



Collective Psychic Architecture

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For *Psychic Architecture* ([review here](#)), a wall has been built near the gallery's entrance, instantiating an obstacle that can be broken through in pursuit of a new form of care. Visitors to the gallery will encounter this wall through a procedure regarding their healthcare status. During the course of the show, two demolitions will occur: the first will be part of *Secret Chakra*; the second will take place in a private therapeutic ritual as part of a new model for radical non-hierarchical care, *The Hologram—radical care project*.



When visitors enter the exhibition, they walk directly into a wall. Stationed just beside this psychic architecture, a receptionist asks the visitor for a copy of their Insurance Card, which she will hold for the duration of their visit. The receptionist's explanation, "We are going to keep this stuff out of the show" is meant to protect the rest of the exhibition, which includes many nascent experiments with de-financialized, decolonized care. Upon leaving the exhibit, the receptionist returns the insurance card, and provides a receipt for the infinite payment that the visitor had already unconsciously paid to the visitor— for a wall they never wanted.

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Member Name: _____ Insurance: Y / N

Trusting Skeptical Playful Defensive Complacent Afraid Adventurous

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Prognosis	<p>Financialization--the domination by speculative capital over life, society and the imagination--has been found to be a prominent cause of several immeasurable and dangerous reactions. These reactions affect the body as well as the mental and emotional states and impacts all of our social motivations and ways of being together. These symptoms take rapid effect when one comprehends (often unconsciously) that social necessities like healthcare are oriented to generate speculative corporate profits, rather than support individual and collective wellbeing. These symptoms may develop into acute problems with the nervous system, the heart center or other systems, especially if the patient comprehends (consciously or unconsciously) that speculative corporate profit also dominates industrial production and the administration of education, housing, land and food. This condition guarantees that access to life-giving necessities of society requires the individualized risk of debt.</p> <p>The accelerating feedback loop of society's financialization and its bodily symptoms in the individual materializes as a wall, a piece of collective psychic architecture. It is secreted by the social body as a tragic defence mechanism that allows one to hide from the financial system, but not ever to throw a brick at it. Some of the ways that we build or buttress walls include: acting on an internalized fear of getting scammed; experiencing a lack of trust towards anyone or anything; extreme, paranoid self-reliance that stamps out the possibility of interdependence; succumbing to the universal pressure to constantly account for and prove one's worth; a looming fear of The Other.</p> <p>These affective and behavioral responses produce an often invisible wall of self-destructive defensiveness, a disabling architecture of fear and narcissism. The wall makes you a little sick, while keeping you from finding the forms of help and care that could actually help.</p>	Paid
Procedure	<p>In the gallery, there is a new wall. It looks like the others, but it has been downloaded from y/our unconscious, so you can look at it with some healthy distance. In collaboration with others, this materialized (individual and collective) psychic obstacle can be broken through, on y/our way towards a new form of care beyond.</p>	Paid
Reimbursement Requested Y / N	<p>NOTES FOR INSURER REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT</p> <p>As the representative of an insurance firm that has been central to the present and historical fomentation of financialization, the undersigned remits for payment this claim for the removal of a piece of destructive collective psychic architecture and the forthcoming lifelong work of collective healing and care they will undertake. The figure to the right represents a professional assessment of the monetary and non-monetary costs incurred or anticipated by the undersigned for the above procedures.</p>	TOTAL

I attest to the truth of the above. I would like to be reimbursed for the ways that I have been used to serve capital.

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In Secret Chakra– feminist economics yoga, by partnering visualization and embodiment exercises with radical financial literacy, Thornton aims to show people that financialization, while now a ubiquitous social form, is not natural, eternal, or personal. Rather, it is a process in which social necessities—like healthcare, education, housing, and food—are turned into profit-generators that have little to do with

sustaining life. For most involved in the process, obtaining access to life-giving necessities requires going into debt. In the process of the yoga class, crowbars were distributed and the psychic architecture was demolished.



***Sick Time, Sleepy Time, Crip Time:
Against Capitalism's Temporal Bullying***

March 31 – May 13, 2017

At EFA Project Space

Artists: Fia Backström, Jesse Cohen and Carolyn Lazard with Canaries, Danilo Correale, Jen Liu, Závè Martohardjono, Sondra Perry, Carrie Schneider, Cassie Thornton, and Constantina Zavitsanos

Curated by: Taraneh Fazeli

Sick Time, Sleepy Time, Crip Time: Against Capitalism's Temporal Bullying focuses on how the body is articulated in various discourses oriented around health. (Note: "Crip" is a political reclaiming of the derogatory label "cripple.") It proposes that better incorporation of the states of debility, disability, and rest into society (particularly their temporalities) could be resistive to forms of oppression and provide possibilities for rethinking collectivity.

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