



VISUAL PRAXIS COLLECTIVE

Crossdisciplinary Research Cluster

An invitation to participate

We invite all faculty and graduate students who share an interest in visual theory and practice to join this research cluster. **Graduate students can enroll in the Visual Praxis Collective for one unit of credit per quarter through ANTH 600.** Contact Sasha Welland (Anthropology), swelland@u.washington.edu, for an instructor enrollment code.

This research cluster explores forms of visual praxis in research, pedagogy, and public scholarship. Visual Praxis Collective participants will meet regularly to workshop visual projects by faculty and graduate students and to curate quarterly film and video festivals that feature a guest speaker and focus on incorporating visual media in teaching and curriculum development.

At a time when imaging technologies are increasingly ubiquitous and when so much knowledge transmission relies upon video, photography, and digital media, critical and engaged inquiry into the use of visual practices is vital to contemporary scholarship in the humanities and social sciences. However, most forms of academic evaluation—from graduate student comprehensive exams to faculty tenure reviews—continue to privilege textual analysis and production. We seek to address this gap by examining how visual work can add to the scholarly record, contribute to theoretical debate and development, lead to research innovation, enhance teaching, and engage diverse audiences in research.

Autumn 2007 events

REGULAR WORK-IN-PROGRESS WORKSHOPS & PLANNING SESSIONS

October 3 & 17, November 14, and December 5

Wednesdays, 5-7 pm

Communications 202

Collecting the Museum Film Festival

Friday, November 2

9:30 am - 5:30 pm

Henry Art Gallery Auditorium

This festival will present a variety of cinematic and documentary takes on the interplay of aesthetic, archival, and ethnographic impulses involved in museum practices of collection and display.

For more information go to www.simpsoncenter.org/vpc.

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