

## ***We are the Margins***

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16 – 18 December 2016

*We are the Margins* is a program of events that responds to the exhibitions [We are the Center for Curatorial Studies](#)—a multi-year project curated by Paul O’Neill at the Hessel Museum of Art, Bard College—and its “conceptual outpost” [We are the \(Epi\)center](#). Three local events will consider marginality in opposition to the proclamation of “the center” originating from the aforementioned projects.

**Friday, 16 December, 7–7.30pm**  
**Opening reception + design launch**  
**P!:** 334 Broome St, New York  
**Open to the public, free of charge.**

At the launch event, *We are the Margins* will debut a newly commissioned animated map by Ahmad Aiyad that points to the network of collaborators in the surrounding community, transforming P! into a point of dispersion for the duration of the program.

**Friday, 16 December, 8–10pm**  
**DJ Battle**  
**Beverlys:** 21 Essex St, New York  
**Open to the public, free of charge.**

This battle brings Paul O’Neill, director of the CCS Bard Graduate program, against a surprise guest DJ from the NYC club scene. Each DJ will propose a personal playlist, connecting and sequencing each auditory element to construct an atmosphere that invites bodies to react in space.

**Saturday, 17 December, 2–4pm**  
**Panel + Community Debate**  
**5C Cafe, 68 Avenue C, New York, NY 10009**  
**Open to the public, free of charge.**

Mei Lum (The W.O.W Project), Robert Lee (Asian American Arts Centre), Trudy, and a representative from *We are the (Epi)center* will speak to the disjuncture between “educational,” “cultural,” and “contemporary art” initiatives in the neighborhood. They will scrutinize community engagement, exclusivity, and how a community vision might affect cultural initiatives.

**Sunday, 18 December, 2–4pm**  
**Food Tasting + Discussion**  
**Kuma Inn: 113 Ludlow St, New York**  
**Please RSVP to [wearemargins@mail.com](mailto:wearemargins@mail.com)**

Chef Perry Mamaril (Purple Yam, NY; Kuma Inn, NY), will prepare fish balls—a street food popular in China, Southeast Asia and among overseas communities—for participants to eat while a casual conversation will deliberate over the value food gains, or loses, as it migrates across borders. Due to spatial constraints, this event will host 15 guests. Vegetarian options will be provided.

*We Are the (Epi)center* is open through December 22, 2017, at P! and has been co-organized with Paul O'Neill and the Center for Curatorial Studies, Bard College.