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Education and Culture: The Journal of the John Dewey Society invites submissions to its new feature, Album: The Alternative Forum. Judith Chalmer, M.F.A., Assistant Professor at Vermont College of the Union Institute & University, will be editing Album as Associate Editor of Education and Culture. Chalmer's cartoon essay, "The Monstrous Fabrication of a Part-Time Mind" introduces Album as a forum for examining issues in education from perspectives beyond scholarly disquisition. Send personal essays, interviews, dialogues, fiction, poetry, photography and artwork to Judith Chalmer, 18 Summer St., Montpelier, VT 05602. Query at judith.chalmer@tui.edu.

Introduction to Cartoon Essay

"The Monstrous Fabrication of a Part-Time Mind" developed as a result of a couple of realizations. The first was that I couldn't possibly face my Maker or my Mother without having made good on a hard won title like Visiting Assistant Part-Time Professor. The second was that speaking that job title changes the way people respond to me as teacher and as community member.

I'm interested in the ways colleges establish roles in communities, and therefore in the ways we name ourselves as teachers. I'm interested in the ways progressive colleges construe employment and governance, not just pedagogy. I appreciate that Vermont College in particular, where I teach, has created a system in which part time professors are eligible to participate in faculty governance and decision making. I appreciate that Vermont College supports a collaboration, rather than an adversarial hierarchy, linking administrative and academic staff. I want my position, our positions, to be empowered within our universities. I want my position to take its place within a community beyond the university, of citizens creating culture. In this cartoon essay, I'm poking at the positioning of part-time employment in higher education. Though the cartoons are stills, the questions, I hope, are animated.
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