Elevator Speech

Pedro Poitevin
Salem State University

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholarship.claremont.edu/jhm

Recommended Citation
Poitevin, P. "Elevator Speech," Journal of Humanistic Mathematics, Volume 2 Issue 1 (January 2012), pages 109-. DOI: 10.5642/jhummath.201201.11 . Available at: https://scholarship.claremont.edu/jhm/vol2/iss1/11

©2012 by the authors. This work is licensed under a Creative Commons License. JHM is an open access bi-annual journal sponsored by the Claremont Center for the Mathematical Sciences and published by the Claremont Colleges Library | ISSN 2159-8118 | http://scholarship.claremont.edu/jhm/

The editorial staff of JHM works hard to make sure the scholarship disseminated in JHM is accurate and upholds professional ethical guidelines. However the views and opinions expressed in each published manuscript belong exclusively to the individual contributor(s). The publisher and the editors do not endorse or accept responsibility for them. See https://scholarship.claremont.edu/jhm/policies.html for more information.
I study the geometry of spaces
in which there is no easy way to measure
the distance between points: think M.C. Escher,
but infinite-dimensional. The maze is
amusing but complex: when one retracts
the steps one took a minute back, there’s pleasure
in noticing the differences. I treasure
knowing the distance doesn’t change.

My place is replete with maps and pushpins, the temptation
to measure out the future is excessive,
but these are scary variables—I worry
it’s easy to get lost. The situation,
for now, is getting worse with each successive
job interview. Did I digress? I’m sorry.