

Review of Work During Funding Period

My proposal offered four deliverables: one reading group, one set of readings, and two papers. I address them in turn.

(1) Reading group on José Medina's *The Epistemology of Resistance*: Well, it was a nice idea. The reading group got through the first three chapters of the book at a pace of half a chapter per week, before running into the wall of everybody being sick of Zoom. Nevertheless, the reading group managed to be deeply helpful to one of the attendees (not me), and has manifested in some conference talks and papers under review.

(2) A big thwack of reading on public history: Probably the most successful part of the proposal. Had a good time diving a bunch of Can-Studies material on public history, which ended up substantially affecting promised publication #2. Also shared the material with other members in the field, so Gordon-Walker et al's analysis of memory from above and memory from below hopefully ended up showing up throughout the philosophical discourse on public history. Also used the time to catch up on the philosophical material on collective memory.

(3) Publication #1: A review of the philosophical literature on the wrongs of bad public history. I argue that the existing literature fails to take public history seriously as history, and propose understanding the historically-distinct wrongs of public history in terms of ontic injustice. Paper is currently under R&R.

(4) Publication #2: An argument for understanding the political work that public history does in contractarian terms. Deeply influenced by the various Can-Studies papers on the interplay between public history and Canadian multiculturalism. In particular, I build towards arguing that public history can be used to induce a kind of "signing on" to the social contract, where nominal membership is extended without substantially changing the social arrangement. Paper is currently under review.

Other outputs:

(5) Another grant recipient was writing on a similar field. He sent me a paper draft to review and I kibitzed it. Hopefully it ends up somewhere good.

(6) Managed to make a deal with the local MP to publish a series of articles on my work in the local publication. Then there was an election and I guess that deal was forgotten. So it goes.