU MOST VALUE AND WHY?
Seeing. It’s how I can truly express.

WHAT SCHOLAR OR SCHOLARLY BOOK/ARTICLE HAS HAD THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON YOUR OWN RESEARCH?
Theories of Modern Art by Chipp & Selz (my bible during my years in school) and everything on Hyperallergic (my daily go-to since its inception).

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE SMELL?
Roses.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE BOOKSHOP?
The Strand in New York City.

WHAT ARTIST ALIVE OR DEAD HAS BEEN YOUR GREATEST INSPIRATION?
Many, but at the moment, it’s a tie: Francis Alÿs (who is alive) and Ray Johnson (who is deceased).
Artists can make their own opportunities

Gratitude

I like mobility

I am not an academic

Classic, funk and groove

What is the biggest threat to education?
Zero arts education which ultimately results in lack of creativity, creative thinking, problem solving and all of the skills that are needed to apply to so many fields.

What is the closest you’ve come to death?
Every time I make my work alone in my studio I feel I am closer to that. It’s cathartic.

What is your greatest fear?
Bugs.

What is your favourite food?
Very good craft Bourbon.

What song would you like played at your funeral?
Songs from the old-school; classic funk & groove.

What book changed your life?
The exhibition catalogue for Content, a group show at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in 1984 which showed me that I can be a professional artist. I never turned back and still hold on to and refer to that catalogue as a reminder of that revelation.

What do you see as the biggest threat to ‘art’?
Becoming completely extinguished in schools, continued lack of understanding and censorship, lack of funding for culture, lack of recognition for its value beyond the market value of art today.

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How did you become an academic?
I am not an academic. My work in academia is an extension of my work as an artist.

Aside from a property, what’s the most expensive thing you’ve bought?
I have yet to buy property so I would say a car. I like mobility.

What is your favourite film?
I have seen a particular film at least 25 times as a happy distraction from my professional life.

What is your most likely doing this year?
Moving from Atlanta, GA to Chicago, IL to complete my undergraduate work at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.
AN INTERVIEW WITH
FRANCESCA ZAMPOLLO

Founding editor of the International Journal of Food Design

Find out more about the International Journal of Food Design online at www.intellectbooks.com.

WHAT FIRST ATTRACTION YOU TO FOOD DESIGN AS AN AREA OF STUDY?

This is a good story actually. I was in my second year BA in Industrial Design at Polytechnic of Turin. We were designing washing machines and blenders, and typical industrial stuff. Looking back I now see that I was going through my studies a bit numbed I think. I never complained, but I sure didn’t love it. I just didn’t know I didn’t love it. I found out soon enough, when one day I went to a workshop in between semesters; not knowing which one to choose of the different options I chose the one with the least boring title. That day a chef came in, a chef with his white chef shirt, and started talking about Food Design. He did not talk about cooking food, he talked about designing food. In that moment my life changed forever. That chef was Davide Scabin, chef and owner of the two Michelin star restaurant Combal Zero, in Rivoli, Italy. The time of washing machines was over, and the time of food started. From there, every project I did was related to food and eating, and I did my internship at Venchi, a chocolate factory in Cuneo, Italy, where I designed a chocolate snack called Unico, which is still produced today, nine years later. From there I moved to London where I continued with my postgraduate studies on Food Design, and more in particular on food experiences considered from a design perspective. What captured me so much, that day at that workshop, what opened my eyes and made me fall in love with Food Design, is the fact that I started thinking about the possibility of designing with and for food. Food, a material of similar qualities to those I was more used to (like polymers, glass, etc) but at the same time very different, and this is why: food disappears. Food doesn’t last. As a designer you think of making your mark in the world through the products you put in the world: a furniture designer might make a chair that lasts decades, and an architect might make buildings that last centuries. As a food designer you most likely will design products that last a few hours to a few weeks. And anyway, they are designed to be eaten and therefore disappear. This to me is the most exciting aspect of Food Design: we don’t really design products, we design memories. Only memories of the experience that a product creates can last forever.

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APPROACHES TO FOOD AND FOOD CONSUMPTION HAVE CHANGED DRAMATICALLY IN RECENT YEARS, DO YOU FEEL THIS HAS BEEN REFLECTED ADEQUATELY IN FOOD DESIGN RESEARCH?

I think we are getting there. Research on Food Design is research on food and eating related issues being addressed with a Design awareness, and research on Design that focuses on food and eating in particular. There is plenty of research being done on food and eating with particular interest in the changing aspects of consumptions, some of this embraces a Design perspective and can therefore be called research on Food Design. The challenge within Food Design research is just to align or combine what is done on food, with Design, and what is done on Design, with food.

WHERE DO YOUR PERSONAL RESEARCH INTERESTS AND BACKGROUND LIE?

As I’ve mentioned above, my background is Industrial Design, and with my Master’s and Ph.D. I move towards less tangible aspects of Design, towards Design theory applied to Food Design. In particular I am investigating the possibility for a branch of Design Thinking I call Food Design Thinking: a branch of Design Thinking that is specific for food and eating related design process, where the design methods themselves are specifically designed to investigate or generate ideas related to food and eating. My design approach though is Design-Driven Innovation, which at its core asks designers to design for radical change in meaning. So the design methods for Food Design Thinking I have designed so far all aim at helping designers to generate outcomes (food products, services or systems) that have the potential to generate radical change in meanings. This triggered my interest in starting a research project that aims at understanding meaningful food: this project is called In Search of Meaningful Food, a collection of videos where people tell the story of their most meaningful food. Once I’ll be able to create a picture of what makes food meaningful, I’ll be able to design design methods that can better help achieve meaningful solutions.

WHAT NEW AREAS OF FOOD DESIGN DO YOU HOPE THE JOURNAL WILL EXPLORE IN THE FUTURE?

Since I am particularly interested in Design Theory, I’m really looking forward to more discussion on Food Design Theory, and from the submissions I have received so far I can see that there are other researchers out there with the same interests, and who are creating an original contribution to knowledge. I am also interested in the intersections between Food Design and Fashion Design and looking at gathering like-minded people to discuss such connections. I am also interested in starting a debate on the existence of a branch of Design History specific to food: Food Design History. Is there a scope for such a subdiscipline? And finally, what I am really looking forward to, is interdisciplinary research on food and eating topics, made accessible to the Design world: I’m looking forward to collaborations between food scientists and Designers, to propose not only very interesting findings on food perception or preference, for example, but also its application through Design. This is the perfect marriage between food and Design.
‘Intellect were a great, supportive team. From the development of ideas, through commissioning, editing, proofs and design it was a very smooth process. As editor I was given full independence and final decision-making. Working with such dedicated and creative people was a real pleasure and trust was mutual. The work is allowed to speak for itself and the finished product is a joy to look at! As an editor for an Intellect publication I have gained great respect in the industry both academically and commercially.’

Gabrielle Malcolm, Editor of Fan Phenomena: Jane Austen

‘Intellect publishes a great range of books and journals, characterised by research that often combine academic subject areas in novel and stimulating ways. The new catalogues from Intellect are always received with great excitement and anticipation.’

Elizabeth Frey, Bookseller, British Film Institute
Dr Julia Round is a Principal Lecturer in the Faculty of Media and Communication at Bournemouth University, UK. She co-edits Studies in Comics (Intellect) and co-organises the Annual International Conference of Graphic Novels and Comics, now in its seventh year. Her research and teaching interests include gothic, comics and children’s literature and she has published the monograph Gothic in Comics and Graphic Novels: A Critical Approach (2014) and the co-edited collection Real Lives Celebrity Stories (2014). She is currently working on a critical book on the British girls horror comic Misty. For further details please visit www.juliaround.com.

Why did you become an academic?
I’m not sure it was deliberate! – I just loved my subject (English Lit.) and I just kept studying (with intermittent years off to make some money). I just wanted to keep reading and writing about the stuff I loved. When I started teaching I really enjoyed that too – it sounds clichéd, but every week I learn something new from my students – they have perspectives and ideas I would never have thought of.

What scholar or scholarly book/article has had the biggest impact on your own research?
There’s a 1948 book called The White Goddess by Robert Graves, about mythology and poetry. It’s not really my field and frankly I’m not even sure if I understood it all, but it had an impact as it showed me that scholarly writing can be creative and poetic.

What are you currently working on?
I’ve been working for the past few years on a critical history of a British girls horror comic from the 1970s called Misty, which I hope will be out at the start of next year. Girls comics are a massively under researched area and the comic itself is just getting a reprint by Rebellion.

What’s your favourite academic conference?
I’m going to have to go for the one I co-organise, which is the International Graphic Novel and Comics Conference (IGNCC). It’s been running for seven years and we’ve held it at the British Library, Paris, Manchester, Bournemouth, Glasgow and Dundee.

What is the biggest threat to education?
Our Government. The tuition fees have made students so results-driven and universities are operating more and more like businesses.

What song would you like played at your funeral?
This is so cheesy, but maybe ‘Freebird’ by Lynyrd Skynyrd.

What’s your favourite film
National Lampoon’s Animal House. Yes, really. It’s awesome and I am not ashamed.

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Rather than commissioning books to fit a gap in the market, we first focus on finding researchers who are passionate about their work and their ideas.

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We are always looking for new ways of doing things and we are always open to new ideas and suggestions. We like to publish in new and emerging subject areas, and to embrace new technology when possible.

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We have a strong reputation for publishing high quality books and journals. We believe in the peer review process for assuring the quality of the research. We then focus on providing a high-quality publishing process, and a quality printed product.

I have always felt that Intellect is a very special publishing company. Although technically a commercial press, it operates essentially as a non-profit, with everything being re-invested back into the business. A contradiction in terms, it survives in the precarious limbo of being ethos-driven, while also needing to be self-sustaining. Intellect has always attracted a highly committed and capable team, who work both collaboratively and autonomously, another contradiction which somehow just seems to work. Intellect also attracts a remarkable network of authors and editors who we see as our friends and colleagues – part of the team. We should all feel really proud of what we have created and achieved.

An insight
May Yao
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Q&A

WHY DID YOU BECOME AN ACADEMIC?
It seemed like a logical career choice based on my general interests and personality. From an early age I have very much enjoyed presenting ideas to people and have had a serious interest in film history since I was a young horror fan. When I discovered that academia took popular culture seriously, and that I could get paid for fusing two of my favourite pastimes, that was it.

WHAT SCHOLAR OR SCHOLARLY BOOK/ARTICLE HAS HAD THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON YOUR OWN RESEARCH?
Probably Carol Clover’s Men, Women and Chain Saws: Gender in the Modern Horror Film. I disagree with most of Clover’s core ideas nowadays, and question what value psychoanalysis has to film and media studies. But that was the first academic book I read about horror cinema. Nowadays, I tend to take most inspiration from the work of empirical historians of popular culture, such as James Chapman and Eric Schaefer.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?
My greatest achievement is helping to produce another human: my son, Rowan.

WHAT LIVING PERSON DO YOU MOST ADMIRE AND WHY?
I am currently a huge admirer of Jeremy Corbyn. I admire his frankness, courage and commitment to left-wing politics. We can learn a lot from him and his values.

I was a young horror fan

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IF YOU COULD BRING SOMETHING EXTINCT BACK TO LIFE, WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE?
I would bring back to life all of the animals that were made extinct as a consequence of humankind’s interference. The way that we have treated animals over the centuries is shameful. It still baffles me how a person can stroke their pet dog with one hand and eat a beef burger with another.

WHERE IS YOUR GREATEST FEAR?
I am afraid of heights – but this is a very recent thing. I attempted to stand on the glass floor at the Calgary Tower last year. That was rather embarrassing. There’s a cracking photo of me doing the rounds on social media at present.

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WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?
Indian cuisine. Hands down.

WHEN IT COMES TO BOOKS...
DO YOU PREFER PRINT OR DIGITAL?
I prefer print. Ask my colleagues: I am weird book fetishist, and have a tendency to give all my new books a thorough physical examination prior to reading them. With that said, I profoundly dislike print-on-demand technology. The results are rarely very good. It’s essentially glorified photocopying.

WHO WOULD PLAY YOU IN THE FILM OF YOUR LIFE?
I’ve been asked this question before. I didn’t know the answer then and am reluctant to answer it now. My friend Kate reckons Joaquin Phoenix. I’d happily take that. He’s a handsome chap, and we have the same views on animal welfare.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FILM?
Stanley Kubrick’s The Shining. It’s a masterpiece. I also think, contrary to popular opinion, that it’s well acted. I honestly could drop everything and watch it right now.

WHAT IS THE WORST JOB YOU’VE DONE?
I worked in a coffee shop which was fine up to a point. I hated having to dance to the corporate tune of the area manager.

WHAT IS YOUR BEST-LIKED CITY AND WHY?
This is such a tough question. It’s a toss-up between Seattle and Edinburgh. Both have awesome architecture, culture and restaurants.

I hated having to dance to the corporate tune of the area manager

WHAT IS THE FIRST BOOK YOU CAN REMEMBER READING?
The first book I can remember reading cover to cover, and feeling as though I’d really achieved something in doing so, was The Masked Mutant by R. L. Stine. It was part of the Goosebumps series: a horror series aimed at older children.

Joaquin Phoenix - I’d happily take that

WHAT ARE YOU CURRENTLY WORKING ON?
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DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE BOOKSHOP?
Tin Drum Books in Leicester. I once bought a pile of vintage film magazines there for next to nothing.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST THREAT TO EDUCATION?
Those who continue to treat higher education as though it were a privilege, by charging so much money to access it, represent its biggest threat. Students are not customers, nor should they be thought of, or treated, as such. This kind of highly cynical thinking merely leads to the creation of environments where capital gain takes precedence over sound pedagogy.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE SMELL?
The Whitley Bay coastline.

I’d like healing powers

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE CITY?
I'd like healing powers. People say I have a Messiah Complex, so it seems logical.

WHAT WOULD YOUR SUPER POWER BE?
I can’t say I want a funeral. Not in the traditional sense anyway. I’m not a very sentimental person. But, to humour you, I’d probably say ‘Nobody’s Hero’ by Stiff Little Fingers.

WHO WOULD PLAY YOU IN THE FILM OF YOUR LIFE?
Joaquin Phoenix. He’s a handsome chap, and we have the same views on animal welfare.

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An insight
Holly Rose

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Where do your personal research interests and background lie?

My research is concerned with drawing as an interactive process and site of production; a form of writing or visual narrative; a model of representation, an investigative, descriptive or interpretative pursuit. It is a dynamic ‘site of conception’, a performance, an aid to critical thinking and an interpretative medium.

I have been educated at a Fine Art Academy on continental Europe, where drawing is part of every practice and the base for any creative input.

What attracted you to the idea of editing an academic journal?

Quite simply the idea of collaboration and that of dissemination of diverse types of knowledge. A publication could bring together a diversity of practices related to drawing.

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Do you feel this journal will be filling a gap in drawing research?

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Whose work do you particularly admire?

Too many artists need to be mentioned here: from Leonardo da Vinci to Antonin Artaud and Rebecca Horn’s drawing machines. It is a long list.

What new areas of drawing studies do you hope the journal will explore?

The journal highlights the variety of approaches, specificities and commonalities of the drawing’s forms and uses. This includes its methods, tools and practices, approaches, theoretical reflections and applications. The primary objective of the journal is to expand scholarship by bringing together multidisciplinary expertise through a diversity of methods, knowledge, techniques and applications concerned with the study of drawing – alongside critical, philosophical, theoretical, traditional and cultural aspects of practice.

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WHAT SCHOLAR OR SCHOLARLY BOOK/ARTICLE HAS HAD THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON YOUR OWN RESEARCH?
John Dewey’s Art as Experience captured the way I felt about the arts at an early age.

WHAT ARE YOU CURRENTLY WORKING ON?
I am writing a biography on the political artist and satirist Robbie Conal.

YOU ARE HAVING A DINNER PARTY AND YOU HAVE TO INVITE ONE THINKER, ONE MUSICIAN, ONE ARTIST AND ONE CONTEMPORARY CELEBRITY, WHO WOULD BE ON THE GUEST LIST?
If I could bring back Clement Greenberg to eat with Lady Gaga, Banksy, and Jim Gaffigan – it would make for an interesting conversation.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST THREAT TO EDUCATION?
Reality television and the Kardashians.

INTELLECT WAS FOUNDED IN 1986. WHAT WERE YOU MOST LIKELY DOING THAT YEAR?
I was eleven years old and trying to prove to my friends that I was an artist.

IF YOU COULD BRING SOMETHING EXTINCT BACK TO LIFE, WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE?
Dinosaurs, definitely dinosaurs.

WHO WOULD PLAY YOU IN THE FILM OF YOUR LIFE?
Anyone but James Franco.

WHAT IS THE CLOSEST YOU’VE COME TO DEATH?
A tyre fell off my car while I was driving on a dangerous section of a freeway when I was nineteen years old.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE GALLERY?
No – too many to choose from.

WHAT WOULD YOUR SUPER POWER BE?
Super speed.

WHAT SONG WOULD YOU LIKE PLAYED AT YOUR FUNERAL?
‘Another One Bites the Dust’.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE BOOKSHOP?
The Strand in New York City.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE SMELL?
Pretty sure it’s pizza.
AN INTERVIEW WITH THE EDITORS OF QUEER STUDIES IN MEDIA & POPULAR CULTURE

Queer Studies in Media & Popular Culture (QSMPC) is a double-blind peer reviewed journal devoted to the study of representations and expressions of Queerness in its various forms. The journal is edited by Bruce Drushel, Kylo-Patrick Hart and Shelley Park.

WHAT FIRST ATTRACTION YOU TO QUEER STUDIES AS AN AREA OF ACADEMIC STUDY?

Bruce Drushel: My attraction to Queer Studies actually pre-dates the field per se and goes back to its precursor, Gay & Lesbian Studies. By the late-1980s, I already had written an article for a special issue of Journal of Homosexuality addressing reporting by the press on HIV/AIDS. My ambition at the time was to teach a course on LGBTQ people and the media – which I eventually would do – but in the meantime, all I had was a file folder (physical, not virtual) into which I would chuck any printed material I could find on the subject. It grew quite thick.

Shelley Park: I came to queer theory, as many feminist philosophers of my generation did, through the early work of Judith Butler. Her deconstruction of the sex/gender distinction, of gender identity politics, and her insistence that gender was a form of doing rather than a form of being or having were deeply transformative to the thinking of many feminist scholars in the 1990s and marked a shift in feminist academic study from women’s studies to gender studies. These ideas were, at the time, both challenging and provocative. I was among those who initially resisted but was eventually seduced. I have been taking pleasure in queer theory ever since.

Kylo-Patrick Hart: While I had long been familiar with the field of gay and lesbian studies, I didn’t know much about queer studies until after I initially viewed the films The Doom Generation and Nowhere by director Gregg Araki. The contents of both of them embrace ambiguity and continual fluidity in human gender and sexuality, rather than fixed categories such as ‘gay,’ ‘lesbian,’ or ‘bisexual.’ They also candidly represent a range of sexual practices and preferred ways of being that have historically been viewed as ‘deviant,’ and have therefore been kept hidden from the eyes of most audience members, without judging or pathologizing them, thereby allowing their characters to express their own unique conceptualizations of sexuality and to engage in their preferred sexual activities freely. As I began to analyse these unique films, I stumbled upon the concept of queer theory and became fascinated with it, as well as with queer studies more generally.

WHAT DREW YOU TO THE IDEA OF EDITING AN ACADEMIC JOURNAL?

BD: I thought there was both an unmet need and an interest among scholars for an academic journal addressing the intersection of queerness and media/popular culture. The subject area at Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association, which I chair, was attracting upwards of 60 to 70 papers annually, many of which were truly exceptional but for which outlets were few. I had by that time edited or co-edited three anthologies and a couple of special issues of academic journals and had found the experiences very rewarding.

SP: This isn’t the first publication I have edited but I am particularly excited about working on this one. I am increasingly drawn to what J. Halberstam describes as ‘low theory’ (popular culture) as a significant vehicle for analysing the time and place in which we (or others) live. Queer Studies in Media and Popular Culture seeks to create a space for queer theorists to critically engage conversations taking place in popular culture.

WHAT ARE YOUR ASPIRATIONS FOR THE JOURNAL?

BD: The authors who helped shape what would become Queer Studies – Butler, Foucault, Halberstam, and others – were responsible for nothing short of a revolution. The field now requires evolution and I think QSMPC has an important role to play in that.

SP: I hope that this journal can be a genuinely interdisciplinary home for queer scholarship representing diverse forms of engagement with a wide range of media and popular culture. Obviously, we would like Queer Studies in Media and Popular Culture to be well-respected. Yet insofar as being ‘respectable’ is a suspect aspiration for any self-respecting queer, this is complicated. I hope we might also work toward queering academic norms of respectability.

K-P H: I’m hoping to see this journal become the ‘go-to source’ for individuals who are seeking the most impressive new and cutting-edge research in the field. My ambition at the time was to teach a course on LGBTQ people and the media – which I eventually would do.

K-P H: Research endeavors pertaining to queerness in media offerings and popular culture have increased substantially in number in recent decades, but until now there hasn’t been a single academic journal that is devoted exclusively to disseminating their noteworthy findings as its primary emphasis, rather than only occasionally or somewhat tangentially. The creation of a journal like Queer Studies in Media & Popular Culture has long overdue, which is why I have been so drawn to launching it and serving as its founding co-editor.

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Q&A

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**WHY DID YOU BECOME AN ACADEMIC?**

I always liked to learn and share ideas.

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**OF ALL YOUR SENSES, WHICH DO YOU MOST VALUE AND WHY?**

Sight. To see is the best gift.

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**WHAT ARE YOU CURRENTLY WORKING ON?**

I’m currently writing an article on the role of China in Africa, particularly in the media sphere, asking what it means for the continent. Interestingly, some Africans think it is colonizing the continent but some consider China as a force for change.

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**IN THE PAST 30 YEARS WHAT DO YOU FEEL HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST CHANGE IN THE ART WORLD?**

Art has become redefined and more accessible. Alternative art forms are now more visible and recognized.

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**WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE BIGGEST THREAT TO ‘ART’?**

Funding has been reduced. Regulatory pressures have increased. Sadly some governments are still too sensitive to art.

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**WHAT IS THE WORST JOB YOU’VE DONE?**

Missing an extended deadline.

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**DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE BOOKSHOP?**

It used to be Borders but now my local Waterstones in Harrow.

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**DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE GALLERY?**

Tate Modern.

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**WHICH BOOK CHANGED YOUR LIFE?**

The Communist Manifesto.

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**WHAT SCHOLARLY BOOK/ARTICLE HAS HAD THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON YOUR OWN RESEARCH?**

Back at University, Fanon’s *Wretched of the Earth* and Walter Rodney’s *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa* were a big deal. I still go back to them because the issues are still with us.

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**WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST FEAR?**

Deadlines!

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**WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE WORD?**

Yes.

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**ASIDE FROM A PROPERTY, WHAT’S THE MOST EXPENSIVE THING YOU’VE BOUGHT?**

Nothing really, the best things are free.
WHAT SONG WOULD YOU LIKE PLAYED AT YOUR FUNERAL?
Any, as long as it starts the party!

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST THREAT TO EDUCATION?
Mindless funding cuts.

YOU ARE HAVING A DINNER PARTY AND YOU HAVE THE CHOICE TO INVITE EITHER A THINKER, A MUSICIAN, OR AN ARTIST. WHO WOULD BE ON THE GUEST LIST?
A musician for sure, to watch them sing for their meal.

WHAT IS YOUR EARLIEST MEMORY?
At 6 years, First Year at school.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE SMELL?
Fresh cut flowers, red roses in particular.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?
Millet sadza, veggies and chicken, it’s so yummy!

WHAT ARTIST ALIVE OR DEAD HAS BEEN YOUR GREATEST INSPIRATION?
I quite like Oliver Mtukudzi for his Tuku music.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?
I’m yet to achieve something great and I’m not giving up hope!

WHICH LIVING PERSON DO YOU MOST ADMIRE AND WHY?
My mother, for her unconditional love for me.

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WHEN IT COMES TO BOOKS... DO YOU PREFER PRINT OR DIGITAL?
Both, but the digital is a lot easier to use and keep.

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I was finishing my O-Level, thank you for wanting to guess my age!

IF YOU COULD BRING SOMETHING EXTINCT BACK TO LIFE, WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE?
Black and white TV.

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