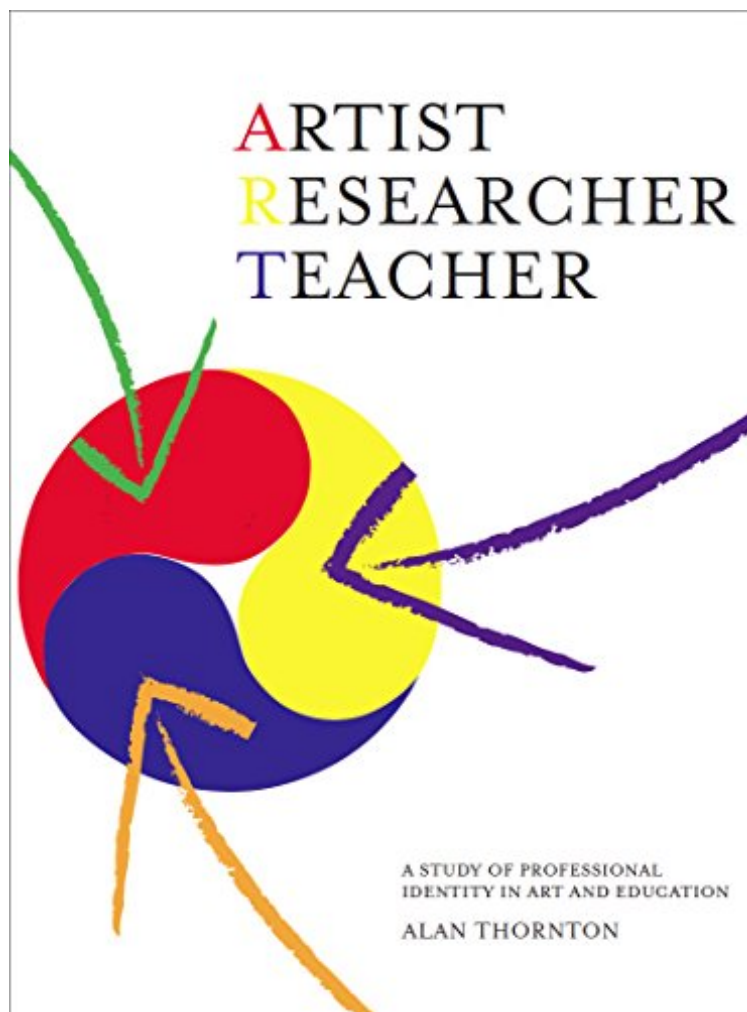


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of an expanding research culture and current employment models in the United States and the United Kingdom ndash; where many artists also work as teachers ndash; he argues for the necessity of a theory that both reflects and influences practice in the realm of art and art-related work. By elucidating our current situation, *Artist, Researcher, Teacher* opens the door to much-needed new approaches, and provides fresh insights for those interested in identity formation and professional roles and practices.

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