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EDUCATION

Emory University, Ph.D. Student in Comparative Literature, 2016-present

Columbia University, Graduated May 2008, B. A. - English & Comparative Literature

Languages: Spanish, French, German, Ancient Greek

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

“The New Novelty: Correlation as Quarantine in Speculative Realism and New Materialism.”

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“Publish it Yourself: The End of Alienated Labor in the Academic Publishing Industry.” *Berfrois*, November 7, 2016. <http://www.berfrois.com/2016/11/jonathan-basile-open-access/>

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“Who’s Afraid of AAARG? The Crisis of Academic Publishing and the Uncertain Future of the Humanities.” *Guernica*, August 25, 2016. <https://www.guernicamag.com/jonathan-basile-whos-afraid-of-aaarg/>

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CONFERENCES

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“The Hand You’re Dealt,” Make/Risk/Work, 2017 Conference of the BABEL Working Group, University of Nevada, Reno. October 26-29, 2017.

“Literature of the Inexhaustible,” Reading Exhaust- | Erschöpfende Lektüren, Brown University German Studies Graduate Student Conference. October 20-21, 2017.

“How the Other Half-Lives: Life as Identity and Difference in Bennett and Schrödinger,” 2017 Conference of the American Comparative Literature Association. Universiteit Utrecht. July 6-9, 2017.

“Misreading Generalized Writing: From Foucault to New Materialism,” 1967 + 50: The Age of Grammatology. Organized by the editors of *The Oxford Literary Review*, University of Sussex. June 23, 2017.

“The New Novelty: Corralation as Quarantine in Speculative Realism and New Materialism,” Contagion. 2016 Meeting of the Society for Comparative Literature and the Arts. University of South Carolina - Columbia. October 13-15, 2016.

“Vital Signs: Novelty and the New Materialism,” New Materialisms and Economies of Excess. Emory University. September 29-October 1, 2016.

“(Re)Creating Borges’ Library of Babel,” BABEL Working Group 2015 Conference. Lost Libraries and Imagined Archives Session. University of Toronto. October 9-11, 2015.

GRANTS

Emory’s Open Access Publishing Fund. \$1500 for the subvention of my first book, *Tar for Mortar: “The Library of Babel” and the Dream of Totality*, published open access by punctum books.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

“Wikileaks Wednesday.” Salonukah at Trestle Gallery. Brooklyn, NY.

Lecture/Performance. December 9, 2015.

“Wordhack.” Babycastles, New York, NY. Lecture/Performance. November 19, 2015.

“Uninventional.” Recess Art, New York, NY. Lecture/Performance. November 6, 2015.

Guest Lecture on Derrida’s *The Animal that Therefore I am*. Matter, Community, Environment. Wesleyan University. October 21, 2015.

TEDx Think and Act. Universidad del Sagrado Corazon. October 16, 2015.

“Fictional Archives, Archival Fictions.” Good Work Gallery, Brooklyn, NY.

Lecture/Performance. September 11, 2015.

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WEB PROJECTS

libraryofbabel.info - an online universal library modeled after Borges’ “The Library of Babel.

babelia.libraryofbabel.info - a universal image archive operating according to similar principles. It contains every possible 4096-color, 640x416 pixel image - almost 10^{11} in total.

The Permuda Triangle (<https://twitter.com/permudal>) creates permutations within the constraints of twitter; it is a bot that would, given enough time, create every possible English-alphabet tweet.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Legal Aid Society, Bronx, NY Paralegal, Summer 2008-Summer 2010

- Assisted lawyers in the housing unit by screening potential clients, drafting motions, monitoring ongoing cases, and performing home visits. I also advocated on behalf of our clients and represented them at administrative hearings to obtain rental arrears and other benefits from public assistance.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Collegium Phaenomenologicum Participant, July, 2017.

London Graduate School Summer Academy in the Critical Humanities Participant, June 26-29, 2017. University College London

The Public School New York, Brooklyn, NY Teacher and Committee Member, Spring 2011-Fall 2012

- Organized and led public classes focusing on philosophy, including thinkers from Plato to Derrida and subjects such as death and time. As Committee member, I helped to find locations and appropriate teachers for classes proposed by the general public, while dealing with organizational issues such as funding and space.

Visiting Nurse Services NY, New York, NY Hospice Volunteer

- Visited hospice patients to provide companionship, as well as offering Arts at the Bedside art therapy and participating in vigils for the imminently dying.

Rice High School, New York, NY Volunteer Teacher, Spring 2006

- Organized a writing seminar for advanced students from a tenth-grade class at a Harlem high school and published a newsletter of their writings.

Houston Catholic Worker, Houston, TX Volunteer, Spring-Summer 2004

- Assisted in managing a men’s shelter and medical/dental clinic for undocumented immigrants, organized food and clothing distributions and a day labor center, and co-edited and wrote for the *Houston Catholic Worker*