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# Creating Scholartistry: Engaging Studio-Based Learning in Academic Libraries

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#### Agenda

- ☐ Studio-Based Learning: Primary Documents
  - ☐ The South Kensington Model
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  - New Ecologies
- ☐ Studio-Based Learning at OCAD U Library
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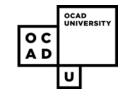






"The Ontario School of Art and Design," The Globe, October 24, 1876, 2.





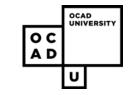
#### Philosophy of Education (Ontario School of Art)

"The cultivation of the aesthetical faculty is as necessary to the high type of civilization as intellectual culture, physical development, and material progress; and the love of the beautiful can only be successfully cultivated by a process of education as rigid and philosophical as that to which the mental faculties are subjected while under training...

The student, in order to be successful, must begin with the most elementary principles of his art and master each step as he goes, no matter how uninteresting the employment may for some time appear...

Learning to draw perfect straight lines and curves is just as essential to the artists as practicing scales and exercises is to the musician, and the teacher who allows himself to forget this in order to gratify a whim or caprice of his pupil is unfaithful to this trust."





#### **Core Competencies (Ontario School of Art)**

"Drawing is at the foundation of practical education, as reading and writing are of a literary education, and is the only universal language. To draw anything we must study it with a purpose and thus come to know the thing itself—reading only tells us something about it...

There are now four fundamental studies require to fit children for practical life:

- 1. Reading, because it is the means of teaching and acquiring knowledge.
- 2. Writing, because it is the means of expressing knowledge.
- 3. Arithmetic, because it is the means of compiling knowledge and values, and
- 4. Drawing, because it is the language of form in every branch of industry, from the most simple to the most complex."



Lucius R. O'Brien, "Art Education—A Plea for the Artizan [sic]" Rose Belford's Canadian Monthly 2, no.5 (May 1879), 585, <a href="http://www.forgottenbooks.com/readbook/Rose-Belfords\_Canadian\_Monthly\_and\_National\_Review\_July-December\_v2\_1000365043#589">http://www.forgottenbooks.com/readbook/Rose-Belfords\_Canadian\_Monthly\_and\_National\_Review\_July-December\_v2\_1000365043#589</a>



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Pedagogy: Elementary
Class (Ontario College of Art,
Toronto Normal School,
1912/13).

Note the use of lithographs and other visual resources posted on the studio's walls; perhaps symbolically a plaster cast is visible in another room, but is blocked off by a room divider from these young students.

Prospectus of The Ontario College of Art: Department of Education Building, St. James's Square: For Session 1912-1913, 14

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ELEMENTARY CLASS.

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#### **Pedagogy: Antique Class**

(Ontario College of Art, Toronto Normal School, 1912/13).



ANTIQUE CLASS.

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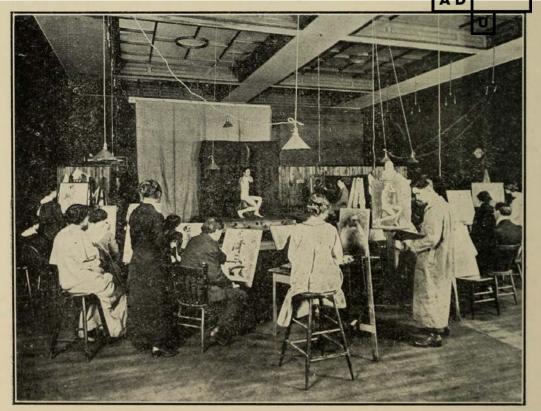
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Pedagogy: Life Class (Ontario College of Art, Toronto Normal School, 1912/13).

Plaster casts or other supporting lithographic images have been banished from the studio; the final stage of advancement in an art student's formal education.

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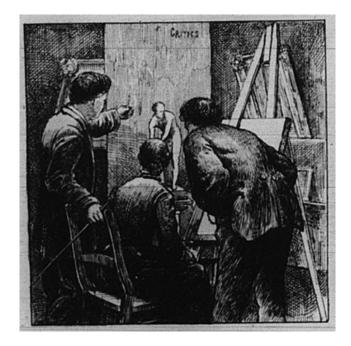


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### **Creativity (Ontario School of Art, 1880): Critiques**

"Our last illustration represents the mutual criticism upon which the students have to depend out of class hours. It gives rise to much discussion, argument, quotation, enquiry and origination of ideas.

...It is quite possible to talk too much over the work, but there is no denying the utility of mental friction. Ideas rubbed together sometimes produce a spark of truth."





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#### Creativity (c.1880)

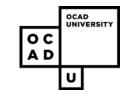
"Concepts such as 'originality' or 'self-expression' or 'creativity' were completely absent from the system... Other words, such as 'system' and 'grammar' and 'method' and 'type' were at the centre of things.

Let us call this the 'normative' tradition, the tradition of rules and regulations and structures. And let us recognise the technologies of information retrieval to support it...which sought to systemise the thinking behind the design process into clearly defined and generally applicable 'stages', and to place these within the teaching curriculum."

Christopher Frayling, "Design at the Royal College of Art: The Head, the Hand and the Heart," in *Design of the Times: One Hundred Years of the Royal College of Art*, ed. by Christopher Frayling and Claire Catterall (London: Richard Dennis; Royal College of Art, 1996), 9.

Linda Nylind, "Sir Christopher Frayling, outgoing head of the Arts Council," *The Guardian,* January 29, 2009, http://www.theguardian.com/culture/charlottehigginsblog/2009/jan/29/artsfunding





#### What we left behind:

- ☐ Core Competencies: Drawing
  - as foundation of "practical education"
- Pedagogy
  - instructor-driven, stage-based learning approach that diminishes creativity
  - drawing from the antique

#### What we kept:

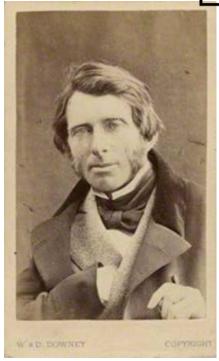
- Critiques
  - peer-review mechanisms of the creative process



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#### **Philosophy of Education**

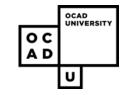
"The best design is that which proceeds from the heart, that which involves all the emotions – [it] associates these with the head, yet as inferior to the heart; and the hand, yet as inferior to the heart and head; and thus brings out the whole person."



John Ruskin quoted in Christopher Frayling, "Design at the Royal College of Art: The Head, the Hand and the Heart," in *Design of the Times: One Hundred Years of the Royal College of Art*, ed. by Christopher Frayling and Claire Catterall (London: Richard Dennis; Royal College of Art, 1996), 9, 10.



#### **Pedagogy**



"The role of art and design education was to theorise the language of manufacture – and then, in time, begin to conjugate it...

[but] you can't teach grammar unless you also taught at least some usage, or 'doing'. To understand design you also had to understand how it was produced..."



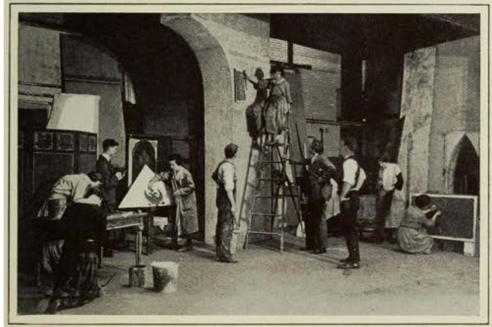
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APPLIED DESIGN, A JEWELLERY MAKING CLASS IN THE CRAFT HOUSE



STAGE CRAFT COURSE—STUDENTS AT WORK ON STAGE AT HART HOUSE THEATRE, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

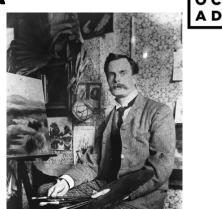


#### **Creativity (Ontario College of Art, 1912)**

"All teaching—that is, real teaching, based upon reason and good sense—must make in its aims to keep the students' individual feeling pure and unspoiled, to cultivate it, and bring it to perfection."

Charles MacDonald Manly, "The Ontario College of Art," in *The Yearbook of Canadian art 1913: Literature, Architecture, Music, Painting, Sculpture, Compiled by the Arts & Letters Club of Toronto* (Toronto: J.M.Dent & Sons 1913), 176-177.

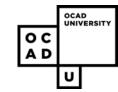
"C.M. Manly (A.R.C.A., O.S.A.).Toronto Art Students League," c. 1886 - 1904, photographer unknown, black and white print, Archives of Ontario, William Colgate collection, <a href="http://ao.minisisinc.com/scripts/mwimain.dll/14574/2/1/9254?RECORD&DATABASE=IMAGES WEB">http://ao.minisisinc.com/scripts/mwimain.dll/14574/2/1/9254?RECORD&DATABASE=IMAGES WEB</a> "Students, ca. 1920." OCAD U Image Database, ARTstor Shared Shelf





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#### What we left behind:

- Philosophy of Education
  - privileging one sense (the heart) over others (the hand or head)
  - ☐ art becomes too utilitarian at the expense of conceptual visual communication
- Pedagogy
  - belief that all art is really only design

#### What we kept:

- ☐ Haptic Learning
  - □ students learn through making; interacting with medium (paints, clay, wood, glass, etc.) is fundamental to creative research
- ☐ Creative Process
  - is a continuum created through dialogue between instructor and student





#### Philosophy of Education (Ontario College of Art, 1957)

"All activities are geared to the idea of education through art—that is, not necessarily to train artists or even to provide a craft skill, but to open the eyes of students to the creative world.

In other words, instruction is only a means to the end of education and training of young minds in habits and emotional, imaginative and logical intelligence."





#### **Pedagogy: Foundation Year**

6 month course in two-dimensional (2D) instruction using prints, drawings, photography, collage, etc. to train:

- **□** senses
- emotions
- ☐ mind

6 month course in three-dimensional (3D) instruction using sculpture, maquettes, objet trouvé, utilitarian objects, etc. to train:

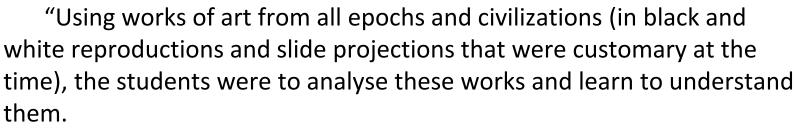
- emotions
- ☐ mind







#### **Core Competencies: Formalism**



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By means of mathematics, specifically geometry and algebra, the relationship of forms and measurements were to be comprehended 'objectively'."

#### **Core Competencies: Visual Communication**

"Language afforded an opportunity for precise, neutral description as well as the subjective interpretation of work."

Michael Siebebrodt, "The Bauhaus in Weimar a School of Creativity and Invention," in *Bauhaus: Art as Life* (London: Koenig Books; Barbican Art Gallery, 2012), 36.



### Bauhaus: Modernity at OCA Creativity (c.1955)

"In principle, if not in fact, the learning of art became simple: students should learn how to tap their unspoilt creativity, guided by immediate feeling and emotion and to read their medium, obeying its immanent syntax.

All pedagogues... based their projects and programmes on creativity, or rather, on the belief that creativity, on the conviction that creativity—not tradition, not rules and conventions—is the best starting point for education."





#### What we left behind:

- Philosophy of Education:
  - belief in the inscrutability of creativity
  - → belief that art school trains students in aesthetics only and not how to become practicing artists and designers
- ☐ Pedagogy:
  - ☐ the regimented Foundation year and its reliance on moving from 2D to 3D design principles AND the *Tabula Rasa*: a belief that the Foundation year will erase previous aesthetic beliefs and return students' minds to the "blank slate"
- ☐ Core Competencies:
  - ☐ Formalism, where art is studied through empirical scientific measures (line, form, texture, etc.) and not as an expression of culture



#### What we kept:

- Creative Process:
  - □ studio learning needs to involve "emotional, imaginative and logical intelligences" and is linked inextricably to individual creative vision
- ☐ Haptic Learning:
  - ☐ technical and practical aesthetic exercises are honed to train the "senses, emotions and mind"
- Visual Narratives:
  - Conceptual ideas and the narratives contextualizing them are the central focus of the art experience; the "work of art" happens only when communication occurs between artist and viewer unimpeded by historical or tradition-bound social mores





#### **New Ecologies: Brave New World?**



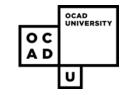




Adam Dean, "Newsweek: Ai Weiwei," n.d., <a href="http://www.adamdean.net/ai-weiwei/">http://www.adamdean.net/ai-weiwei/</a>

Ai Weiwei and Larry Warsh, Weiwei-Isms (Princteon, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2012), 24.





### Philosophy of Education (OCAD U) Vision

"OCAD University is Canada's 'university of the imagination,' engaged in transformative education, scholarship, research and innovation. OCAD University makes vital contributions to the fields of art, design and media through local and global cultural initiatives, while providing knowledge and invention across a wide range of disciplines."

#### **Mandate**

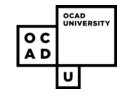
The OCAD University distinction:

creativity and innovation.



"OCAD University Strategic Mandate Agreement Proposal," Accountability, OCAD University, May 1, 2014, <a href="http://www.ocadu.ca/Assets/documents/sma-2014.pdf">http://www.ocadu.ca/Assets/documents/sma-2014.pdf</a>
"OCAD University," Learn and Get It, 2015, <a href="http://learn-and-get-it.blogspot.ca/2015/07/ocad-university.html">http://learn-and-get-it.blogspot.ca/2015/07/ocad-university.html</a>





#### Core competencies & pedagogy (OCAD U, 2016)

The "New Ecology of Learning" offers a philosophy of values-based education rooted in holistic thinking through the formation of an ecology that creates "patterns of meaning from often isolated threads." It identifies six key themes:

- Interdisciplinarity
- New Technology
- Sustainability
- Diversity
- Wellness
- Contemporary Ethics



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- ☐ Critiques (Kensington Model): the peer-review mechanism in the creative process
- ☐ Haptic Learning (Arts & Crafts): to understand how to make things; one has to make things! Interacting with medium (paints, clay, wood, glass, etc.) is fundamental to creative research

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- ☐ Creativity as Mentorship (Arts & Crafts): aesthetics are a dialogue between student and instructor that involves emotional, imaginative and logical intelligences
- ☐ Visual Communication (Bauhaus): conceptual ideas and the narratives contextualizing them are the central focus of aesthetic experience; the "work of art" happens only when communication occurs between artist and viewer
- ☐ Wellness (New Ecologies): art and design are critical in developing well being of individual, community, our world and our culture

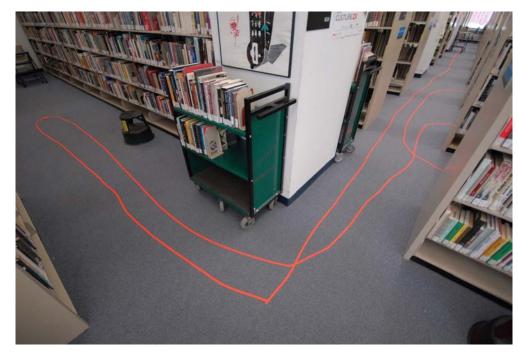


At its most basic level, studio-based learning is:

- being vulnerable and
  - ☐ taking risks through trial & error
    - ☐ in a safe, collegial environment



#### **Library Site Interventions**



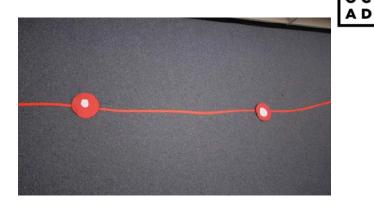
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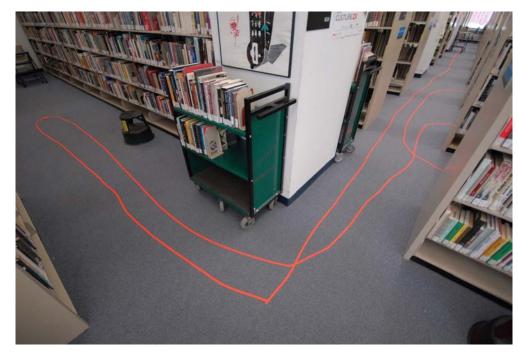


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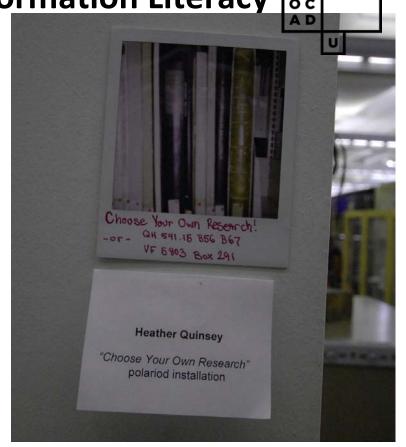




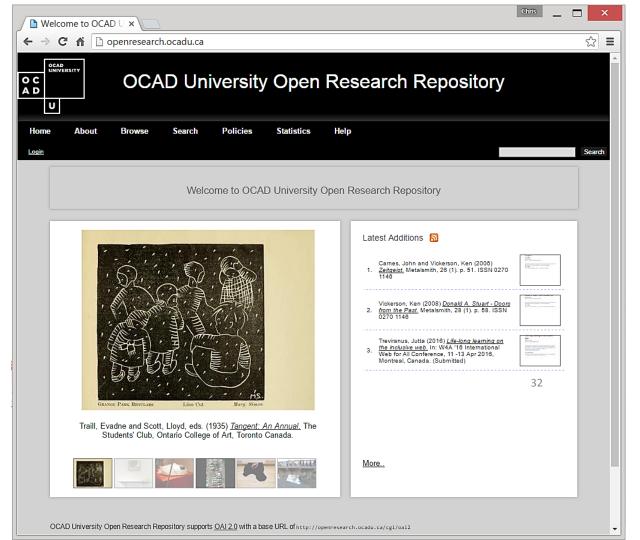
Library Site Interventions as Information Literacy of CAP CHAPTERS ITY



Heather Quinsey, *Choose Your Own Research!*, 2007, Polaroid Photography.











## DeCoste, P. F. (2014). Dreaming of Bear and Crow A Search for Métis Identity







PATRICK FRANCIS DECOSTE

OCADU GRADUATE GALLERY RECEPTION 7-9 PM FRI 7 MAR

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Image 9: Self Portrait Atlas, Patrick DeCoste, 2013, acrylic on wolverine skin, 5 x 3.5 feet. Photos: Michael Mitchell (top) & Patrick DeCoste (bottom)



Image 11: The Dream, Patrick DeCoste, 2013, Book Work: pencil and acrylic on canvas, bound with mink fur. Reading & Writing Station: chair with faux fur, desk with felt, crow feather and skull. Photos: Patrick DeCoste



## Gilmore, B. (2011). Making a Spectacle of One's Self



Making a Spectacle of One's Self

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Barr Gilmore, RCA

A thesis exhibition presented to the
Ontario College of Art and Design University
in partial fulfillment of the requirements
for the degree of
Master of Design

Interdisciplinary Masters in Art, Media and Design

MADE 867 Dundas Street West Toronto, Ontario M6J 1V5 April 28 to May 15, 2011

© Barr Gilmore 2011





fig. 2. The Colour Barr, 2011

fig. 3. Installation view of  $The\ Colour\ Barr$  at MADE, 2011



# Khattab, D. (2015). Rethinking the Grocery Store: Inclusive Wayfinding System for Visually Impaired Shoppers in Grocery Stores

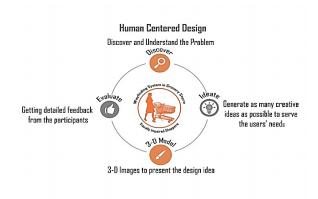


Figure 16: Human-centered design



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# **Open Access Awareness**







Open for Collaboration: Open Access Week at OCAD University

October 21-22, 2015



# Open Access and Art Scholarship vs. STM

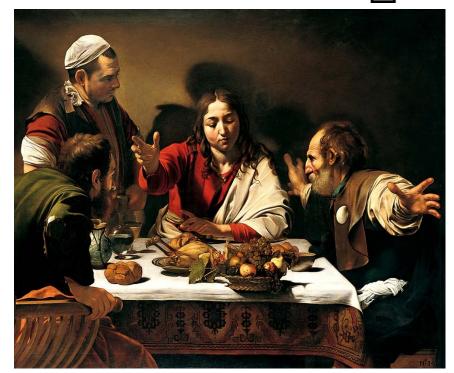


#### What's different:

- □ No "serials crisis" in art scholarship
- Art scholarship is not taxpayer funded like STM
- Image rights

#### Why open art scholarship?

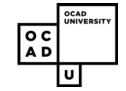
- Increasingly global art world
- ☐ Public interest in art scholarship
- ☐ Stagnation in arts-related titles by university presses



Supper at Emmaus, 1601 in "Caravaggio." Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia 20 Apr. 2016. Wikipedia. Web. 26 Apr. 2016.



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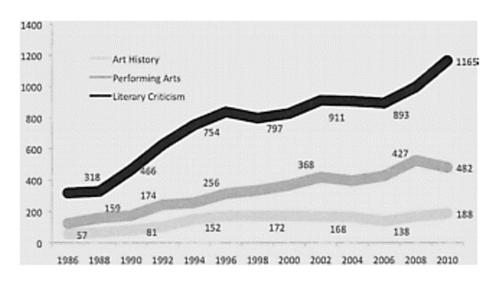


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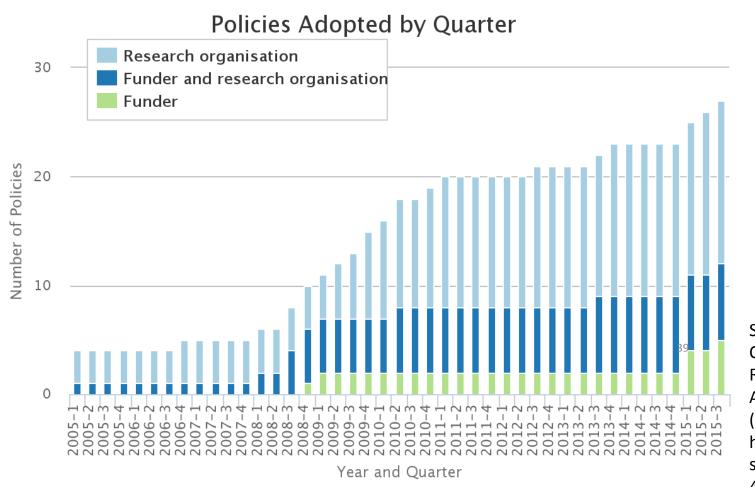
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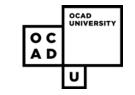




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# **Environmental Scan: Canadian Universities with Open Access Policies**



| University of British Columbia | University of Toronto (OISE) |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| University of Calgary          | University of Windsor        |
| University of Regina           | York University              |
| University of Saskatchewan     | Concordia University         |
| University of Victoria         | University of New Brunswick  |
| Carleton University            | Queen's University           |



# **Proposed OCADU Statement of Support**

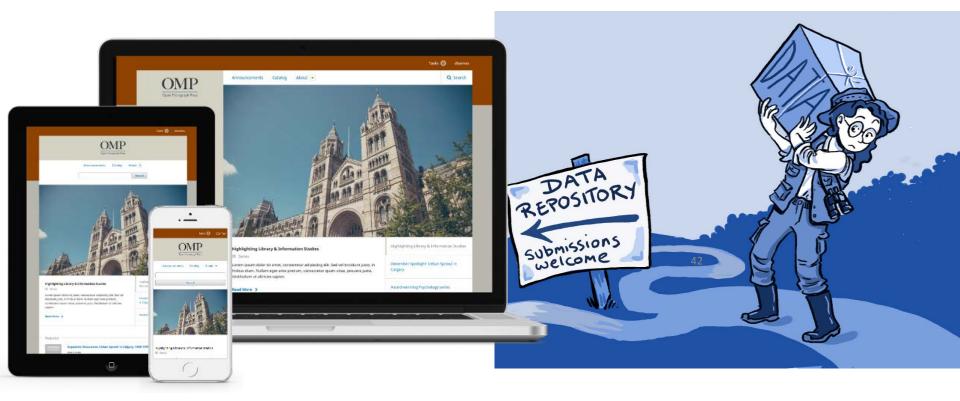


OCAD University recognizes that open access is consistent with its commitment to transformative education, scholarship, research and innovation. Therefore OCAD University encourages all faculty to deposit their research and creative outputs into OCAD University's Open Research repository granting non-exclusive license to preserve and disseminate them.



# The Future: Digital Publishing and Research Data Management







# **Learning Zone**





- 1. Concept why we do
- 2. Projects in Practice what we do



## **Concept: Purpose**





- enrich the student learning experience
- provide meaningful extracurricular programming
- facilitate access to new forms of information
- realize practical training opportunities for professional practice



## **Concept: Philosophy**

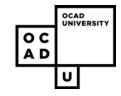




- Respond to and support needs as they are voiced by the community
- Say yes (within limits)
- Collaborate, not duplicate
  - Respond to what is already happening within the community
  - Tap into new wells of resources - human and



# **Concept: Studio - Based Learning Methodologies**



- ☐ Critiques: the peer-review mechanism in the creative process
- ☐ Haptic Learning: to understand how to make things...you have to make things! Technical exercises are critical for training the "senses, emotions & mind"
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- ☐ Wellness: art and design are critical in developing well being of individual, community, our world and our culture



# **Artists Teaching Exhibit**

2013 - Organized with students from Art Education Experience Lab course







The environment will consume you. The environment will reward you. The environment will bestow you with gifts. Politics will inspire you, rather than distract you. You will be able to access all demonstrations, images, conversations, and budgets online. Critique will be what you make of it. It will be what it will be. There will always be someone to help you prepare. You will always receive positive feedback. You will get a job in spite of your studio education. You will be an artist if you want to be. The studio spaces will be places of positive social interactions. There will be too much studio space. All students will have access to all studios. All work may be left in-process in the studios. We will waste less. The school will be open 24 hours a day. The buildings will be totally accessible for all students. All doors will be open, all stairs nonexistent and all elevators voice-activated. Everyone will have a canine companion - if they want one - especially at exam time. The school environment will be inviting. Classes will teach technique, skills and content. There will be moments of quiet. There will be moments of chaos. Classes will be designed for and by students. There will be a place to rest for every student and faculty member and staff. There will be a mandatory rest period in the middle of the day. All may rest whenever they wish. Abundant storage will be available for everyone. There will be free coffee and tea. There will be free cookies. There will lots of warm boots, coats, free art supplies and food. We will all be happy most of the time. There will be angst but who will really be worried about it. It will be real.







### **Feminist Fomo Nomo**

2015 - Exhibit organized by students, with support from LZ, Faculty, Student Union, WIA Projects, Feminist Art Conference







# **Zine Library & Workshops**





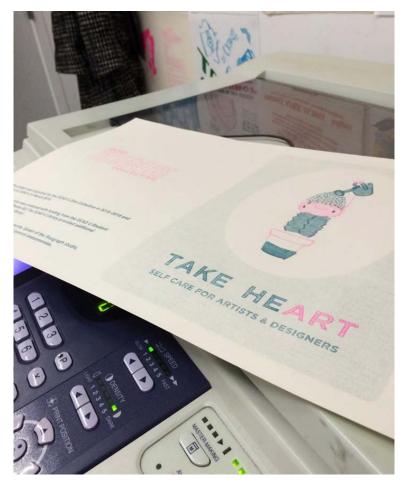




### **Self Care Zine**

2016 - Zine Collective project







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- Student group, with support provided by LZ staff, OCAD U Faculty & researchers
- Assisted in navigating bureaucratic processes, collecting knowledge and reflecting/recording past experience
- Learning through inspiration & iteration









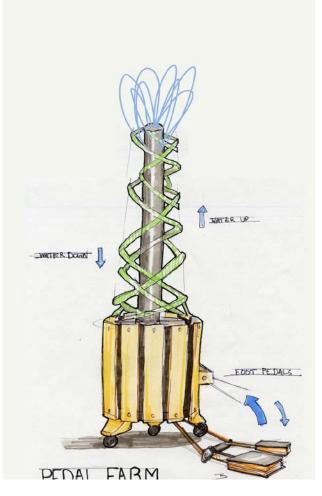


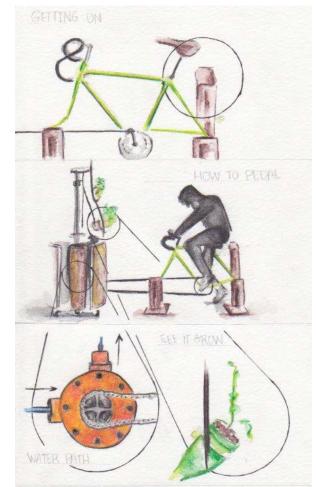






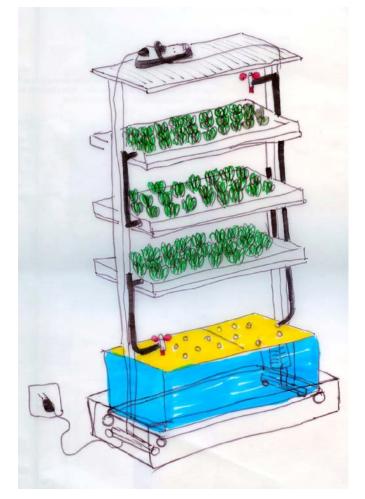














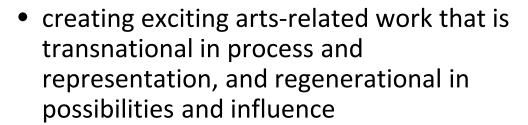






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