Comics as Scholarship

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Form:

- Accessibility in scholarship.
- Teach Comics course.
    - Here's the website for @rogerwhitson's Fall 2012 comics course:
    - Syllabus for @AnaSalter's (old) comics course.
    - Mark Sample's Comics Course.
    - Zach Whalen's Comics Course.

- Why use comics as scholarship?
    - ComicLife App. Throw together your comics. Educational licenses.
    - ComicsPress.
    - Comics Grid: Journal on Comics scholarship
    - ImageTexT: Journal on Comics and Critical Theory
    - Hybridity and Comics: Digital Project on Postcolonial Feminism and Comics
    - Infinite Canvas iPad App: Play around with the Infinite Canvas

Possibilities

- Comics scholarship - very traditional scholarship, rather than using comics as inspiring new possibilities in scholarship.
- Affordances of comics as a form.
- For Beginners series. *UlyssesSeen* as inspired by the For BeginnerBound By Law: Tales from the Public Domain
    - Final issue of Grant Morrison's *The Invisibles*
    - Chris Ware's layouts in *Acme Novelty Library*

    - David Mazzuchelli's adaptation of Paul Auster's *City of Glass.*

Technical Level

- XKCD - stick figures.
- 8-Bit Theater - sprites from *Final Fantasy*
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- Day After Day of the Tentacle
- Stock photos
- Garfield without Garfield

Modality of Comics Criticism

- How do you construct an argument in a visual? What does that mean?
    - Visual Rhetoric in Comp: Visual Rhetoric Prezi by Sid Dobrin.
    - Scott McCloud's comic introduction to Google Chrome.
    - Sequenced Images for Technical Writing.
    - Comic Delivery of Information.

  Writing Technical Comics.

How do you make the case for comics as scholarship.

- Bogost's new book on why video games should be ubiquitous.
- Keenspot
- Comic Genesis