



# In Search of Spatial Scripts

## Introspective Improvisations for Two Construction Sites: Parcel X Encampment (1994) and The Goodwin Memorial (2004)

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- This is an Alternative Guide to Getting Lost and then Found through an architecture of Building the Unfinished through contemporary improvisations of a cast of characters and one haunting figure
- This is the last in a trilogy of books by ORO starting with a renowned foundation course LESSONS, often first person singular, onto CONNECTIVE TISSUES, collaborating with another generation of Kenan Fellows 2001-2016, now in dialogue with first person plural, and finally pausing with a current evolving improvisational odyssey across construction sites with Citizens and Strangers arriving at 500 Capp Street, San Francisco at David Ireland's haunted House as Museum

**In Search of Spatial Scripts** is a re-collection of improvisational stories and stage sets and serves those interested in Spatial Tales of Origin Revealed through Specifications for Construction. Peter Waldman first recounts Mining Mica in the alleys of Manhattan only to initiate a resultant collaboration with a bunch of boyhood buddies eight decades ago. Other magical oases were later encountered with both Citizens and Strangers, mapped odysseys somewhere between Princeton and Peru.

This project traces two construction sites through the self-reflective eyes of generations of others. One encampment is found in North Garden Virginia and one student memorial is situated on the North Terrace of Campbell Hall at Mr. Jefferson's University spanning a decade in the cross hairs of the Millennium. Located somewhere between Rebecca Solnit's *A Field Guide to Getting Lost*, Eugene O'Neill's *A Long Day's Journey into Night*, and Pirandello's *Six Characters in Search of an Author*, this collection of collages evolves into vellum scrims which promotes architecture as The Word Made Flesh, Lessons and Carols. Through the eyes of others, a Cast of Circumstantial Characters re-read Lessons From the Lawn and then repair Connective Tissues to set a stage for perhaps the seventh Memo for the Next Millennium.

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