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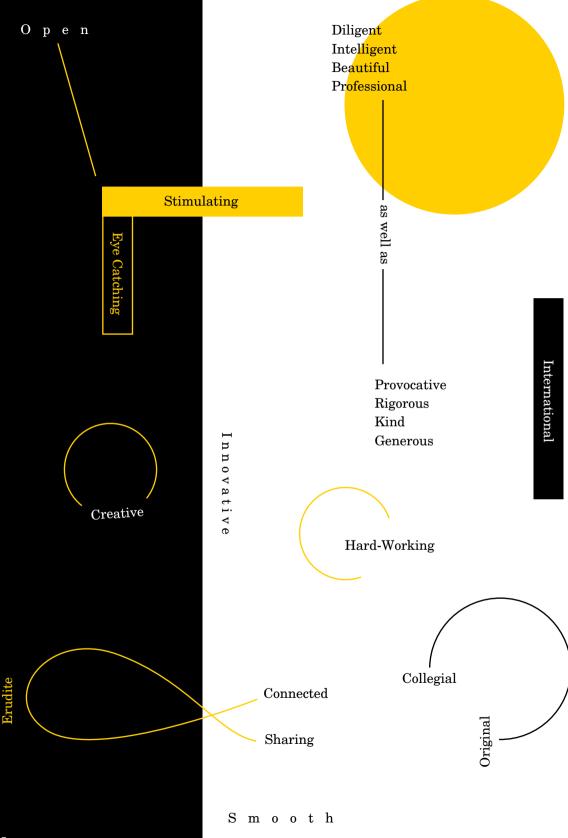
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CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF ACADEMIC PUBLISHING

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 reminisces.

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. He also wrote a children's book while in Iran, which was banned from publication by the then Shah's censors. But his true baptism into academic publishing started with a brief but intensive apprenticeship as an editorial



advisor to Walter J. Johnson, publisher at Ablex in New Jersey, set up to cover new subject areas of communication studies, Cognitive Science and Artificial Intelligence. Intellect hasn't looked back since. Between 1986 and the present, the company moved first to Exeter then to Bristol and to the offices it occupies today. Along the way, the number of books published rose from an initial three to around one hundred a year, the number of journals rose from one to 98, and staff numbers rose from two to 22, while to reach a global audience we established an office in the US and partnered with the University of Chicago Press, who distribute our books worldwide and with Turpin Distribution and Ingenta, who distribute and host our journals.

A constant throughout our 30 years has been the desire to innovate, to identify new and emerging subject areas, and to represent the voice of academics in these areas, who often find it difficult if not impossible to get published solely because they do not offer a sufficient

financial return. The desire to offer a platform to people working in niche subject areas stems from Masoud's own struggle to get his and his colleagues work published in their particular area of AI and was the driving motivation behind Artificial Intelligence Review. 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



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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





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'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!'



The Mill, Intellect's HQ



The University of Chicago Press Building

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INTERVIEW WITH GJOKO MURATOVSKI **FDITOR-IN-CHIFF** OF THE JOURNAL OF DESIGN, BUSINESS & SOCIETY

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 evidencebased 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

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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?

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 crossdisciplinary 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

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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 to policy makers and strategic business leaders.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE **ABOUT WORKING** WITH INTELLECT?

One of the main flaws that we often encounter in design practice is that designers can become so immersed in the process provide new insights of design that at times they end up disregarding the real need behind the design itself.

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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 1.1 YOU MENTION THAT IT IS IMPORTANT FOR DESIGNERS TO MAKE A MEAN 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 from 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.

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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/.

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).

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 ARE YOU CURRENTLY WORKING ON?

Work for my solo exhibition at Morgan Lehman Gallery in New York opening 8 September, premiere of a new animation at the National Gallery of Art and organizing an 80+ stop book tour starting 2 March, 2017.

WHAT IS YOUR EARLIEST 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.

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WHICH LIVING PERSON DO YOU MOST ADMIRE AND WHY?

Senator Elizabeth Warren. She speaks truth to power. Love her.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE BOOKSHOP?

The Strand in New York City.

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.

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

Galleries are just one part of the eco-system and not the only game in town anymore. Artists can make their own opportunities to shape their own creative lives.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE WORD? **Gratitude.**

Artists can make their own opportunities

WHICH 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 IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?

Very good craft Bourbon.

Gratitude

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

Bugs.

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 THE WORST JOB YOU'VE DONE?

Shining shoes at the airport.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FILM?

I have seen a particular film at least 25 times as a happy distraction from my professional life.

Classic, funk and groove

AS AN ARTIST, WHY DID YOU BECOME AN ACADEMIC?

I am not an academic. My work in academia is an extension of my work as an artist.

WHAT SONG WOULD YOU LIKE PLAYED AT YOUR FUNERAL?

Songs from the old-school; classic funk & groove.

I like mobility

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?

Australian writer Clementine Ford, my jazz musician husband Vinson Valega, artist Martha Rosler and comedian Chris Rock. That would be a dynamic dinner party!

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.

I am not an academic

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.

INTELLECT WAS FOUNDED IN 1986.

WHAT WERE YOU MOST LIKELY DOING THAT YEAR?

Moving from Atlanta, GA to Chicago, IL to complete my undergraduate work at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

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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 ATTRACTED YOU TO

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

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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 Only memories of you think of making vour mark in the world through the products you put in the world: a furniture designer might can last forever make a chair that lasts

decades, and an architect might make buildings that last centuries. As a food designer vou 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.

APPROACHES TO FOOD AND FOOD ADEQUATELY IN FOOD

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.

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 potentials 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 at the moment fascinated with 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.

WHERE DO YOUR PERSONAL RESEARCH

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS 20 21 PUBLISHERS OF ORIGINAL THINKING '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.'

'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.'

Gabrielle Malcolm, Editor of Fan Phenomena: Jane Austen

Elizabeth Frey, Bookseller, British Film Institute



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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 IS THE WORST JOB YOU'VE DONE?

Chambermaid. I lasted one day. It's back-breaking work and the way some people treat hotel rooms is truly disgusting.

WHEN IT COMES TO BOOKS... PRINT OR DIGITAL?

Both!

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WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FILM

National Lampoon's Animal House. Yes, really. It's awesome and I am not ashamed.

WHAT SONG WOULD YOU LIKE PLAYED AT YOUR FUNERAL?

This is so cheesy, but maybe 'Freebird' by Lynyrd Skynyrd.

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Intellect is...

Author-led
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.

Innovative and forward-thinking
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.

About quality
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.

MEET OUR PRODUCTION DIRECTOR

'Intellect published its first book in 1986, and since then our books programme has developed into a flourishing, forward-looking list.'

An insight May Yao

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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.

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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.

I am currently a huge admirer of Jeremy Corbyn

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.

WHAT 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.

I was a young horror fan

WHICH 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.

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.

Joaquin Phoenix - I'd happily take that

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.

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.

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

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

I am usually very thrifty. But I've been known to shell out a couple of hundred notes on pre-certificate VHS cassettes.

WHAT ARE YOU CURRENTLY WORKING ON?

I am currently writing a book on video rental culture in Britain, which has recently been contracted by the University of Exeter Press. The book assesses the boom in video culture, from distributors to membership clubs, from the late 1970s to the early 90s. This differs somewhat from my other work into horror and exploitation cinema, but I am very much enjoying putting it together. It's a challenge, but it means I get to spend a fair amount of time in archives, which I enjoy very much.

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.

I'd like healing powers

INTELLECT WAS FOUNDED IN 1986. WHAT WERE YOU MOST LIKELY DOING THAT YEAR?

I wasn't doing much in 1986, due to the fact that I hadn't been born. Had I been alive, I would have been rocking out to 'Asylum' by Kiss that was released the previous year, in anticipation of the follow-up record, 1987's 'Crazy Nights'.

WHAT SONG WOULD YOU LIKE PLAYED AT YOUR FUNERAL?

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.

WHAT WOULD YOUR SUPER POWER BE?

I'd like healing powers. People say I have a Messiah Complex, so it seems logical.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE SMELL?

The Whitley Bay coastline.

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.

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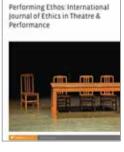


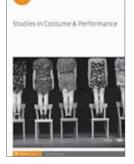












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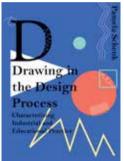
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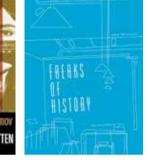


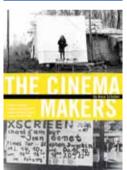


























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DRAWING: RESEARCH, THEORY, PRACTICE

An interview with our editor Adriana Ionascu

WHY DO YOU FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT FOR DRAWING TO BE CONSIDERED A DISCIPLINE IN ITS OWN RIGHT?

Drawing is a discipline in its own right. It acts as language and communication, and is by nature experimental, investigative and exploratory. It functions in different ways in such diverse fields as science and technology, philosophy, anthropology, psychology, sociology, cultural studies and cognitive science, as well as fine arts, design and architecture.

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. Drawing: Research, Theory, Practice seeks to re-establish the materiality of drawing at a time when virtual, online presentation threatens to dominate the field of cultural practice.

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. ADRIANA IONASCU

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DO YOU FEEL THIS JOURNAL WILL BE FILLING A GAP IN DRAWING RESEARCH?

Drawing: Research, Theory, Practice seeks to re-establish the materiality of drawing at a time when virtual, online presentation threatens to dominate the field of cultural practice. The journal provides a platform for the dissemination of drawing in all its forms and it addresses the current need for a high-quality printed publication within the field.

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.

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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 ATTRACTED 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

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

pleasure in queer theory ever since.

the films The Doom Generation and Nowhere by director Gregg Araki. The contents of both of them embrace ambiguity and

continual fluidity in

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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

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

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 coedited 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 attracted 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.

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 been long overdue, which is why I have been so drawn to launching it and serving as its founding co-editor.

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 høping 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. In short, my fellow editors and I intend for Queer Studies in Media & Popular Culture to rapidly become the pre-eminent academic resource of its kind.



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REPRESENTATIONS OF 'QUEERNESS'
IN MEDIA AND POPULAR CULTURE
HAVE CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY IN
RECENT YEARS. DO YOU FEEL THIS HAS
BEEN REFLECTED IN QUEER STUDIES
RESEARCH?

BD: I think the representations of consonant examples – those whose voices mirror what has become the queer mainstream – are well-represented and documented in the literature. But queerness inherently defies mainstreaming; therefore, our scholarship should strive to examine dissonance as well and the roles of queer people themselves in shaping their representations. Meaning is in the messenger.

SP: Representations of 'queerness' in media and popular culture have changed in ways that are both exciting and troubling. On the one hand, representations of LGBT folk on television and elsewhere are much more plentiful than they once were. This mainstreaming and acceptability – some might even say trendiness – of LGBT life may come at the cost of de-queering these forms of life, however. Early media representations of LGBT life such as Queer as Folk or The L Word, for example, dealt with closeting, secrecy, shame, AIDS, lack of health care, sex for pleasure, the blurred distinction between friendship and eroticism, and experiments in alternative living. These conversations are largely absent in contemporary television shows such as Modern Family, where LGBT life is no longer recognizably queer but instead mimics heterosexual citizenship. This trend has been reflected in Queer Studies with analyses of homonormativity, domestinormativity, homonationalism and so forth. On the other hand, we have seen vehicles such as Hedwig and the Angry Inch move from cult status to a Broadway hit while engaging provocative conversations about queer

aesthetics and forms of life. Change rarely occurs in a single direction. Queer theory engages all of these directions.

K-P H: In my explorations of the relevant research literature, I have found that a large number of contemporary scholars still do not fully embrace, or perhaps fully comprehend, the distinction between queer studies and LGBT studies. Queer studies moves well beyond simply the

beyond simply the study of individuals and media offerings that feature characters who self-identify as being 'queer,' although such investigations

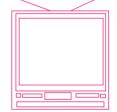
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are certainly a relevant component of queer studies. Without question, though, it is clear that a growing number of researchers are effectively exploring a wider range of representations of queerness in its various forms nowadays than at any point in the past.

WHERE DO YOUR PERSONAL RESEARCH INTERESTS AND BACKGROUND LIE?

BD: I am fascinated by queer histories. Owing to pervasive social stigma and anti-sodomy laws, LGBTQ people were some of the last in the West with largely oral histories. I think the 1980s and 1990s saw work in reconstructing and documenting those histories that was groundbreaking and intensely compelling. I think that work has caused queer people to re-examine themselves as they must do. In particular, I currently am fascinated by the formation and evolution of queer traditions and institutions.

SP: My own research engages the study of queer (non-normative) forms of kinship, mothering, caregiving, and homes. I am interested in forms of resistance to what I have termed 'monomaternalism' (the idea that each child must have one and only one mother) as found in a



variety of two or more mother families as formed through e.g. open adoption, lesbian co-mothering, divorce and remarriage, and polygamy and how these are represented in the media (from children's stories such as Horton Hatches an Egg to reality TV shows such as Sister Wives). I am also interested in how people think about what it means to 'do' family in queer configurations of time and space, including how family living outside of shared nuclear family homes are connected through what I have termed 'technologies of co-presence' (e.g. cell phones and facebook). Related to this, I am currently working on a new project on 'the ethics of care in a technological era,' wherein I am looking at how various relations of intimacy (both familial and erotic) are queered by technological mediation (e.g. smart homes, social robotics, online dating, sex toys, etc.). As part of this project, I am exploring how cultural hopes and fears surrounding technologically mediated care are expressed in popular culture (from Tamagotchi toys to

the film Her). I am These ideas were, interested in how these technologies at the time, both are – in terms of challenging and their production, their use, and their provocative. I was representation in the among those who public imagination gendered, racialized initially resisted and class-coded. but was eventually seduced. I have been taking pleasure in

queer theory ever since

K-P H: The vast majority of my research interest and activity pertains to media representations of otherness, broadly defined. To date, my

projects in this area have investigated diverse topics including intriguing representations of alienated teens, juvenile delinquency, bullying behaviors, victim-blaming, hegemonic and atypical masculinities, and threats posed by

extremely intelligent and forthright women to the patriarchal social order. In addition, a good deal of my research activity in this area has focused on culturally influential and groundbreaking media representations of nonheterosexual individuals and queerness of various kinds. Although much of my research activity to date has focused primarily on legacy media, I have an everincreasing interest in the presence and impact of representations of otherness in online contexts and the significance of alternative media offerings (potentially) reaching more widespread audiences than ever before via Hulu, Netflix, YouTube, and similar resources. Over the past few years, I have also become increasingly interested in exploring trans representations of all kinds and, given the dearth of academic research attention to this topic area in recent decades, hope to devote a good deal of my future research activity to analysing such consequential representations.

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WHY DID YOU BECOME AN ACADEMIC?

I always liked to learn and share ideas.

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

Sight. To see is the best gift.

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.

> 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.

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.

WHAT IS THE WORST JOB YOU'VE DONE?

Missing an extended deadline.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE BOOKSHOP?

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

DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE GALLERY?

Tate Modern.

WHICH BOOK CHANGED YOUR LIFE?

The Communist Manifesto!

WHAT SCHOLAR OR 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.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

Deadlines!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE WORD?

Yes.

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 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.

WHAT ARTIST ALIVE OR DEAD HAS BEEN YOUR GREATEST INSPIRATION?

I quite like Oliver Mtukudzi for his Tuku music.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD?

Millet sadza, veggies and chicken, it's so yummy!

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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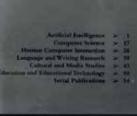
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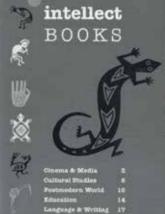
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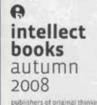


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