Issues of identity and memory are explored through choreography, historical documents, and intimate storytelling.

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GRAVITY WAS EVERYWHERE BACK THEN
Brent Green

Celebrate the DVD/Blu-ray release of Brent Green’s Gravity Was Everywhere Back Then with a screening of this EMPAC production.

SEPTEMBER 27 7:30PM

EWA BORYSIEWICZ
How a Sausage Dog Works
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24 2013 | 6PM

FLIP PHILLIPS
Deconstructing Perception
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25 2013 | 6PM

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SOMETHING SIMILAR

A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT

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Curator Ewcia Borysiewicz discusses the work of Polish avant-garde filmmaker Julian Józef Antoniszczak (1941-1987). Antoniszczak created animated films by scratching images directly onto the film, and his work is commonly associated with naïve, trashy fables and harmless humoresque. Borysiewicz screens Antoniszczak’s animations and unpacks a hidden and carefully considered political dimension in the filmmaker’s cameraless workshop. The aim of the workshop was to stimulate the creativity of viewers subjugated to oppressive social and political conditions imposed by the Polish communist state. This talk is presented in conjunction with Julien Maire’s lecture-performance, Open Core, taking place on September 20.

Antoniszczak’s experimental approach to technologies for producing visual images echoes the work of Julien Maire, who similarly disassembles image-making machines to create new methods for moving images. The talk will present Borysiewicz’s research into the archive of Julian Józef Antoniszczak, and was inspired by the work and ideas of Mikhail Bakhtin and his reflections on the subversive aspects of humour and the carnivalesque.
In this lecture, Skidmore College professor of psychology and neuroscience Flip Phillips tackles a series of questions about the nature of human perception: are the senses related, and how do they interact? What sort of “information” do we need to perceive our world? Can that information be decomposed into simpler, atomic parts? Does it need to be in order to be understood?

This lecture is commissioned in conjunction with Julien Maire’s lecture-performance, Open Core, presented at EMPAC on September 20. Maire dissects a projector, and Phillips takes apart human visual perception and its relationship to technologies for image production.
**BIOS**

**Ewcia Borysiewicz** studied art history at the University of Warsaw (her MA thesis was on Julian Józef Antoniszczak’s non-camera animation). She was a member of the curatorial team for *Side by Side: Poland—Germany. A 1000 Years of Art and History* (2011), and co-curated the exhibition *A Few Practical Ways to Prolong One’s Life* (Zachęta National Gallery of Art, Warsaw, 2013) revolving around Antoniszczak’s ideas about the distribution of knowledge. Most recently, Borysiewicz authored *Rausz kinetyczny* (2013), a book exploring the political and emancipatory aspect of Antoniszczak’s artistic practice. She currently works at the Adam Mickiewicz Institute in Warsaw, Poland, as a curator of visual arts.

**Flip Phillips** is a professor of psychology and neuroscience at Skidmore College. At one point or another in his life, he has been a computer programmer, a medical imaging researcher, a cyclist/rower/cross-country skier, a professional musician, and an animation scientist at Pixar Animation Studios. His academic credentials come via Ohio State University and he has taught, lectured, and done research at various institutions all over the world. At Skidmore, he teaches and researches perception and action, and visual and haptic three-dimensional shape.

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