

Electronic Rituals, Oracles and Fortune-Telling: A Collective Bibliography

As part of a class I taught at NYU's Interactive Telecommunications Program, I asked my students to help compile a "collective bibliography" on the topic. Each student contributed three or more articles, books, papers, videos, artworks, etc. that they thought was relevant in some way to the class. The results of this effort are included below. Also included in this bibliography are the required readings for the course that I originally selected. (I take responsibility for any sloppiness in the results—I've been at war with Zotero all day and just want to be done with this for now.) We hope these resources will be helpful to other scholars and artists in their own research. The syllabus for the course is located at <http://eroft.decontextualize.com/>. —Allison Parrish

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