About punctum books

- est. 2011, public benefit corporation incorporated in California in 2016
- scholar-led, queer-led, sparkling diamond OA, peer-reviewed
- no mandatory BPCs, authors retain copyright, most books CC BY-NC-SA 4.0
- scaling small, ~4 fte, 30–40 publications/year, everything in-house
- member of Radical Open Access Collective, ScholarLed, COPIM
Our Catalog

- Humanities, social sciences, arts & architecture
- Trans-disciplinary research
- Experiments with content, style, and form
- Several publications shortlisted for Lambda Literary Awards and Firecracker Awards
Review process

- Initial review by co-directors (both holding multiple graduate degrees in Humanities and Arts)

- Review by a member of the Editorial Advisory Board and/or external reviewer(s)

- Review process open/blind dependent on needs/wishes of author(s), editor(s), and reviewer(s)
Average per-title costs

36 titles in 2020
~ $5,500 per title

Distribution

- print copies
  - direct sales via KDP/Amazon
  - book stores via Faherty Books & Associates
  - academic libraries via Gobi/YBP
- ebooks via digital repositories: OAPEN, JSTOR, Project MUSE
- open metadata via Thoth
Book Usage

https://punctumbooks.com/usage-statistics/
Supporting Library Membership Program

- Developed in partnership with UC Santa Barbara Library
- Flexible pricing $500–3500/year, average ~$2500/year
- Books available through OAPEN (and JSTOR and Project MUSE)
- Metadata records through Thoth (ONIX 3.0, KBART, CSV; MARC in development)
  Counter-compliant usage data
- Development of open infrastructure (with COPIM, Coko Foundation)
- Strong advocacy for Open Access in scholarly publishing landscape (through Radical OA, ScholarLed, OASPA)
- Unique HSS catalog fostering thought experiment and boundary-breaking research, supporting both established and para-academic, precarious scholars
- Also available through Lyrasis (US+Canada) & Jisc (UK+Ireland)

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No. of Supporting Libraries

Income from Library Program

2019 | 2020 | 2021
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0.00 | 25,000.00 | 100,000.00
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• Catalog:  
  https://punctumbooks.com/catalogue/

• Financial & Activities Reports:  
  https://punctumbooks.pubpub.org/punctum-financials

• Open usage statistics:  
  https://punctumbooks.com/usage-statistics/

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