DIGITAL engAGEment Conference Abstract

Title of Presentation: Fake-News + Media Poetry Workshop

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Our workshop looks into artmaking as a necessary form of media literacy in the time of fake news: "art answers to fake questions."

Co-leaders:

Alexandra Juhasz made #100hardtruths-#fakenews, "an online digital media literacy primer," and is now using it to experiment with new practices for radical digital media literacy in the form of fake news poetry workshops.

Orr Menirom is a video artist whose work examines the act of imagination as a tool for social and political change.

Agenda:

The workshop will introduce participants to possibilities of art production as a form of "radical digital media literacy" and perhaps political resistance.

Part 1: Screening of primer, artwork, and discussion

Part 2: Working together to write a poem using found and new writing: "art answers to fake questions."