“DIDACTIC ARTS”

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
12:30-2pm
SOS 250

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Professor Sven Spieker teaches in the Comparative Literature Program at USCB and is an affiliate faculty member in the departments of Art and History of Art and Architecture.

Spieker will be speaking about what he calls “Didactic Arts.” He is interested in instances where we accept that art, explicitly or implicitly, teaches us something. At a time when neither formal innovation nor social engagement seem able to ground artistic practice fully, it may be time to rehabilitate the idea that we can/need to learn from or through art. Spieker will be discussing both historical and more conceptual/theoretical aspects of this problem.

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