THE LABOR OF OPEN

a ZINE made at the 2019 #TriangleSCI
we envision

a world of flourishing independent and scholar-led knowledge projects

EQUITABLE open access with an infrastructure built beyond for knowledge-makers that challenges colonial legacies of knowledge as property

Knowledge production that refuses to be disciplined

approaches that focus on process over product and relationships over algorithms

Communities claim and control how they wish to MAKE and SHARE their KNOWLEDGE.
If our collective action could overthrow profit-seeking publishers and put their systems in the hands of non-profit actors, would the greater world be much different? We suspect not.

If instead, we see the problems of privatized knowledge production as part of broader systems and do our work in **solidarity** with global movements against extractive economies, we might make the world we want. This puts our actions in solidarity with movements that seek **justice**, **equity**, **sovereignty**, and **autonomy**.

**The work of Open must include**
- Organizing ourselves and our power
- Identifying common struggles against the system and cultivating critical hope
- Connecting to broader movements and pooling our social capital
- Reclaiming our spaces for autonomy
We are a group committed to the praxis of open scholarly communications. We are librarians, scholars, journal editors, and students wanting to foster alternatives to the publishing status quo.

INSPIRED BY:
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