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A Photographic Synthesis of Remembrance & Construction

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Abstract

Beyond Pa Hill: A Photographic Synthesis of Remembrance & Construction

How can archival and constructed photographs be synthesised to make the sensual and spatial memories of home tangible?

Drawing on phenomenological memories of a particular domestic space, the unification of varying photographic practices is examined for the purposes of achieving a synthesis of remembrance and construction, relative to the original home and within the context of the contemporary still life.

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Decor Bonnie. Hi Here, Hows my little girl, Thankyou for the neat picture of the angry witch. She's very angry looking, what could have made her so angry? I'm still building & our hew house. It's not very big but its taking me a long time. I miss you very much. The got a pet chooky called chooky. When you and Tristan get to meet him you might have a moname for him. love John

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