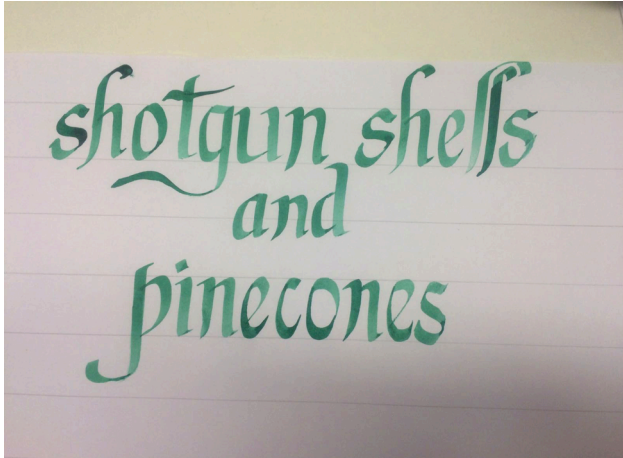


Exhibition Proposal // Spring 2016
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Shotgun Shells and Pinecones is an exhibition that re-imagines the chess lessons I attended in my living room as a young teenager, taught by my father, along with a presentation of archival materials from a family album. Over the years my father has made chess sets out of a variety of different materials including carved wood, seashells, shotgun shells and pinecones. The latter has been re-created. More advanced in time, this archive retroactively engages a space of problem solving and compromise years later with different players. Anyone may join me in the library on Sundays from 4 – 6 pm. We will bypass the opening and midgame for the endgame and the board will be staged so that one player is playing with the worst odds.

The chess set will be available during library hours over the course of the exhibition. Additionally, family photographs will be placed under a vitrine with several of my own photographs. In the external library window the following vinyl will be installed, "Q to g3," which is the winning move played by Frank James Marshall against Stefan Levitsky, in the 1912 game, where Marshall sacrificed his Queen (Q to G3) in order to win the game. This move is known as the "Marshall Swindle." A swindle is the achievement of a win or a draw from a distinctly losing position. I would be interested in either placing a box tv on the floor that plays the re-enactment of that game or filling the floor with empty shotgun shells and pinecones or powerball tickets..

Location: Meyer Oakland Library

Ideal Dates: Before, after, or during my MFA thesis exhibition (March 15 – March 28th)

Exhibition Design: A table with a homemade chess set, set up either between the locked archive section (in place of the red freestanding cabinet) or on the other side of the bookshelf (near the window). Family Archive displayed in vitrine on top of the bookshelf in between those two spaces. Installation and window vinyl in the window vitrine to the left of the library entrance.

Sample of Exhibition Resources and Archival Materials
(Family Album, Photograph Preview, Chess Set - Shotgun Shells and Pinecones, Q to G3)

