Privilege & Practice: Questions of sustainability in worlds of injustice

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“People like stories.”
Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action
Art: Julienne Alexander
(Criminal Podcast #72, Bears, Birds, and Bones)
Privileged distress is a real emotion. As strange as it may look from the outside, the distressed privileged really do feel persecuted....

If they really get galvanized around their sense of persecution, they've got what it takes to launch a counter-revolution and get their unfair advantages back. [...]

I don't think telling them to get over themselves is going to work.

(Muler, 2013)
Web of Privilege

D. Muler
Shivering, a rock of white granite below the University of BC. According to JP, it was an old lady who was crying here (presumably when yr:is came and transformed her). [Source -WS: MGR (2004): 570 #32.]

View looking North towards West Vancouver in the distance. Photo is taken on February 20, 2013. Image taken by and is courtesy of Wayne Point.
“People like stories.”
A healthy community holds you up while also holding you accountable; a healthy community doesn't simply accept or ignore bad behaviour, sloppy thinking, or dangerous ideas[…]

**We can't afford those casualties. We're all needed. […]**

We all bring good skills and talents to today's great problems. […]

[B]e strong enough to screw up and try to do better next time, to be kind enough to encourage ourselves and others to make amends, make connections, make new possibilities in our relationships with the world.”

(Daniel Heath Justice, 2014)


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“Sustainability is, at its heart, a negotiation of what we value and what kind of world we want to strive to create.”

–Meyers & Nathan, CSCW ’16
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“The hegemonic structures and practices within bureaucratic systems, and the unequal power relations that define colonial violence, remain for the most part invisible to non-Native people.”

– Paulette Regan, 2010, pp 86-87
“Attempts to improve social conditions may be lost if society itself lacks clean air, drinkable water and adequate food. It is quickly becoming evident that the groups who are most immediately and profoundly affected by environmental destruction are those who face multiple systems of oppression.”

– Annie Muldoon
“Where individuals and organizations do not have sufficient energy and resources to respond to all of the structural injustices to which they are connected, they should focus on those where they have a greater capacity to influence structural processes.”

– Iris Marion Young  p. 103
Values as Hypotheses: Design, Inquiry, and the Service of Values

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Values: A Problem of Practice

The question of the relationship of design and values has occupied much scholarship during the past 30 years. These investigations have led to the growing consensus that design is not a neutral activity; rather, it is value-laden: design is laden with, or bound to, values. Despite substantial agreement that design is value-laden, significant variation arises in understanding how and why this is the case. Some scholars argue that artifacts are always determined by certain values, impossible in human engineering.
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