Call for Papers

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The editorial board of Tiresias is pleased to announce its call for submissions to the sixth issue: Elements of Matter. This issue explores the material grounding of creation and research in the arts and humanities. We seek academic, creative, performative, and plastic engagements with matter in its various manifestations. Contributions could address, but are not limited to, the following clusters of questions:

The origins and meanings of objects: How are objects made, created, crafted, grown, or constructed? How do we--as artists, scholars, individuals--engage the material world? What do we make of terms such as matter, material, objects, things, stuff? What is at stake when we classify objects as relics, commodities, or garbage? How does place (a landfill, museum, cemetery, church, mall) affect the way we interact with things? How do objects proliferate or engender other objects?

The agency of objects: How does the agency of the object affect the subject? How is the relationship of agency among human and nonhuman entities represented? How do these objects affect lived experience? What is the difference between things acting in assembly and individually?

We invite academic contributions informed by the fields of Francophone, Hispanic, Italian, and Lusophone studies and creative contributions from any field. Contributions may take the shape of critical or creative essays and reflections presented in textual and non-textual media. They may be presented in Catalan, English, French, Galician, Italian, Portuguese, or Spanish. Submissions that have already been published elsewhere will not be considered unless they are a new translation of a previously published work, in which case they will be evaluated like any other submission. Questions may be addressed to tiresiasonline@umich.edu. Please send submissions no later than September 13, 2013 to tiresias.submissions@umich.edu.