

Brooklyn Museum

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JUNE 27th, 28th and 29th

As with many things for [Click!](#), we've made life a little difficult, but for good reason. This Saturday (June 28) we've organized a great panel discussion that will be held on Governors Island. Yup, you read that right: Governors Island. A little while back, I was contacted by the peeps running [Figment 2008](#) and asked to present something there. Figment is billed as a "celebration of participatory art and creative culture" and I couldn't think of anything more appropriate than a panel discussing the participatory nature of [Click!](#). If you want to know a little more about Figment, check out this [article from the NYT](#) about the event last year—I just love the "Burning Man East" reference.

This part is seriously awesome: Panelists include James Surowiecki, *New Yorker* financial columnist and author of *The Wisdom of Crowds*; Jeff Howe, contributing editor of *Wired* magazine, who coined the term "crowdsourcing"; Eugenie Tsai, Brooklyn Museum's John and Barbara Vogelstein Curator of Contemporary Art; and me. The panel will be moderated by Nicole Caruth, Brooklyn Museum's Manager of Interpretive Materials and a freelance writer and curator based in Brooklyn.

Now for the hard part: June 28 on Governors Island and the panel starts at 11 a.m. In order to make the panel on time you must take the 10 or 10:30 a.m. ferry. Ferries are free and depart from South Ferry, but seating is very limited. When you get to the island, start looking for Perkins Hall.

OK, ouch, we know that's early on a Saturday, but Figment should be *fun* and I'm couldn't be more excited about sharing a table with Jim, Jeff, Eugenie, and Nicole. Have an extra cup of coffee, come take a boat ride and join us!