

Where is academic work?

You know what work is—if you're old enough to read this you know what work is, although you may not do it.

– Philip Levine, “What Work Is”

The room changes but the work continues.

Places of work are physical as well as figurative; the ‘field’ itself is shaped by those in the network.

We return to libraries, laboratories, offices and studios, yet the work that takes place also happens elsewhere: on the street, onstage, in government or judicial hearings, in servers and databases, at the genetic and molecular level, between the worlds of institutional and muscle memory.

A Conference on Friday May 5th, 2023 at the CUNY Graduate Center, New York

Proposals for 10 minute informal roundtable papers, or 20 minute panel talks are welcome— please specify when submitting. Full panels will also be considered. All disciplines warmly welcomed. Papers should be detailed, accurate, and jargon-free.

Topics include but are not limited to:

- Speculations on the **origin and future** of academic fields
- Dispatches from **sites of work**: performances, fieldwork, labs, exhibitions, residencies, archives
- Testimony on **technology & teaching**: efficiency, surveillance & autonomy
- **Architectures** of the academy: what are college buildings for?
- Opportunity and precarity in work **outside higher education**
- **Tenure**: cultivated leisure with a lifetime of bureaucracy.
- The characteristics or qualities that make academic work academic

Send 250 word individual abstracts or 1000 word panel abstracts for multiple speakers to whereisacademicwork@gmail.com by Jan 30th 2023.