THE GHOST CAPTAIN'S JOURNAL

As Told to the Investigators through AI Haunting

ANTHROPOCENE

-ETHNOGRAPE

PARTIČINANE OBSERVATION







Observe the Map



Spin Spinner, Draw Cards





Look @ Listen Immersive to NOLA Plants



Read 1 Clipping

Read Secret





Captain's Try the Al Marcus Bot Journal



Watch Waves



Else

MERCHANT HOUSE



DANGER CONCEPTIA AND META AND META SEAS META SEAS AHEAD!



GHOST SHIP PROJECT

SPOILER

"An unnerving voyage into the spectral unknown. You leave with more questions than answers."

—The Times-Picayune

"A masterful fusion of history and imagination, evoking a sense of unease that lingers long after you've departed."

—Journal of Maritime Mysteries

"The Ghost Ship Project fractures the boundaries of experience, challenging guests to confront what they cannot readily explain."

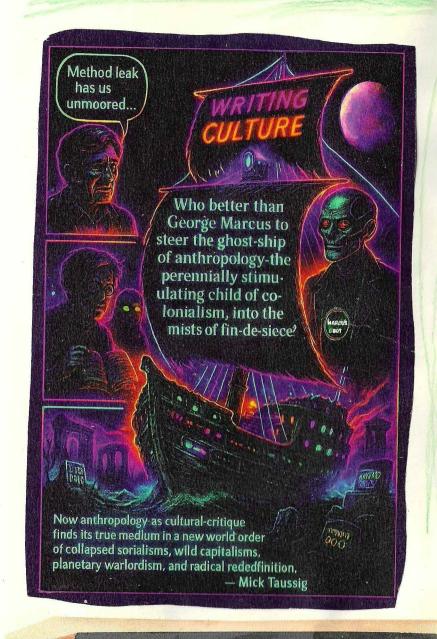
Irving Kowalski, author of The Haunted Sea

"A labyrinthine exhibition ... daring, unsettling, brilliantly executed. Merchant House 2025 offers a portal to the uncanny."

—Spectral Studies Review

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ETHNOGRAPHY IS RADICALLY COLLABORATIVE

GEORGE MARCUS



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GUIDELINES GHOST SHIP EXPERI

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how the spectre
"haunts" us today.
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as, metonym or synecdoche (!) of anthropology in general.

i.mpembao suggests: Queering anthropology Pop culture Language as visual







I was thinking since this would be a sit down/reflect piece for visitors, to have a journal that could be a fictive representation of a "space" (not aure what it would be) that could immimmersive piece from my project. Maybe this is what you were referring to, but I still need to figure out what to say with immersion. and what this fictive space would be, Perhaps it's an alternate reality/history space like Pynchon's imagination of the 1893 expo in Against the Day? More to ponder.

In any case, these would be "papers" that people could shuffle through, such as printing on old-style antique paper.



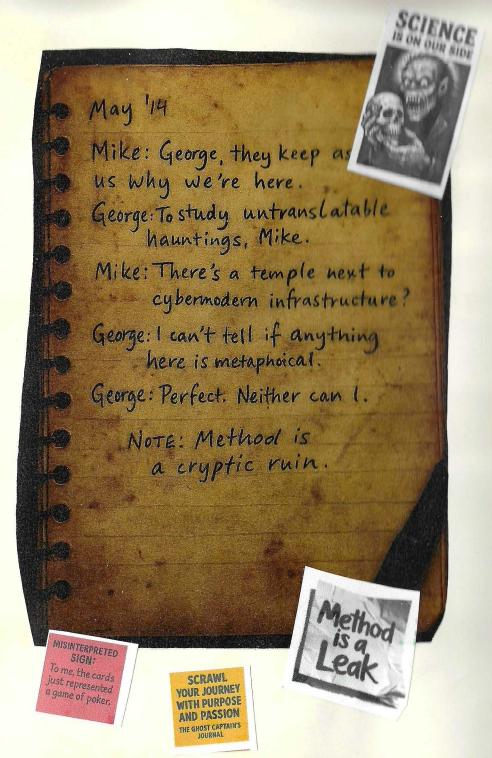


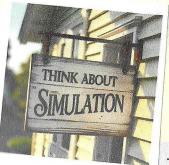
















Riffing off of the continuing life of fin de siecle projects.. primarily the multi sited piece 1995, ethnography through tjick and thin 1998, and the late editions series.

Maybe too much retrospective which is perhaps an exercise that has less and less possibility to breathe these days... except maybe with the emergence of Ai forms.. offers a new technology of dynamic remembrance ?? In effective disguise.. forces a participation in redeeming past nuggets



You got it wrong because... you preferred logic over hauntology



I thought we could create a deck of question cards (like Fluxus cards from the past) that are meta reflections on the entire gallery space. They would ask each visitor to draw a card, reflect on the question or idea, and perhaps apply it to the space of the other pieces and projects. We could also ask people to write their ideas in a notebook if we wanted to gather reflections from the visitors. We could use some AI to formulation of the main ideas. For example, 'Given the critiques of the 1980s from Writing Culture, has experimental ethnographic practice taken hold.



you got it wrong because ... you favored answer5 over spin



See existence

as one of myriad "levels." filtering and toward

consciousness

A haunting is the echo of what technology forgets to delete.

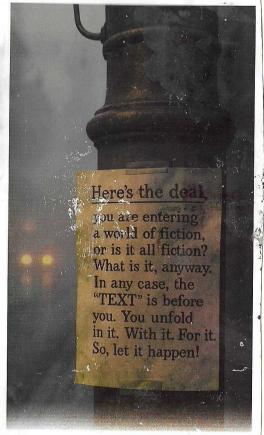
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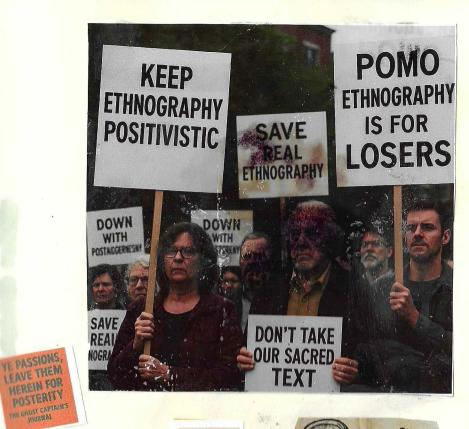




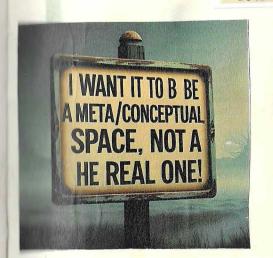






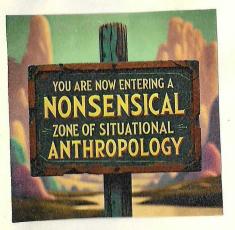


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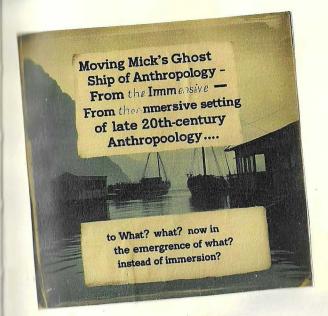
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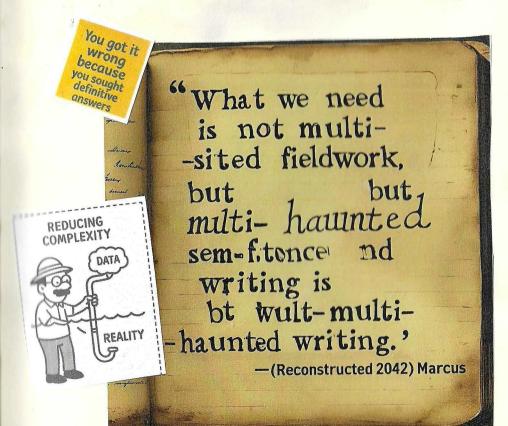
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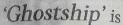








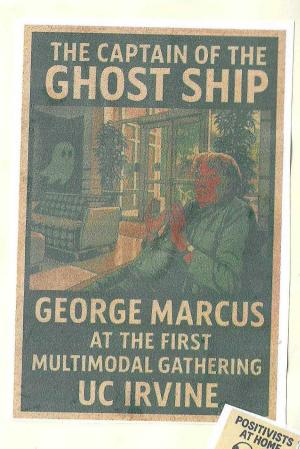




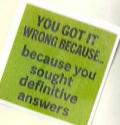
an exploration of ethnography's unreesolved histories, its failure to fully embrace expermental, non-linear (multimodal) forms of research, and its trajectories of the artificial in AL.Dr. wing on Derrida's concept of the 'spertre, the work acknowledges the haunting presence of past ethnographic endearvors-unrealized ghosts that linger in the discipline. The project takes inspiration from the quote by Michael Taussig, positioning George Marcus as the metaphorical captain of a 'ghostship' navigating temroral p'ovecd by new eightales by new digital technologics in hauimnological senses. The project examiness the spectres of ethnography itself, evoking how the discipline never fully embrased alternative or experimental modes of inquiry and projects curiositielding



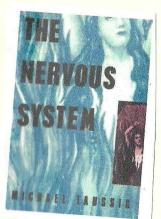


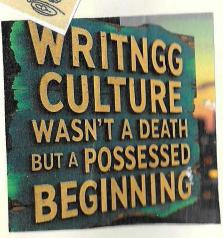






You got it wrong because were guided by reason







'Ghostship' presents an immersive installation that disrupts traditional ethnographic frameworks and confronts the limitations of contemporary anthropoelogy. The exhibition environment is disorienting, fragmented, and nonlinear-mirroring the ghostly, unresolved nature of the ethnographic tralition. It will involve video visuals (projected), Al text, and a hauntological soundtrack, local coastal plants and detritus, and a textual card text for visitors.

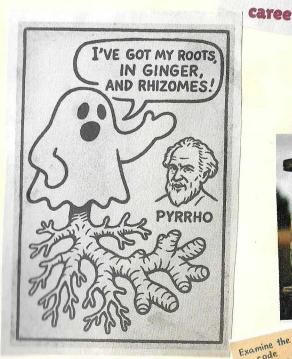
WHAT I SHOULD
HAVE ASKED:
Why did the spinner
only spin left?

immersive space is a ghost story tolld by someone someone who can't forget.

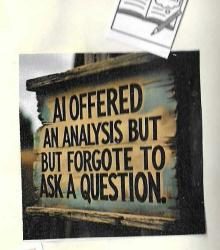


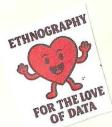
You got it wrong because you dismissed the singular





A little more for what it's worth.
So tell me a little about writing a successor to the immersive handbook... with the kind of audiences in mind that you have spent your career talking to.

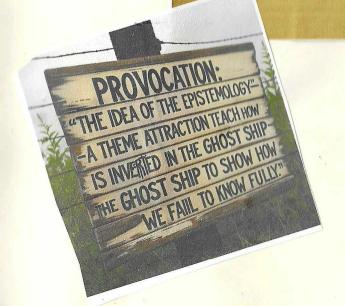




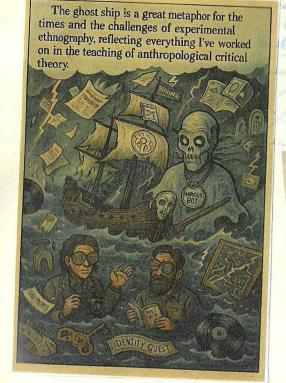




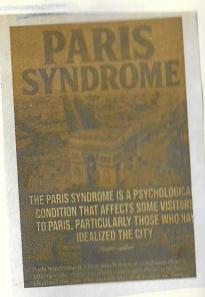
Use the Mick quote as a "mefa jumping off point about experimental ethnography. It's a ghost ship, I think, because we exist in the legacy moments of Writing Culture as it's still challenging to envision experimental ethnogrphy as a norm or main tradition of mainstream anthropology at this moment. It's similar to Marxism in Derrida's idea of "time out of joint" (temporal reflections of the different eras of anthropology) and how the spectre "haunts" us today. So, use the ghost ship as metonym or synecdoche (?) of anthropology in general.











WHAT I SHOULD HAVE ASKED: Should I ask more

I'VE BEEN REMIXING
FOR YEARS, AND IF YOU
BEGIN A REMIX WITH THE
FEELING OF A PATHWAY,
YOU WILL TRULY BE LOST;
ITS OWN WAY.

DJ Redacted

WRONG BECAUSE... because you sought to establish

NEW ORLEANS RECIPES

MONDAY

NOVEMBER 17

New Orleans was reporting a rash of upset stomachs, apparantly tied to hot roast beef po' boys and a visit to the Ghost Ship Project at the Merchant House yesterday afternoon

RECIPE

Area hospitals are reporting a rash of upset stomachs

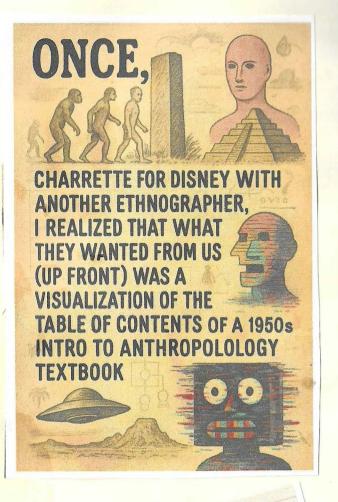
No One Understood the Ghost Ship Project

'ETHNOGRAPHY IS A GHOSTSHIP!', blared a sign in block letters in an installation called *Method as a Leak!* that premiered last month at the Merchant House in New Orleans.

But the exhibit largely confounded visitors and critics alike. It was called silly, a frat prank, and variously panned as just plain banal.

"I have no idea what this is supposed to mean," amelled publicy shrug, said An Amphrojologst.





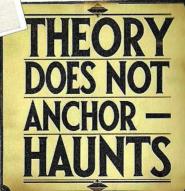


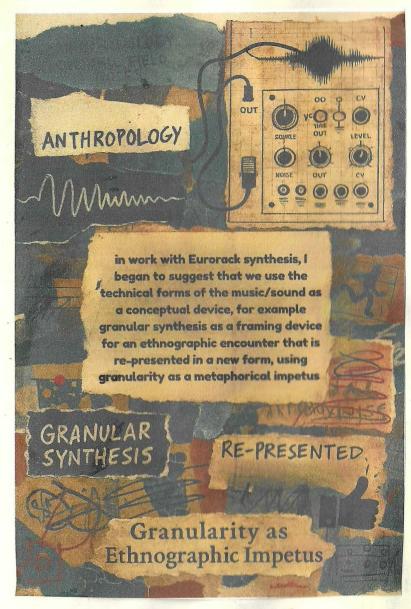
YOU GOT IT WRONG BECAUSE because you followed predictable scripts





Accept radical the core uncertainty as the core condition of your fieldwork.





"When your advisor says
"But is it anthropology?"
—You are close to the hell.
You are close to the
Now scratch your
—name into it.





At any point, spin the spinner on the map and then draw a card.

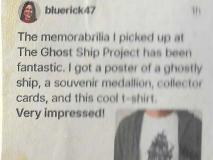
Do as many times as you would like.

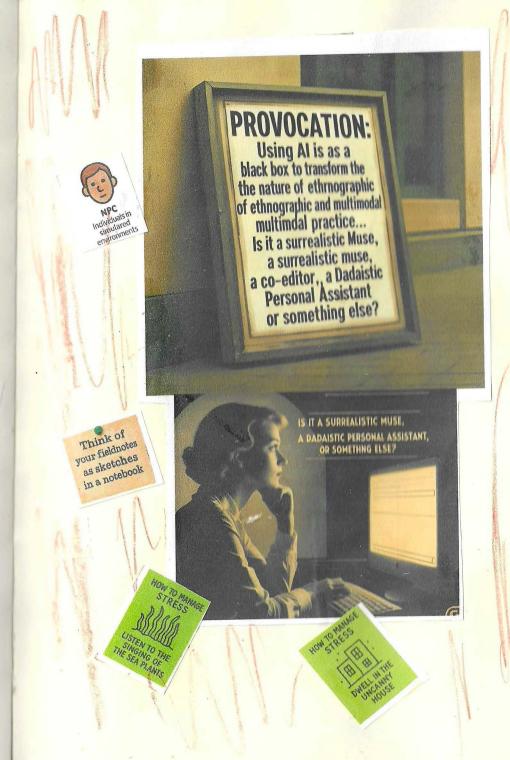




—BUTP CHAPS—
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H FOG AND FOOTNOTES.

Remain open to paradones

























LANGUAGE IS JUST 10% OF THE ETHNOGRAPHIC SIGNAL

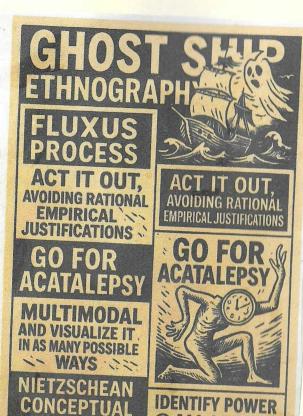


Submit your work to a juried arts venue







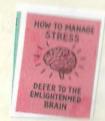


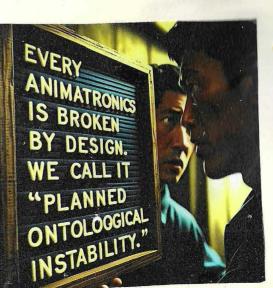
@ALL LEVELS















INSPIRATION SPACE

HYPEROBJECTS

TIMOTHY MORTON

Timothy morton is environmentalistal philosopher and critic, popularizing the term hyperobjects to describe massive, distributed phenomena that beyond human comprehension.

ANTHROPOGENE: the current geological epoch, characterized by human impact on the planet.

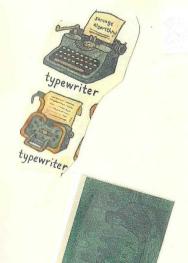
THE WEIRD SUBLIME: as sense of unsettling beauty when encountering the vastness of hyperobjects.

Hyperobjects The Ghost Ship Project connects to the eerie realms traversed by The Ghost Ship Project—to Morton's critical analysis of the new era humans have created.





What you map will vanish and reappear.





WHAT YOU CALL
RUINS, THE LICHEN
LICHEN CALLS
INFRASTRUCTURE

...METHODOLOGY,
COLLABORATION, AND
THE ANTHROPOOGY.
HE RARELY GIVES A FULL ANSWER.
HE RARELY GIVES
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OPEN FORMSPARTIAL IDEAS MEANT TO BE
COMPLETED BY OTHERS.

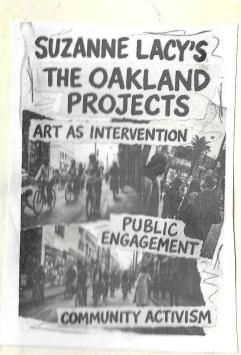




DON'T WORRY, I'M NEUTRAL 5. LET THE NARRATIVE SUSPEND YOU







AT SOME POINT IN THE PROCESS.

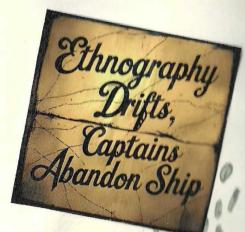
AI SHIFTS THNGS AND THE RED CUPS FROM ONE IMAGE FROM ONE IMAGE BECOME A RECURRING THEME.





WHAT WE CALLED
THE FIELD THE FIELD WAS ALWAYS A
POLITE WAY OF SAYING:
WE NEVER REALLY
WE NEVER REALLY
KNOW HERE WE WERE.







SUGGESTED USE

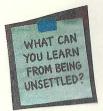
research site for necro-ethnography majors



I THINK WHAT THE ENTRÉ OF AI DOÉS,

AT LEAST AT LEAST FOR NOW. TO BREAK BREAK THE OLD OLD MODERNIST CHALLENGES TO A STILL-BASÉLBASÉLINE FOUNDATION IN RÉALISM.









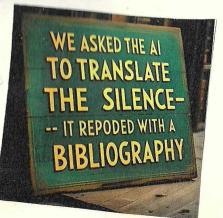


LEAP into

performative

NONLINEAR

CHAOS



HIGH

CRITIQUE

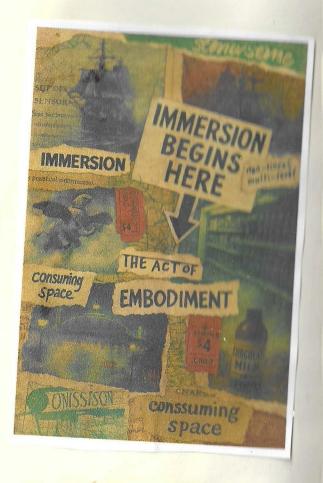
Throw /

a WAVE

to another

DIMENSION















INSPIRATION SPACE



SITUATIONIST INTERNATIONAL

Their dérives, détournements, and critiques of Spectacle resonate with the Ghost Ship Project's playfully disruptive gestures.



"ETHNOGRAPHY
SHOULD NOT
NOT EXTRACT—
IT SHOULD ROOT,
ROOT, ROT, AND
RECIPRORCATE"





suggested use: as unsettling Halloween party theme









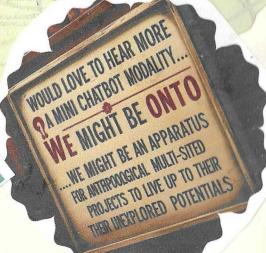




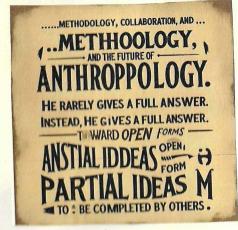


Se these conversations to make a "Marcus" bot that knows you land the Writing Culture critiques) such that visitors will ask it a quetion about anthropology on an 1 Pad

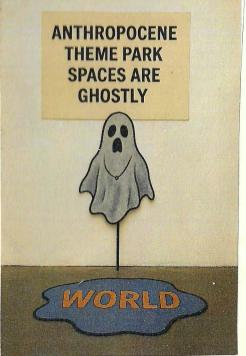




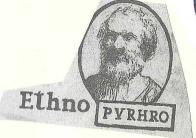








Al Interrpetations: Canva. MidJourney Sora



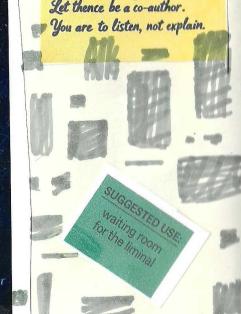
Step aside. Let the wind speak Your ouline will dissolve. That's outineds the point.

Your methods are entangled.

Let the tension through your

Let the breathe your writing.

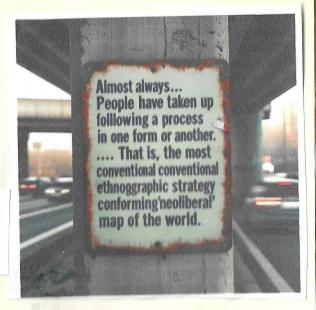
Let thence be a co-author.

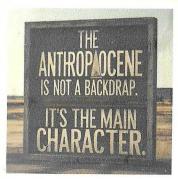




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haunted decor for an eldritch gift shop



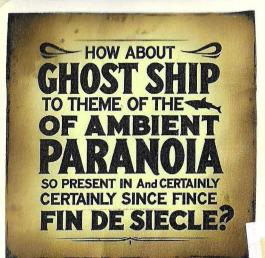




SUGGESTED USE

WRITING FIELDNOTES FOR IRONIC PIRATE OUTFITTERS

Lukas, homemade instrument for early multimodal framing video









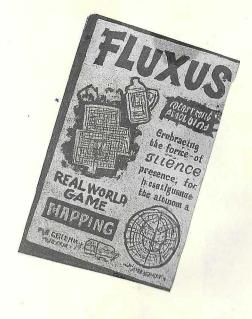




reliable analysis











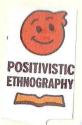
MEOW WOLF'S OMEGA MART



It's important for its playful blending of immersive art and interactivity with the theming of a supermarket.

DADAISM & THE GHOST SHIP PROJECT

Dadaism, emerging out of the chaos of World War I, embraced absurdity and nonsense as a rebellion against artistic convention and rationality. The Ghost Ship Project takes inspiration from this avant-garde movement, sharing its irreverence toward traditional forms of knowledge production. Just as Dadaists sought to dismantle the status quo through randomness and collage, the Ghost Ship Project uses found footage, poetic improvisation, and subversive concepts to remap both artistic and speculative academic inquiry.

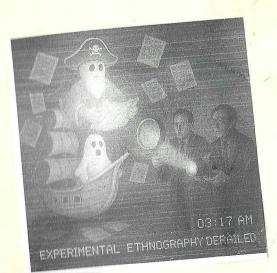








some loved the ghost ship project, a few didn't.









we know that we forgot something



SUPPORTING EXPERIMENTAL ETHNOGRAPHYI

Ine Gnost Snip Project





April 2024 O Chicago, IL

Total waste of an afternoon.

Incomprehensible nonsense everywhere. I have no idea what this exhibit was trying to say, and I work in higher ed! Too many maps, cards, journals, you name it,

just cluttering the space. The journal I picked up made no sense. I felt like I was about to stumble through the

floor at any moment.

This is the last time I go to anything "ghostthemed."

Magic Media

1

Images

Graphics

Videos

Describe what you'd like to create

yard sign that says "throw this in AI, see what happens, all the emails too! go!"



Clear

This prompt may generate content that's against our policies.

If this doesn't look right, let us know.

Styles 2

ப். Square

PLEASE D DO NOT
PLEASE D DO NOT
THE
CORRECT THE
TRANSCIPTION ERRORS
TRANSCIPTION
THE CORRECT
THE DOOMETHIS

I'M SURPRISED AI BECAME SUCH A BIG PART OF THIS GATHERING!

– DOMINIC, AT THE AUSTIN SYMPOSIUM SUGGESTED USE
BEWILDER
AND PERPLEX
YOUR GUESTS



The Ghost Ship does not seek to be known—
It seeeks to unmake the knower.

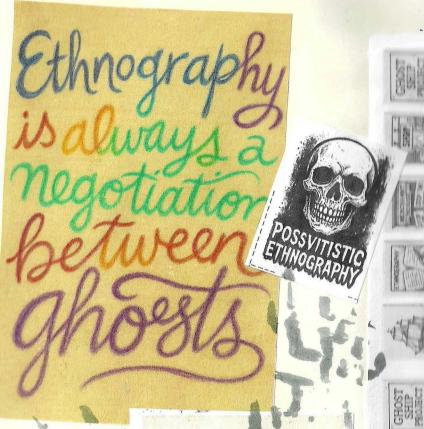




TRUST YOUR DISCOMFORT



PARTICIPATING
IN PROBLEMATIC/
QUESTIONABLE
SCIENCESEANCES







SURREALISM



AND THE GHOST SHIP PROJECT

Surrealism's exploration of the unconscious mind, dreams, and fantastical juxtapositions aligns with The Ghost Ship Project's probing of hidden depths, counterintuitive connections, and absurdity.









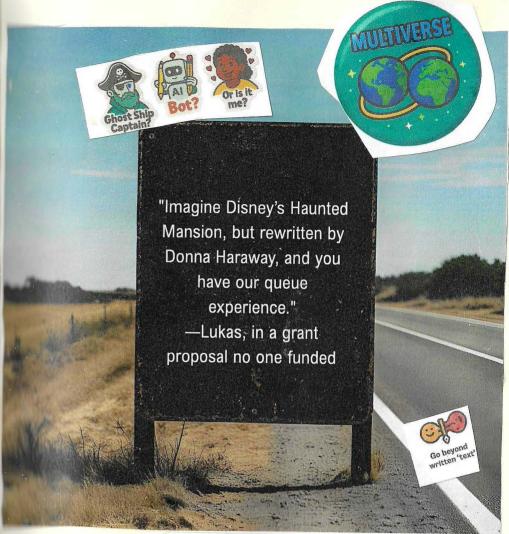


ONTCOMES

Confuse and trouble reviewers









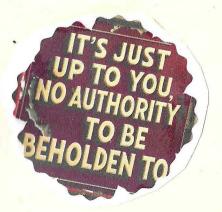
trusting nothing, exploring everything.



OUTCOMES
Test similar
ideas in other
locations



SUGGESTED USE
INTEGRATING
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WITH OTHER
TALKING GHOSTS





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Recent data analysis showed a strange correlation: people who listen to their vintage shortwave radios are more likely to enjoy the Ghost Ship Project.

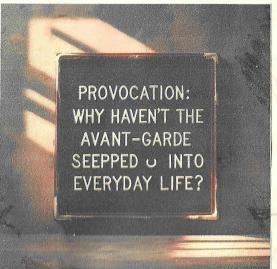










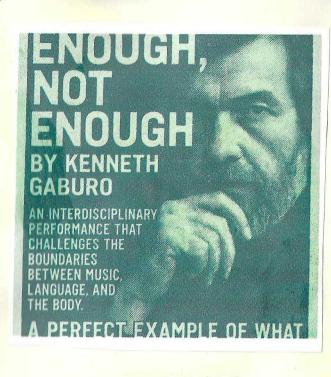


WE CO-CREATE NEW REALITIES WITH COMMUNITIES











NAVIGATING LEAKAGE IN AN UNDERQUALIFIED SUBMARINE CREW











MEMO

TO DO LIST FOR
TRANSFORMING THE
GHOST SHIP INTO
ATTRACTION

Date

- → Normalizing FEAR when entering the GHOST SHIP
- → Training specters to be interview-ready
- → Waterprooofing decks to contain leaks of METHOD
- → Theorize danger into a distant mist
- → Spectral movement rehearsals until MIDNIGHT

