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## ABOUT THE E-JOURNAL

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# Special Issue: A/r/tography and the Arts

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### THEME

To be engaged in the practice of a/r/tography means to inquire in the world through an ongoing process of art making in any art form and writing not separate or illustrative of each other but interconnected and woven through each other to create relational and/or enhanced meanings. A/r/tographical work are often rendered through the methodological concepts of contiguity, living inquiry, openings, metaphor/metonymy, reverberations and excess, which are enacted and presented/performed when a relational aesthetic inquiry condition is envisioned as embodied understandings and exchanges between art and text, and between and among the broadly conceived identities of artist/researcher/teacher. A/r/tography is inherently about self as artist/researcher/teacher yet it is also social when groups or communities of a/r/tographers come together to engage in shared inquiries, act as critical friends, articulate an evolution of research questions, and present their collective evocative/provocative works to others (see <http://m1.cust.educ.ubc.ca/Artography/>).

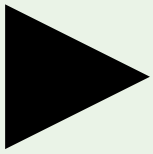
This special issue of Multi-Disciplinary Research in the Arts invites original creative and scholarly inquiry that engages in critical debates and issues regarding a/r/tographical methodologies; are exemplars of critical approaches to a/r/tographical research; and/or extend the boundaries of inquiry-based research. Contributions are welcome from disciplines across the arts, humanities and social sciences and in a wide range of formats including articles, essays, and artistic interludes, which explore diverse forms of the arts from drama, dance, poetry, narrative, music, visual arts, digital media and more.

# Translated Energy

***Christy Ortiz***

## DESCRIPTION

This video relates to the exploration between my artist, teacher, and researcher selves. It is a visual metaphor that represents my experiences as a researcher during an inquiry process. The bike ride symbolizes the psychological and intuitive energies exerted throughout this process, translating them into an observable activity. Each scene makes reference to some key experiences: establishing a starting point, understanding the process as a journey, and adapting to changes when necessary. Although these elements are ephemeral, they hold no less value to those that are measurable. Additionally, there is great significance of these aspects within the a/r/tographic, in-between roles of the artist and teacher. As artists, a starting point begins with the first mark. As teachers, we adapt to the organic nature of classroom activities. Overall, it is within each of the artist, teacher and researcher roles, and their contiguous relations, where we develop and strengthen these intuitive energies.



Warp 1.9 by The Bloody Beetroots ft. Steve Aoki