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For the face itself is a contingency,
at the magical crossroads of mask and window to the soul,
one of the better-kept public secrets essential to everyday life.

Michael Taussig, *Defacement: Public Secrecy and the Labor of the Negative* (1999)

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Contingent Horizons' website is the keystone of the journal. Not only does it host published articles, but it also offers a safe space for respectful discussions that extend the life of scholarly materials and debates beyond publication.

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If you are interested in being part of next year's edition of *Contingent Horizons* please stay tuned for our next call for papers in October 2014.

We hope to receive yet another handful of submissions that will push the limits of the discipline towards new and ever-expanding horizons.

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