

AMONG THE NEW WORDS

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THIS INSTALLMENT OF “Among the New Words” continues the consideration of words nominated in the 2013 Word of the Year proceedings at the annual meeting in Minneapolis on January 2–4, 2014. The Spring issue contained the first batch of nominees, extending alphabetically from the overall winner *because* to *Harlem Shake*. The nominees here run from *revenge porn* to *underbutt* (the winner and runner-up, respectively, in the Most Outrageous category). A full list of the winners and runners-up in the various categories can be found in the introduction to the Spring installment of “ATNW” (AS 89.1: 89–110) and details of the voting and lists of past winners are available at the ADS website (<http://www.americandialect.org/because-is-the-2013-word-of-the-year>).

Blending, as always, is a major source of lexical innovation, represented below by such items as *sharknado* and *Thanksgivukkah* (winners, respectively, of the Most Unnecessary and Least Likely to Succeed categories). Both of these examples can be thought of as “stunt words,” meant to draw the eye and provoke an immediate response. *Sharknado*, a movie on the Syfy channel, was a viral marketing success in large part due to its enticing title. Its tagline highlighted the self-evident nature of the blend: “Enough said!” But even though *sharknado* is easily parsed as “a tornado full of sharks,” that is only because we can recognize a blend of the form *X-nado* as a certain kind of *tornado*. Other titles of campy Syfy movies employ blends to describe fantastic animal hybrids, such as *Sharktopus* (*shark* + *octopus*) and *Piranhaconda* (*piranha* + *anaconda*)—just as *cronut* in our previous installment iconically represents a fusion of a *croissant* and *doughnut*. This represents a lexical tradition going back to such fanciful beastly names as *hippogriff* (‘horse-griffin’) and *lycanthrope* (‘wolf-man’) (Ben Zimmer, “A Fishapod Called Tiktaalik,” *Language Log*, Apr. 10, 2006, <http://itre.cis.upenn.edu/~myl/languageblog/archives/003006.html>).

Thanksgivukkah is also easily understood as a confluence of Thanksgiving and the first day of Hanukkah, a calendrical coincidence that is believed

not to occur again for nearly 78,000 years. The quick uptake of this particular stunt word may in part have been due to the groundwork laid by various concocted holiday hybrids such as *Chrimukkah*, *Chrimahanukwanzakah*, and even *Diwaloween*, as the Hindu holiday of Diwali fell near Halloween on the 2013 calendar (Nancy Friedman, “The One and Only Thanksgiving,” *Vocabulary.com*, Nov. 26, 2013, <http://www.vocabulary.com/articles/candlepwr/the-one-and-only-thanksgivingukkah/>).

Twerk, a word that attracted much controversy in 2013 (thanks to the cultural appropriation of the earthy African American dance style by Miley Cyrus at MTV’s Video Music Awards), is not as compositionally transparent as these straightforward blends. While some have derived *twerk* as a blend of *twist* and *jerk*, it is likely better understood as an alteration of *work* (as in “work it”), with the *tw-* element influenced by *twist* and *twitch*. As *twerk* first emerged two decades ago in the New Orleans “bounce music” scene, its origins are not as readily discovered as fresher neologisms (Anatoly Liberman, “Twerk, Twerp, and Other Tw-Words,” *OUPblog*, Mar. 13, 2013, <http://blog.oup.com/2013/03/twerk-twerp-tw-etymology-word-origin/>; Ben Zimmer, “Of Course *Twerk* Should Be in the Dictionary,” *Slate*, Sept. 4, 2013, http://www.slate.com/blogs/lexicon_valley/2013/09/04/twerk_definition_of_course_it_s_a_real_word_and_of_course_it_should_be_in.html).

Selfie owes its morphological pedigree to a combination of clipping and hypocorism, with the *self* of *self-portrait* taking on the *-ie* suffix. Clipping and *-ie* suffixation have gone hand in hand at least since the birth of the *movie* (from *moving picture*); another recent example is *bestie* (from *best friend*). Australian English displays a penchant for hypocoristic *-ie*, so it makes perfect sense that the earliest known example of *selfie* comes from an Australian forum post in 2002. The identification of the author of that 2002 post as Nathan Hope led some media outlets to anoint him the inventor of the word, though Hope himself denied coining it. *Selfie* no doubt was independently created on multiple occasions, especially in Australia, before achieving prominence with the spread of smartphone photography and the addition of a self-facing camera (Ben Zimmer, “No, a Drunken Australian Man Did Not Coin the Word *Selfie*,” *Slate*, Nov. 22, 2013, http://www.slate.com/blogs/lexicon_valley/2013/11/22/selfie_etymology_an_australian_man_takes_a_photo_of_his_lip_after_falling.html). The discovery of that 2002 *selfie* citation, it should be noted, was first announced on the American Dialect Society mailing list by Hugo van Kemenade, who has also ably assisted in the preparation of the entries below by hunting for antedatings.

While *selfie* did not originate as a blend, when the term became established in the lexicon it became available as a blend component, with *-elfie*

or *-fie* working as a new combining form to denote different flavors of selfies in a seemingly endless variety, from *shelfies* ‘selfies featuring bookshelves’ to *snowfies* ‘selfies in the snow’ (Mark Peters, “Selfie’s Children: The Productive ‘-fie’ Suffix,” *Vocabulary.com*, Jan. 13, 2014, <http://www.vocabulary.com/articles/dictionary/selfies-children-the-productive-fie-suffix/>). The *-(el)fie* combining form was also recognized in a new WOTY category for this year: Most Productive. In the category, *-(el)fie* trailed in the voting behind two other promiscuous suffixes: *-shaming* and *-splaining*. (For the founding forms of these two suffixes, see *slut-shaming* and *mansplaining* in “ATNW,” AS 88.2: 209, 202.)

Finally, *slash*—much like the overall winner *because*—represents an older lexical form that has entered new discursive terrain. As Anne Curzan wrote in an article that brought the innovative usage to wide attention, *slash* has moved from working as a conjunction, modeled on the punctuation mark (/), to something genuinely new: “extended to link a second related thought or clause to the first with a meaning that is [...] more like ‘following up’” or “to introduce an afterthought that is also a topic shift” (Anne Curzan, “Slash: Not Just a Punctuation Mark Anymore,” *Lingua Franca* blog, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, Apr. 24, 2013, <http://chronicle.com/blogs/linguafranca/2013/04/24/slash-not-just-a-punctuation-mark-anymore/>). Tracking these emerging nonstandard uses can pose new challenges to lexicographers and may often require text-mining corpora containing informal styles of electronically mediated communication, such as chat logs (Jane Solomon, “More Thoughts On the Nonstandard Uses of ‘Slash,’” *Dictionary.com*, May 14, 2013, <http://blog.dictionary.com/nonstandard-slash/>).

revenge porn 1: *n* Excessively violent retaliation as puerile entertainment 1993 Oct 15 Peter Goddard *Toronto Star* B4 (LexisNexis) Without [Denis] Leary, Judgment Night would be your standard urban—a binge of **revenge-porn**. 2002 Feb 8 Mary F Pols *Contra Costa Times* (Walnut Creek, Calif) TO6 (NewsBank; head & text) After Sept. 11, “Collateral” Is Damaged Goods / [...] And the few movies deemed too painful or inappropriate for us to watch back then, in the early, awful fall, are starting to show up in our theaters. [¶] “Collateral Damage,” a piece of **revenge porn** starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, is one such movie. 2009 June 12 Karine Cohen-Dicker *Forward* (New York) 13 (ProQuest; head & text) Jewish **Revenge Porn** / Quentin Tarantino’s “Inglourious Basterds” [...] is pure Cineplex whimsy where bloodthirsty Jewish soldiers destroy the Third Reich. 2013 Nov 22 Peter Bradshaw *Guardian* (London) 20 (LexisNexis) In this bizarre piece of violent **revenge porn**, Danny plays a super-tough SAS guy who comes back to Blighty after a testing time in Afghanistan to find criminals have only gone and murdered his mum and dad, that’s all. 2a: *n* Sexually explicit photo or video of someone, vindictively disseminated

without consent [2006 Mar 7 domain registration *revengeporn.com* Whois Privacy Services] 2007 Sept 25 JonasOooohyeah *UrbanDictionary* <http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=revenge+porn> **revenge porn** / Home-made porn uploaded by ex girlfriend or (usually) ex boyfriend after particularly vicious breakup as a means of humiliating the ex or just for own amusement. 2008 Sept Richard Morgan *Details* <http://www.details.com/sex-relationships/porn-and-perversions/200809/revenge-porn> (head & subhead) **Revenge Porn** / Jilted lovers are posting sex tapes on the Web—and their exes want justice. 2010 Nov Elizabeth M Ryan *Iowa Law Review* 363–64 (LexisNexis) Similarly, many young adults have been the victims of “**revenge porn**,” an example of secondary sexting in which a young adult’s scorned ex-boyfriend or ex-girlfriend sends, via text message or posts on the Internet, semi-nude, nude, or sexually explicit photos or videos that the two parties shared or created during their relationship. 2013 Oct 3 Laura Sydell *All Things Considered* NPR <http://www.npr.org/blogs/alltechconsidered/2013/10/02/228551353/calif-bans-jilted-lovers-from-posting-revenge-porn-online> [40] This week, California became the first state to pass a law directly targeted at what’s come to be called **revenge porn**. The law makes it illegal to distribute private images with the intent to harass or annoy. 2014 Jan 7 Sam Frizell *Time* <http://world.time.com/2014/01/07/israel-bans-revenge-porn/> Israel’s parliament banned nude photos and sexually explicit films posted online without the subject’s consent Monday, making it the first country to ban “**revenge porn**”. **2b: attrib** Of **REVENGE PORN** 2a 2002 July 23 *Austria Today* (Factiva; head & text) Man fined for **revenge porn** pics / A 43-year-old unemployed man has been fined by Lower Austrian police for having posted pornographic pictures of his 33-year-old ex-girlfriend on a dumpster near her Wiener Neustadt apartment as a means of extracting revenge on her for having severed their relationship. 2005 June 5 *Time Hume Sunday Star-Times* (New Zealand) 5 (Factiva) A notorious “**revenge porn**” website has returned to the internet, encouraging people to humiliate their former lovers by submitting pornographic images of them to be published on the site. 2012 May 16 Mario Aguilar *Gizmodo* (blog) (ProQuest; head & text) Infamous **Revenge-Porn** Magnate Being Investigated By the FBI Is Anyone Up / When Hunter Moore shut down his notorious **revenge-porn** website, Is Anyone Up, and sold the domain to an anti-bullying website, the whole world was surprised. 2014 Jan 23 Nina Golgowski *Daily News* <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/national/revenge-porn-king-hunter-moore-charged-nude-photo-hacking-article-1.1589387> Hunter Moore, the so-called “**Revenge Porn King**” and once branded “most hated man on the Internet,” has been indicted on federal charges after allegedly stealing hundreds of nude photos and posting them online. **3: vt** Disseminate **REVENGE PORN** 1a of (someone) 2009 May 13 maria diaz *Twitter* <https://twitter.com/mariadiaz/status/1785328238> An ex would never be able to **revenge porn** me because I would beat him to the punch and blog the photos first. 2012 Jan 26 Shannon Smyth *Twitter* https://twitter.com/Shannon_Smyth/status/162359344971788289 Funny. Some wack job just tried to “**revenge porn**” me by mixing 2 of my pic-

tures w/some naked chick that is obv not me. LOL **2013** May 30 Rebecca Schoenkopf *Twitter* <https://twitter.com/commiegirl1/status/340200812787666944> **Revenge porn** me once, shame on you. **Revenge porn** me twice, shame on me. **2013** Oct 8 Nicholas Jacques-Morel *Facebook* https://www.facebook.com/BeingFeminist/posts/525567314179181?comment_id=4246311&reply_comment_id=4246918&total_comments=1 Because it would be unacceptable to victim blame a rape survivor, it's unacceptable to victim blame someone who's been **revenge porned**. **2013** Oct 28 John Cordero *okayplayer* (forum) http://board.okayplayer.com/okp.php?az=show_topic&forum=6&topic_id=660142 oh shit wait! of course mad boyfriend is gonna revenge porn her ass and leak the titty pics online

Robo Sapiens, Robo-Sapiens, robo-sapiens *n* [*robot* + *Homo sapiens*] **1:** Sentient robots [**1994** Nov 30 Carolyn Leitch *Globe & Mail* (Canada) B10 (ProQuest) Entrepreneur Stephane Belanger has recently entered the home market with his "Peanut" interface and "Robo Sapiens" software after selling robotics-teaching kits to schools for the past six years.] **1996** Mar 11 Joe Donnelly *Herald* (Glasgow) 11 (LexisNexis) They are all new forms of life, or strange forms of almost-life. They're robots—walking, talking, sleeping, crawling alien beings who represent the next stage of techno-species. If not quite **Robo-Sapiens**, they're at least Robo Habilis. **2001** Apr 8 Shelley Emling *Atlanta* (Ga) *Journal-Constitution* 1P (LexisNexis) Robots still can't brew tea or run the dishwasher—not yet, anyway. [¶] But next-generation technologies that could make this happen are being fine-tuned today, meaning we could be rubbing elbows with "robo sapiens" on city sidewalks within 20 years. [**2004** Dan Avery *PC Magazine* <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,1567423,00.asp> It's no Terminator, but the Wow Wee **RoboSapien** still packs a robotic punch. The 14-inch automaton has excellent articulation and can perform 67 functions, including picking up, throwing, and karate-chopping things.] **2007** Jeanette Winterson *The Stone Gods* (Orlando, Fla: Harcourt) 6 She's been across the universe, and now she's going to the recycling unit. The great thing about robots, even these **Robo sapiens**, is that nobody feels sorry for them. They are only machines. **2013** July 12 John Markoff *New York Times* (Factiva) "A new species, **Robo sapiens**, are emerging," he [Gary Bradski] said. [¶] The debut of Atlas on Thursday was a striking example of how computers are beginning to grow legs and move around in the physical world. **2:** Species of human-robot hybrids **2000** Peter Menzel & Faith D'Aluisio *Robo Sapiens: Evolution of a New Species* (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press) 16 **Robo sapiens:** *n* (English, from *robot*, a mechanism guided by automatic controls; and Latin, from *Homo sapiens*, mankind) **1.** A hybrid species of human and robot with intelligence vastly superior to that of purely biological mankind; began to emerge in the twenty-first century. **2002** Jan 27 Richard Louv *San Diego* (Calif) *Union-Tribune* Ag (NewsBank; head & text) **Robo sapiens** really will be the splice of life / [...] Since then, one headline after another has announced some potential blending of machines, humans and other animals. The line between machine, human and other animals is beginning to blur. Add genetic engineering to robotics to exponentially expanding

computing power, stir, heat and ... voila. Enter **robo sapiens**. **2007** June 9 Jonas Suender *OrthodoxChristianity.net* (forum) <http://www.orthodoxchristianity.net/forum/index.php?topic=11852.0> At one point with bodily implants would we stop being humans and start being cyborgs, or “**robo sapiens**”? **2013** Stefan Herbrechter *Posthumanism: A Critical Analysis* (London: Bloomsbury) 92 Machines would thus become the depositories of human consciousness, while machines, at least according to the conclusions drawn by many of [Hans] Moravec’s transhumanist colleagues, would thus themselves become ‘human’, or even better, the ‘new human’—*homo sapiens cyberneticus*, or simply *robo sapiens*.

selfie [*self*portrait + *-ie*] **1:** *n* Photo taken of oneself, typically with a smartphone and shared on social media; in extended use, a photo taken with a smartphone of any number of people, including the picture-taker **2002** Sept 13 Hopey *ABC Science* (Australian Broadcasting Corporation forum) <http://www2b.abc.net.au/science/k2/stn/archives/archive32/newposts/169/topic169861.shtm> Um, drunk at a mates 21st, I tripped ofer and landed lip first (with front teeth coming a very close second) on a set of steps. I had a hole about 1cm long right through my bottom lip. And sorry about the focus, it was a **selfie**. **2005** Nov 5 Jim Krause *Photo Idea Index* (Cincinnati, Ohio: HOW Books) 148 A “**selfie**” is one of those images that is taken by aiming the camera at yourself. The guesswork that goes into taking **selfies** often results in serendipitous photographic surprises. **2007** Mar 4 Brittany *Twitter* <https://twitter.com/BrittneyBush/status/5828833> should’ve used the wide angle on this series of **selfies** **2007** Sept 18 TMZ <http://www.tMZ.com/2007/09/18/rosario-dawson-takes-a-selfie/> Rosario Dawson takes a **selfie**. **2010** Jan 5 Delia Ephron *The Girl with the Mermaid Hair* (New York: HarperTeen) 1 Sukie kept track of herself in all reflective surfaces. [...] When nothing reflective was conveniently available, she took a **selfie**. Thank God for **selfies**. She extended her phone at arm’s length, snapped, and with a quick look at the photo was able to scout for trouble spots. **2012** Mar 11 Jen Selter *Good Morning America* ABC News (Factiva; transcript) I was wearing a cute top and I was like, why not take a **selfie**. **2012** June 27 Katherine Rosman *Wall Street Journal Online* (ProQuest) Last year, she [Tina Craig] took a **selfie** when she was wearing a pair of DL1961 jeans and posted it to various platforms. **2013** Aug 3 Quot sv UNDERBUTT **2013** Oct 20 Jenna Wortham *New York Times* Sunday Review 1 (LexisNexis) In a recent episode of Showtime’s “Homeland,” one of the main characters snaps and sends a topless **selfie** to her boyfriend. **2014** Feb 1 Galen Guengerich & Sally Quinn *Washington Post* B2 (LexisNexis) In a culture defined by the **selfie**, nothing has lasting value but the self. **2014** Mar 25 Adrienne LaFrance *The Atlantic* <http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2014/03/when-did-group-pictures-become-selfies/359556/> A **selfie**, it seems, is no longer just “a photograph that one has taken of oneself,” but a photo that features the picture-taker. **2:** *attrib* Of **SELFIE** 1 **2009** Mar 3 Tessa *Twitter* <https://twitter.com/tessap/status/1277507283> looking at the **selfie** shots on dating websites is one of my favorite ways to pass the time **2010** Sept 30 Mikala Taylor *Backstage*

Rider (blog) <http://backstagerider.com/2010/09/30/backstage-flaming-lips/> He [Wayne Coyne of the Flaming Lips] prefers “selfie” pictures to posed ones—you know, where you hold the camera and point it at yourself. 2012 Sept 12 *Chicago Tribune* 4 (ProQuest) Aaliyah Gibson, Kate Martin and Rosemary Anguiano get silly while taking a selfie pic together. 2014 Mar 3 Suzanne Vranica *Wall Street Journal Online* (ProQuest) Ms. [Ellen] DeGeneres toyed with a white Samsung phone during the broadcast, including when she handed a Galaxy Note 3 to actor Bradley Cooper so he could take a “selfie” photo of himself and other stars including Brad Pitt, Meryl Streep, Kevin Spacey and Jennifer Lawrence surrounding the host.

sharknado *n* [*sharks* + *tornado*] Tornado containing live sharks; by extension, anything hyperbolically portrayed as a catastrophe [2009 May 20 Valerie *Twitter* <https://twitter.com/valeriecotic/status/1856405632> FEAR THE SHARKNADO. It’s a shark that lives in a tornado.] 2010 Aug 6 Captain Maryvelous *Twitter* <https://twitter.com/MaryDan/status/20492966540> It’s like a sharknado tore through my room. What a fucking disaster. 2011 Apr 27 xdiggerx *Instagram* <http://instagram.com/p/Dlhvt/> (caption) Sharknado spotted in Pulaski Co [2011 May 10 Michael Norton domain registration *sharknado.com* GoDaddy .com] 2012 Mar 17 Anthony C Ferrante (writer) & Drew Daywalt (director) *Leprechaun’s Revenge* (aka *Red Clover*) SyFy [Ⓜ] [Karl Morris (Karl Herlinger):] Can I get a quote? [Officer Jen Peterson (Azure Parson):] Remember the last time I gave you a quote? [Karl:] Yeah, when the tornado brought the sharks to the lake, “Sharknado!” [Jen:] It took me two years to live that stupid headline down. 2012 Nov 1 Hannah Shaw-Williams *Bleeding Cool* <http://www.bleedingcool.com/2012/11/01/sharknado-the-tornado-made-out-of-sharks/> Based on the artwork below it would seem that the Sharknado is a tornado made of sharks, as opposed to a single shark with the body of a tornado. 2013 June 20 Julie Hyman *Twitter* <https://twitter.com/juleshyman/statuses/347821020662599680> Today was a veritable sharknado in the markets. 2013 July 11 Thunder Levin (writer) & Anthony C Ferrante (director) *Sharknado* SyFy (citing closed captions) [Ⓜ] [Baz Hogan (Jaason Simmons):] Yeah, he’s right. It happened once near Alice Springs. Hundreds of perch fell from the sky. Why not Sharks? [Derek (Tiffany Cole):] Look, what the hell is going on here? [speaker unclear:] It’s a Sharknado! 2013 July 17 Keely Hutton *Writer’s Dojo* (blog) <http://keelyhutton.blogspot.com/2013/07/how-to-survive-sharknado-of-revisions.html> (head & text) How to Survive the Sharknado of Revisions / [...] Since school ended, my days have been a whirlwind, nay, a Sharknado, of writing and revising my manuscript. 2013 July 24 Todd Spangler *Variety* <http://variety.com/2013/digital/news/the-original-sharknado-high-school-teacher-came-up-with-idea-two-years-before-it-hit-syfy-1200566812/> A Latin teacher [Mike Kubik] at Georgetown Preparatory School in Bethesda, Md., came up with the idea for “sharknado” more than two years ago for the Catholic high school’s lacrosse team, complete with logo. He and his buddy put the sharknado on T-shirts, hats and koozies and sold them to friend and family. 2013 July 28 Bryan Nelson *Mother Nature Network* <http://www.mnn.com/earth>

-matters/climate-weather/stories/real-life-sharknado-5-actual-instances-of-animal-tornadoes (head & text) Real-life Sharknado: 5 actual instances of animal tornadoes / Could a **sharknado** actually happen? Reports of real-life animal tornadoes are not unheard of around the globe. **2013** Aug 5 John Oliver *The Daily Show* Comedy Central <http://thedailyshow.cc.com/videos/utf4ci/ballotproof> [🔊] [Wagner in a clip from MSNBC's *Now with Alex Wagner*:] Last month, when the Supreme Court struck down Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act, the court opened the floodgates to a tidal wave of state-level restrictions. [Oliver:] A tidal wave of voting restrictions; a volcano of disenfranchisement; a **sharknado** of voter suppression! **2014** Feb 27 Hillary Busis *PopWatch* (*Entertainment Weekly* blog) <http://popwatch.ew.com/2014/02/27/sharknado-2-set-visit/> (head & text) What we learned on the set of 'Sharknado 2: The Second One' / [...] Locations hit by the **sharknado** include Citi Field, Times Square, the Statue of Liberty, and the Empire State Building. Maybe. Possibly not.

shmeat, schmeat, Shmeat *n* [sheet + *meat* or the product of *shm*-reduplication, as in *meat, schmeat*] Animal muscle tissue grown in vitro for human consumption **2008** May 20 Ketzell Levine *All Things Considered* NPR <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=90235492> [🔊] Vladimir Mironov is a biologist at the Medical University of South Carolina and among that handful of scientists culturing meat from animal tissue. Dr. Mironov's long answer involves turning formless, textureless patches of the stuff into mass-produced form, like meat sheets or what we might call affectionately, **shmeat**. **2011** Oct 28 Chuck Shepherd *Ventura County* (Calif) *Star* 27 (Factiva) The meat is produced in sheets ("**shmeat**") and would be prohibitively expensive at first, in that the largest specimen produced so far measures only about one inch long and a third of an inch wide. **2012** June 23 Michael Hanlon *Guardian* (London) 24 (LexisNexis) The idea of synthetic meat has been around for a long time. In 1932, Winston Churchill stated, "Fifty years hence, we shall escape the absurdity of growing a whole chicken in order to eat the breast or wing, by growing these parts separately under a suitable medium." But fake meat, aka **schmeat** or in-vitro meat, is one of those ideas that, like lunar colonies, fusion power and flying cars, has yet to cross the threshold between fantasy and reality. **2013** May 14 Henry Fountain *New York Times* D1 (LexisNexis; head & text) Building a \$325,000 Burger / [...] "This is still an early-stage technology," said Neil Stephens, a social scientist at Cardiff University in Wales who has long studied the development of what is also sometimes referred to as "**shmeat**." **2014** Mar 10 Bob Sullivan *When Falls the Coliseum* <http://whenfallsthecoliseum.com/2014/03/10/top-ten-other-names-considered-for-shmeat-the-worlds-first-meat-grown-in-a-test-tube/> Top ten other names considered for **Shmeat**, the world's first meat grown in a test tube / 10. Shamburgers / 9. Peking Yuck / 8. Barbecue Fibs / 7. Not Dogs / 6. Gulp Fiction / 5. Faked Goods / 4. Mis-Steak / 3. Sloppy Faux / 2. Frankenfurters / 1. Spam

slash [after the slash symbol "/"] **1a:** *conj* As well as (used to connect nouns or noun phrases, often to describe a person or thing that has multiple roles or functions) **1999** Mar 14 Alex Kuczynski *New York Times* sec 9 3 (LexisNexis)

Vikram Chatwal is one of those people who uses the word “slash” suspiciously often when he describes what he does for a living. [¶] “I guess you could say I’m a model slash hotelier slash actor slash screenwriter,” the 27-year-old Sikh impresario said on a recent March evening at the Staley-Wise Gallery in SoHo, his white turban bobbing above the chain-smoking crowd. **2002** Dec 15 Peter T Kilborn *New York Times* sec 1 1 (LexisNexis) “I’m a dishwasher slash cake maker slash cookie scooper slash and whatever else they want me to do,” he [Tim Turcaso] said. **2010** Jan 18 Greg Cargill Suburban Toys *YouTube* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqOepHPvLTY#t=32> [¶] Hey everybody. This is Greg of Big Method. We’re working with the people at Suburban Toys on their new product, the Rad Blaster, which you see here. The Rad Blaster is the first MP3 player slash boombox slash recording device that’s actually a fashion item as much as it is a function item. **2011** Feb 5 Craig Davidson *National Post (Canada)* 14 (LexisNexis) This woman insinuated herself into a pleasant talk I was having with another woman, a screenwriter and freelance writer—a lifestyle we hold in common, as a freelancer-slash myself (slash-novelist, slash-newspaperman, slash-magazine editor, slash-bus driver, slash-librarian, slash-unemployed). **2012** Feb 14 Carina Louise & Micah Louis *Gawker* <http://gawker.com/5885107/celebrate-valentines-day-with-james-franco-fucking/all> They compiled a bunch of smutty stories featuring various and assorted people imagining sexual encounters with everyone’s favorite actor slash hipster slash artist slash singer slash film maker slash student slash director slash class sleeper slash Oscar host slash stoner. **2013** Apr 23 Elizabeth *Rookie* <http://www.rookiemag.com/2013/04/what-i-wish-i-knew-about-my-period/> Margaret and her BFFs (slash frenemies) Gretchen, Nancy, and Janie looked forward to their periods so intensely that they PRAYED FOR THEM and lied about getting them before they had. **2013** June 6 Jenna Sauers *Jezebel* <http://jezebel.com/5916297/karl-lagerfeld-stole-his-boytoys-cat/all> Do *not* let Karl Lagerfeld cat-sit. That’s the message I’m taking from this new interview with the Chanel designer, in which he admits without even a hint of sheepishness that he flat-out stole his now-famous kitten, Choupette, from his male-model buddy (slash Katy Perry sexer, slash star of the most wonderful music video of our time, slash boytoy who serves at the Kaiser’s pleasure) Baptiste Giabiconi. **2013** Oct 31 Maggie *Rookie* <http://www.rookiemag.com/2013/10/how-to-kill-k-part-two/> Everyone else he knew was only interested in parties; Brooke had *goals*: She was going to be the first female president-slash-bioengineer in history. **1b: n** Person with multiple roles, functions, or specializations **2007** Mar 11 James A Fussell *The Record (Bergen County, NJ)* (LexisNexis) What’s a slash? You might be one and not even know it, said New York lawyer/author/writing coach Marci Alboher, who invented the term. [¶] Are you a saleswoman-slash-mother? A businessman-slash-Little League coach? [¶] It’s a good bet you, like millions of other multifaceted Americans, need more than one label to fully define yourself. That, said Alboher, 40, is a “slash,” a trend she describes in her new book, “One Person, Multiple Careers: How the Slash Effect Can Work for You.” **2008** June 7 Gina Trapani *Life Hacker* <http://lifehacker.com/395361/tim-ferriss-and>

-marci-alboher-on-redesigning-your-career/all Alboher's book is about how to become a "slash"—that is, someone who does more than one specialized thing in their career. **2:** *conj* Coordinating (used to join predicates to describe multiple or simultaneous states of affairs **2007** Jan 30 Doree Shafrir *Gawker* <http://gawker.com/232540/who-pray-tell-could-carolyn-kepcher-be-referring-to/all> Former Donald Trump lieutenantess Carolyn Kepcher may have left slash-got-fired from the Trump Organization last summer, but she's still got a lot of wisdom to impart about how to deal with bosses. **2011** Oct 16 Ken Jennings *Twitter* <https://twitter.com/KenJennings/status/125746205203501056> #Singularity was awesome... just got out of Book of Mormon! So excited slash going straight to hell. **2013** Apr 7 Tom Gliatto *People* <http://www.people.com/people/article/0,,20688668,00.html> (head) Game of Thrones: 5 Things We Love (Slash Are Obsessed With) **3:** *conj* Coordinating (introducing a clause loosely related to the previous one) **2008** Sept 4 Yung Wild Roc *Twitter* <https://twitter.com/djbroc/status/909463876> So hung over. Meeting with lawyer right now. I think I am still drunk. Slash I know I am **2009** Oct 22 Kei V *Twitter* <https://twitter.com/keibella/status/5082607195> Reading really does matter! Slash I wish I didn't miss class so much ;(I likeee textiles! **2013** Jan 8 Elle *One Mind, Two Coasts* (blog) <http://onemindtwocoasts.wordpress.com/2013/01/08/were-back-slash-what-elles-been-up-to/> (head) We're Back! /slash/ What Elle's Been Up To **2013** Apr 24 Anne Curzan *Lingua Franca* (blog) <http://chronicle.com/blogs/linguafranca/2013/04/24/slash-not-just-a-punctuation-mark-anymore/> But for at least a good number of students, the conjunctive use of *slash* has extended to link a second related thought or clause to the first with a meaning that is often not quite "and" or "and/or" or "as well as." It means something more like "following up." Here are some real examples from students: 7. *I really love that hot dog place on Liberty Street. Slash can we go there tomorrow?* 8. *Has anyone seen my moccasins anywhere? Slash were they given to someone to wear home ever?* 9. *I'll let you know though. Slash I don't know when I'm going to be home tonight* 10. *so what've you been up to? slash should we be skypping?* 11. *finishing them right now. slash if i don't finish them now they'll be done in first hour tomorrow* **2013** Apr 25 wg *Meta Filter* (forum) <http://www.metafilter.com/127366/Is-this-a-new-conjunction-slash-what-is-its-function> I also think the lengthening of characters used in electronic communication was really interesting. Especially when it seems like so much is condensed to fit into 140 characters and to be consumed on a 4in screen. Slash, damn.kids.get.off.of.my.lawn. **2014** Feb 13 Bumblecat *Jezebel Groupthink* (forum) <http://groupthink.jezebel.com/what-is-everyone-eating-fer-lunch-1522229714> (head & text) What is everyone eating for lunch? / SLASH can I have some? **2014** Mar 29 Boeey Mittelstadt *Twitter* <https://twitter.com/boeeymitt9/status/450013149786173440> can't wait for your book tour stop in Fort Worth tomorrow! Slash do you need cash to buy the book?

slimdown *n* Partial government shutdown started on Oct 1, 2013, caused by Congress failing to pass appropriations legislation or continuing resolutions to fund the federal government for fiscal year 2014 (used by Fox News to down-

play the impact on government services and employees) **2013 Oct 1** *FoxNews.com* <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/10/01/partial-shutdown-begins-can-congress-white-house-compromise/> What the Obama administration is portraying as a “shutdown” of the federal government—complete with signs posted at the entrances to government buildings, parks and monuments—is turning out to be more of a “**slimdown**,” as all but non-essential workers reported to their jobs Tuesday. **2013 Oct 1** Jack Mirkinson *Huffington Post* http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/10/01/fox-news-government-slimdown_n_4025738.html (head & text) Fox News Website Trumpets Government ‘**Slimdown**,’ Not Shutdown / [...] If you were looking at the Fox News website, you might think you were in a different universe than the one where everyone is talking about a government shutdown. [...] Ironically, on [Fox News] television, there was still talk of a “shutdown.” **2013 Oct 2** Eric Hananoki *Media Matters for America* <http://mediamatters.org/blog/2013/10/02/fox-fix-in-ap-reports-shutdown-becomes-slimdown/196221> (head & text) Fox Fix: In AP Reports, “Shutdown” Becomes “**Slimdown**” / [...] [Howard] Kurtz’s column has the headline, “Spin Wars: Is the shutdown about blackmail or ObamaCare?”—but Fox modified the headline to “KURTZ: Is **slimdown** about blackmail or ObamaCare?” on its front page. **2013 Oct 3** Stephen Colbert *Colbert Report* Comedy Central <http://thecolbertreport.cc.com/videos/qz6agi/government-slimdown—potus-meeting> [🔊] Fox News is calling it a “**slimdown**,” which is a great name ‘cause you know who’s really going to slim down? The nine million women and children who will lose supplemental nutrition from the government. I mean, that’s just chivalrous: remember, remember, women and children first. The point is, the **slimdown** is a good thing. And it’s all Obama’s fault! **2013 Oct 7** Lauren Simonetti *Fox Business* Fox News <http://video.foxbusiness.com/v/2727326669001/slimdown-silver-lining/#sp=show-clips> [🔊] Bill Eggers, you are, you are an expert in most things about government reform; you’re also an author of *The Solution Revolution*. We’re in day 7 now in what we call the **slimdown** or the partial government shutdown, but you somehow see a silver lining, and I’d love for you to explain that to us. **2013 Dec 12** *Right Wing Patriot* (blog) <http://rightwingpatriot.com/establishment-gop-purging-conservatives/> I understand that the establishment GOP wants to keep the focus on ObamaCare and don’t want to have another government **slimdown**, but the proposed budget shows a total lack of spine as Obama and his progressive liberal allies get practically everything they want.

stack ranking, stack ranking system *n* Method of ranking employees on a primitive curve **1988 Aug 31** *Lusardi v Xerox Corporation* United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (LexisNexis) For example, some units employed different variations on a **stack ranking system**, while others devised service/performance matrices. **2000 Oct 30** Rod McQueen *National Post* (Canada) C1 (LexisNexis) Applicants must now not only show that they will deliver Canadian content, but also demonstrate market enthusiasm. “How much will a broadcaster pay, by way of a licence fee, to air the program? The more a broadcaster is prepared to pay, the higher in the **stack-ranking** goes the application.”

2001 Mar 19 Reed Abelson *New York Times* A1 (LexisNexis) According to the lawsuit, employees are rated on a five-point scale, with only a certain percentage permitted to receive each score. Employees doing the same job in the same unit are also given a “**stack ranking**,” from most to least valuable. Managers decide those rankings largely using what are called “lifeboat discussions,” where they choose which employees they would want with them if stuck in a lifeboat.

2001 Oct 10 Mike Angell *Investor’s Business Daily* A1 (LexisNexis) Microsemi uses a “forced **stack ranking**.” Managers rank employees from most important to least. Subjectivity is always an issue. **2004** Sept 14 Katherine Yung *Dallas*

(Texas) *Morning News* (LexisNexis) Monthly spreadsheets known as “**Stack Rankings**” evaluated Phoenix recruiters by the number of students they enrolled, and recruiters’ activities and enrollment numbers were discussed at daily huddles on each campus. **2007** Mar 29 Mike Rogoway *Oregonian* (Lexis-

Nexis) At General Electric Corp., longtime CEO Jack Welch was famous for instituting rigorous evaluations, derided by critics as “rank and yank,” designed to lavish encouragement on the top 20 percent of workers and push out the bottom 10 percent. Microsoft historically used a “**stack ranking**” process similar to Intel’s to compare and rate employees’ performance. **2009** Dec 22 Nanette

L Guadalquiver *BusinessWorld* (LexisNexis) “There are several metrics involved and we use an automated process using a weighted process to develop a stack ranking. The bottom 10% are then sent to HR (human resources department) to be further evaluated on a one-on-one basis,” he said. **2010** Mar 4 Dave

Martin *American Banker* 9 (LexisNexis) I like to point out to folks that, if you looked at a stack-ranking of their branches by performance and visited their lowest-quartile branches, you would be likely to find as many friendly folks there as you would in their top quartile. **2012** July 4 Charles Arthur *Guardian*

Unlimited (LexisNexis) Eichenwald’s conversations reveal that a management system known as “stack ranking”—a program that forces every unit to declare a certain percentage of employees as top performers, good performers, average, and poor—effectively crippled Microsoft’s ability to innovate. “Every current and former Microsoft employee I interviewed—every one—cited **stack ranking** as the most destructive process inside of Microsoft, something that drove out untold numbers of employees,” Kurt Eichenwald writes. **2013** Nov 24 Phyllis

Korkki *New York Times* BU8 (LexisNexis) Some companies go so far as to rate employees on a bell curve, a process known as forced or **stack ranking**. Jack Welch, the former C.E.O. of General Electric, advocated a system in which the 20 percent of employees deemed top performers were rewarded, the middle 70 percent were coached on ways to improve, and the bottom 10 percent were shown the door. **2014** Mar 20 Namrata Singh *The Times of India* (LexisNexis)

Move over **stack ranking**—the system of appraising employees in comparison to others. It appears to be falling out of favour with certain organizations globally, given the high attrition rate that usually follows the review process.

struggle bus, strug bus *n* Figurative place where one has difficulty [**2003** Jerry Zolten *Great God A’Mighty: The Dixie Hummingbirds* (Oxford: Oxford Univ Press) 123 Like so many other groups, the Five Gospel Singers took to the road, trav-

eling in a rundown jalopy Thompson called their “struggle bus.”] 2006 Apr 6 Diane Van Dyke *Berks-Mont (Pa) Newspapers* (NewsBank) Among his [Judson Laipply’s] conversational dialogue of the “yeah” moments in life, like finding money in your pocket, and having difficult days on the “struggle bus,” when nothing seems to go right, he spoke about the power of choice. 2008 Apr 21 Jeff Johnson *McClatchy-Tribune Business Wire* (ProQuest) The Cedar Rapids Kernels outfielder [Jeremy Moore] has ridden the struggle bus, as the baseball cliché goes, during his four-year minorleague career. [2010 July 19 Susan Thurston *St Petersburg (Fla) Times 2B* (Factiva) Eric Praetorius and Jennifer Bellso openly struggle. [...] So much so that the longtime friends started a website, Ride the Struggle Bus (ridethestrugglebus.com), to share their stories of “hilarity and failures” with anyone with a sense of humor.] 2010 Dec 12 Avxtyn *Twitter* <https://twitter.com/classiFLYed/status/13776231677829121> lol girl I’m on the strug bus! 2011 Mar 22 Chelsea Cawood *OU Daily Fashion* <http://oudailyfashion.wordpress.com/2011/03/22/the-ten-commandments-of-the-last-few-weeks-of-college/> If you’re really on the strug bus, try doing really tedious things like reading while in a lawn chair rocking a bikini. 2012 Nov 1 Austin C *Austin* (Butler Univ student blog) <http://www.butler.edu/admission/student-perspectives/blogs/austin/2012/11/the-struggle-bus/> You see, I’m not one for routines. Or structure, for that matter. I enjoy being spontaneous, and this semester isn’t really that spontaneous to me. That’s why I guess I’ve hopped onto “the struggle bus.” 2013 Oct 22 Jonathan Hile *Big Red Louie* <http://bigredlouie.com/2013/10/22/get-struggle-bus-back-train/> Don’t stop believing [Louisville] Cardinals, and I mean all of us: players, coaches, staff and Cardinals in the stands. [...] Its time we get off the struggle bus and back on the train. 2013 Nov 22 Caitlin *CaitlinLiz* (blog) <http://caitlinliz.com/2013/11/22/running-playlist-getting-off-the-struggle-bus/> (head & text) Running Playlist : Getting Off the Struggle Bus / As a runner, there are runs when you might be riding the struggle bus and then there are weeks when you’re riding the struggle bus.

Thanksgivukkah, Thanksgivukka [*Thanksgiving + Hanukkah*] 1: *n* Confluence of Thanksgiving and the first day of Hanukkah 2010 Dec 3 Matty Zatty *Twitter* <https://twitter.com/MattyZatty/status/10481349479632897> Thanksgivukkah with the family =] 2011 Oct 28 Rachel Wolf *Twitter* <https://twitter.com/RachelWolfDC/status/129992037922648066> Wow Hanukkah in 2013 will be Nov 27-Dec 5! We shall call it Thanksgivukkah. [2012 Nov 21 Dana Gitrell domain registration thanksgivukkah.com Whois Server] 2012 Nov 21 RSS *Heeb* (blog) <http://heebmagazine.com/well-this-exists-thanksgivukkah/40102> (head & text) Well, This Exists: Thanksgivukkah / We’re still 24 hours away from Thanksgiving 2012, but it’s never too early to start thinking of next year, right? Apparently not, at least, not for the folks behind Thanksgivukkah. 2013 Jan 7 BZ *JewSchool* (blog) <http://jewschool.com/2013/01/17/30051/thanksgivukkah-faq/> And sure enough, there were two Thanksgivukkahs in the late 19th century, both on the 5th Thursday in November. Thursday, November 29, 1888, was the 1st day of Chanukah, and Thursday, November 30, 1899 was the 4th

day of Chanukah. **2013** Aug 15 *Jewish News* (Whippany, NJ) 3 (ProQuest) “Thanksgivukkah is not just about Jews and the rest of America celebrating on the same day,” Dana Gitell explains. “It’s a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for all of us to celebrate the ways religious freedom make America great.” **2013** Nov 25 *CNN Newsroom* CNN <http://edition.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/1311/28/cnr.12.html> [👁] [Jim Sciutto:] That calendar fluke won’t happen again for another 70,000 years, experts say. [Shmuel Herzfeld:] We call it **Thanksgivukkah**, but it’s really a beautiful fusion of the two days, of a day of giving thanks and a day of giving praise to God, thanks to God for all the miracles. **2:** *attrib* OF THANKSGIVUKKAH **1** **2012** Dec 20 *Thanksgivukkah* (blog) <http://thanksgivukkah.wordpress.com/2012/12/> Wondering how you’ll get through a double holiday’s worth of awkward conversation with relatives? An old-timey game of **Thanksgivukkah** Bingo is always good for at least 10 minutes. **2013** Oct 2 Christine Byrne *BuzzFeed* <http://www.buzzfeed.com/christinebyrne/thanksgivukkah> BuzzFeed’s DIY editors added some ingenious DIY **Thanksgivukkah** decoration ideas to the mix—like gold-dipped pumpkins and yarmulkes adorned with buckles. **2013** Nov 13 Cari Delamielleure-Scott *Farmington* (Mich) *Press 9A* (NewsBank) This year, for the first time in 125 years, the beginning of Hanukkah falls on Thanksgiving, allowing the institute to combine the two holidays for the mega “**Thanksgivukkah**” celebration Nov. 24 at the Teen Center in the West Bloomfield Jewish Community Center.

thigh gap *n* Space between someone’s inner thighs when standing with knees touching (as a measure of attractiveness) **1996** June 3 *kc7cc alt.mag.playboy* (Usenet group) <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!original/alt.mag.playboy/U6dg333FJGo/jadIXTSxhIUJ> Not many snatch shots, but a lot of narrow waisted/wide hips/big **thigh gap** and well shaped tits. **2007** Feb 20 *courtbarb Calorie Count* (forum) <http://caloriecount.about.com/forums/weight-loss/thigh-gap> I’m not underweight. I have a **thigh gap**. I love my **thigh gap**. **2008** July 14 gimmeMORE *Black Hair Challenge* (forum) http://forum.blackhairmedia.com/the-official-thigh-gap-challenge_topic141773.html It got me thinking about those **thigh gaps**... I think they are so sexy! I used to have a **thigh gap** but thanks to pork and no exercise, they disappeared. [**2011** Jan 23 domain registration *thighgap.com* DNC Holdings] **2011** Aug 8 Chichi Kix *Fit Villains* Tumblr <http://fitvillains.tumblr.com/post/8651703783/6-things-you-should-know-by-now-and-if-not-let-it> Girls who are constantly looking for exercises to induce a ‘**thigh gap**’ should stop. [...] **Thigh gaps** are genetically impossible for most of us, and not a symbol of fitness, good health or even thinness. **2013** Feb 11 Barbara Greenberg *The Blog* (*Huffington Post*) http://www.huffingtonpost.com/barbara-greenberg/the-thigh-gapa-distubing-_b_2647646.html (head & text) **The Thigh Gap**—A Disturbing New Trend Among Teen Girls / [...] The thigh gap refers to the space between the thighs that teen girls are striving for. Apparently, this started trending after the Victoria Secret fashion show in December. **2013** Mar 25 *Good Morning America* ABC News <http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/video/thigh-gap-surfaces-teenage-girls-image-obsession-18805729> [👁] [Juju Chang:] What is a **thigh gap**? [Hailee Perez:] A **thigh gap** is like, when

you're standing straight up and like you have your feet together and like your knees together, there's like a gap in between your thighs. Girls just don't want their thighs to touch. **2013** Camille Hugh *The Thigh Gap Hack: The Shortcut to Slimmer, Feminine Thighs Every Woman Secretly Desires* (Feminine Contour) Often-times, the bevy of pictures of people on the Internet displaying their gaps are not true **thigh gaps**, but optical illusions.

twerk, twirk, twork, twurk [perh *tw*- < *twitch* or *twist* + *-erk* < *work* or *jerk*; see Anatoly Liberman, "Twerk, twerp, and other tw-words," *OUPBlog*, Mar 13, 2013, <https://blog.oup.com/2013/03/twerk-twerp-tw-etymology-word-origin/>] **1:** *v* Dance by suggestively moving one's buttocks with thrusting movements; sometimes construed with an object, as in *twerk it* or *twerk that thing* **1993** DJ Jubilee (Jerome Temple) "Stop Pause (Do the Jubilee All)" *Stop Pause Take Fo'* Records (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6tLnYx7xbk>) [♫] ♪ Shake baby, shake baby, shake shake shake baby, shake baby, shake shake shake / **Twerk** baby, **twerk** baby, **twerk twerk twerk** baby, **twerk** baby, **twerk twerk twerk**. ♪ **1994** Cheeky Blakk (Angela Woods) "Twerk Something" *Gots 2 Be Cheeky* Mobo Records (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gQtKq1_iMUo) [♫] ♪ Say **twerk** som'n nigga, say **twerk** som'n nigga, say **twerk** som'n nigga, say **twerk** som'n nigga. ♪ **2000** Ying Yang Twins (Eric Jackson & De'Angelo Holmes) "Whistle While You Twerk" *Thug Walkin'* Collipark Records (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g12o67vJiIY>) [♫] ♪ And whistle while you **twurk**, gotta make that money for sure, you got some nice looking titties, body look pretty, so don't be scared to **twurk**. ♪ **2000** Apr 17 Marc Silver *US News & World Report* 64 (ProQuest) "**Twurk**" is Louisiana slang for dance or "shake your booty," and the song is about twurkers who "take it off for a thug" at strip joints like Atlanta's Foxy Lady. **2002** Feb "Slanguistics" *Vibe* 56 **Twerk**: /*twurk*/ verb. To work your body on the dance floor or in the bedroom. Also spelled **twork**, **twirk**, and **twurk**. Destiny's Child orders club goers to "**Twerk** it, **twerk** it" in 1999's "Jumpin, Jumpin." More recently, on "**Twerk** a Little," from Bubba Sparxxx's *Dark Days, Bright Nights*, Timbaland tells his lady to "**Twerk** a little / Let me see you drop it / Work a little." Usher uses it to talk dirty in "**Twork** It Out" from his *8701* album, asking, "What do you think about me / **Tworkin'** you from your front to your back end?" **2002** Dec 26 Christopher O'Connor *Phoenix* (Ariz) *New Times* <http://www.phoenixnewtimes.com/2002-12-26/music/it-ain-t-good-so-what/> Baby and P. Diddy take amateur turns rhyming about their diamonds, their cars, their women and everything else you and I don't have, and they use every cliché in the process (didn't "**twerk** that thang" die in, like, 1999?). **2003** Oct 16 Nick Weidenfeld *Miami* (Fla) *New Times* <http://www.miaminewtimes.com/2003-10-16/music/the-ying-and-the-yang/full/> It's easy to pass off the Atlanta duo as another "Whoomp! There It Is"-style novelty act and assert that they lack any cultural value beyond providing strippers with something energetic to **twurk** to. **2003** Dec 6 Chris Floyd *Guardian* (UK) 32 (ProQuest) The DJs yell instructions—walk it like a model, walk it like a dog, **twerk** (twitch and work) it in a circle—and the hot girls obey. **2005** Beyoncé Knowles "Check On It" #1's *Destiny's Child* Sony BMG Music (<https://www.youtube.com/watch>

?v=Q1dUDzBdnmI) [4]] ‹Ooh, boy, you looking like you like what you see, won't you come over and check up on it, I'm gone let you work up on it. Ladies, let him check up on it, watch it while he check up on it. Dip it, pop it, **twerk** it, stop it, check on me tonight.‡ **2006** Justin Timberlake featuring Timbaland (Tim Mosley) “SexyBack” *FutureSex/LoveSounds* Jive Records (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3gOHvDP_vCs) [4]] [Timberlake:] ‹Go ahead, be gone with it.‡ [Mosley:] Let me see what you're **twerking** with. [Timberlake:] ‹Go ahead, be gone with it.‡ [Mosley:] Look at those hips. **2006** Mar 16 Marya Summers *Broward-Palm Beach New Times* <http://www.browardpalmbeach.com/2006-03-16/news/hip-hop-academy/full/> She was dressed plainly, accessorized by only kickin' curves and a willingness to “**twerk** it” (a term coined by the Ying Yang Twins—basically a Southern rap term for shaking ass). **2013** Apr 6 William Gruger *Billboard* 53 (ProQuest) Things changed dramatically for Florida-based hip-hop artist J. Dash on March 21, as his single “WOP” vaulted from obscurity and went viral with the help of Miley Cyrus. The latter uploaded a video of herself **twerking** to the song on Facebook, and soon after, celebrities like Pharrell, LeBron James. Amber Rose and Will.i.am began socially spreading the clip. **2013** Aug 27 Chris Richards *Washington Post* C1 (ProQuest) In addition to announcing that he's [Juicy J's] producing an entire posthumous Pimp C album, he recently tweeted plans to award a \$50,000 scholarship to “the best chick that can **twerk**”—then deleted the offer. **2a: n** Dance style involving **TWERKING** **2007** Chromeo (David Macklovitch & Patrick Gemayel) “Fancy Footwork” *Fancy Footwork* Turbo Recordings (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ZKq2ptu7qw>) [4]] ‹We'll meet up on the floor, and maybe do the **twerk**. So show me what you got, in terms of fancy footwork.‡ **2013** Mar 18 Steve Booher *McClatchy-Tribune Business News* (ProQuest) The **twerk** is a relatively complicated dance move that involves standing with your feet spread, leaning forward, thrusting your hips and shaking your rear end. The move is popular in urban dance clubs. **2013** June 2 Sid McKeen *Worcester (Mass) Telegram & Gazette* A10 (NewsBank) The word meant nothing to me, even with my newfound mastery of the shake and the **twerk**. **2013** Aug 16 Luke O'Neil *Boston Globe* G24 <http://www.bostonglobe.com/arts/2013/08/15/dance-craze-gives-boston-some-much-needed-bounce/zPStcI5QReuVtLlDKDgBC5H/story.html> [Jamila] Afrika, another Southern transplant, from Miami, has seen **twerking** and its associated musical styles going on forever, she says. “I'm from the South, so for me the dance that is known as **twerking** has been around for years, it just had different monikers. I've seen it go from booty pop, clapping, booty dropping, to this umbrella term of the **twerk**.” **2b: attrib** Of **TWERK** **2a** **2008** Mar 28 scoop1004 *YouTube* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PJiq6Z096HQ> (head) Re: **Twerk** Team-She Got A Donk **2009** Feb 16 CheesyDouble BeefBurrito *Urban Dictionary* <http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=TwerkTeam&defid=3727539> **Twerk**Team: Group of girls that post videos on youtube or their myspace of them “**Twerking**” or basically ass shaking and dancing at the same time. **2010** Feb 6 James E Causey *Milwaukee (Wisc) Journal Sentinel* (LexisNexis) In the words of one of my female friends, after

viewing the “Twerk Team” video online, these women are going to make it hard for strippers because they are giving it away for free. **2012** June 12 Tyler K McDermott *Billboard* <http://www.billboard.com/articles/columns/the-juice/483379/french-montana-recruits-rick-ross-drake-lil-wayne-for-pop-that> Continuing to bring his mixtape flare into the mainstream, French Montana salutes the **twerk** team movement in his latest single “Pop That.” **2013** Mar 8 Madeleine Smither *McClatchy-Tribune Business News* (ProQuest) There will be tons of contests, including a wet T-shirt contest, Harlem shake contest, a booty shake contest and a **twerk** dance off. **2013** May 6 Bethonie Butler *Washington Post* http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/twerking-what-is-it-and-why-did-it-get-high-school-students-suspended/2013/05/06/0186e2f2-b419-11e2-bbf2-a6f9egd79e19_story.html On YouTube and other sites, **twerk** videos often feature even less clothing. **2013** July 30 Rollo Ross *Reuters* (LexisNexis) [Miley] Cyrus said she was exasperated by the media focus on her new image, which includes a video packed with drug and sexual references, provocative poses and in which she jiggles her buttocks in a dance move known as “twerking”. [¶] “You know, I built an entire empire for myself by the time that I was 11, but now I’m just the **twerk** queen.” **2013** Aug 30 Tom Cowell *Village Voice* http://blogs.villagevoice.com/music/2013/08/diplos_twerk-of.php This Sunday, the dirty beat impresario [Diplo] brings us his latest creation: “Butts Around the World,” wherein he will attempt to break the “world record” of twerkers twerking at one time with his patented “Twerk-Wall.” —**twerking**, **twurking** *vbl n* Act of TWERKING 1 **2001** Oct 23 Liz Armstrong *Village Voice* 149 (ProQuest) Perhaps DJ Jubilee’s talk of **twerkin’**, penis poppin’, and tiddy boppin’ is a far cry from their original mission, but it’s happy stuff compared to Juvenile bragging about having a fearless finger on the trigger of an automatic weapon. **2006** Nov 13 Doug Belden *McClatchy-Tribune Business News* (ProQuest) Inspired by popular music and videos, “grinding” or “club dancing” or “**twerking**”—in which girls swivel their buttocks into boys’ crotches—has been around for several years. **2012** Apr 16 Glennisha Morgan *Frugivore* <http://frugivoremag.com/2012/04/could-twerking-possibly-be-a-new-way-to-stay-fit/> (head & text) Could ‘Twerking’ Possibly Be a New Way to Stay Fit? / [...] Sure, “**twerking**” isn’t the most traditional form of dance or exercise, but I can almost guarantee you that it has its benefits. **2013** Aug 27 Emily Flake “The Daily Cartoon” *NewYorker.com* <http://www.newyorker.com/cartoons/daily/flake> (caption) “I was much happier when I thought **twerking** was some new **drug** Miley Cyrus was into.” **2013** Aug 28 Reed Tucker *New York Post* 35 (LexisNexis) This may finally be the year—even the week—when your mother asks what **twerking** is. —**twerker**, **twurker** *n* One who TWERKS 1 **2000** Apr 17 Marc Silver *US News & World Report* 64 (ProQuest) “Twurk” is Louisiana slang for dance or “shake your booty,” and the song is about **twurkers** who “take it off for a thug” at strip joints like Atlanta’s Foxy Lady. **2007** Oct 5 Mike Bushnell *The Maneater* (Univ of Missouri) <http://www.themaneater.com/stories/2007/10/5/superman-album/> And some of the songs are good at least for a few laughs, including “Booty Meat,” in which Soulja Boy demands all the boppers, **twerkers** and the like “shake that booty meat,” over and over. **2012** Sept 24 Noel Gutierrez

Morfin *The Eye* (Columbia [Univ] *Spectator* blog) <http://spectrum.columbia.spectator.com/the-eye/twerkin-101-a-guide-for-the-booty-shaker-within-us-all> True **twerkers**, however, will find any situation appropriate for twerkin', such as listening to indie rock or shopping at Wal-Mart. **2013** Aug 5 Puja Patel *Washington Post* C3 (LexisNexis) The commands boomed over a lawn teeming with new-age candy-ravers and Miley Cyrus-inspired **twerkers** during the course of the Baltimore/D.C. stop of the Mad Decent Block Party tour. **2014** Jan 24 Erika Engelhaupt Gory Details (*Science News* blog) <https://www.sciencenews.org/blog/gory-details/animals-were-original-twerkers> (head & text) Animals were the original **twerkers** / [...] Black widow spiders are the latest documented **twerkers**. In their case, it's the males that shake their rears.

underbutt *n* Underside of the buttocks, made visible by revealing shorts or underwear **2005** Aug 10 Alice *Alice's Wonderland* (blog) <http://aliceblogs.blogspot.com/2005/08/penis.html> anyway. the weekend was great. i maybe won't drink for a while now. (yeah right, who are we kidding?) and i didn't even get sunburned! well, except for on my **underbutt**. you know that area at the top of your thighs where your butt starts? the underbutt? i burned mine a bit. **2007** May 16 Marty Munson *Marie Claire* <http://www.marieclaire.com/health-fitness/news/beach-body-fast-2> (head & text) Nix Your Underbutt / Manage beneath-the-swimsuit bulge with these four moves. **2007** Oct 25 collegecallgirl comment *Gawker* <http://gawker.com/315111/what-could-montel-williams-be-looking-at/all> DAMN! That is some magnificent side-boobage. Still, I personally prefer the **underbutt**. **2013** July 15 Rebecca Gonsalves *The Independent* (London) 22 (LexisNexis; head & text) Summer's must have: the **underbutt** / [...] Perhaps Rihanna inadvertently started the trend, dubbed "**underbutt**", back in May when she uploaded a picture of her denim thong-clad derrière to Instagram. **2013** July 16 Gabriele Dirvanauskas *The Sun* (England) 28 (LexisNexis; head & text) **Underbutt**; Noun. /un-dah-butt/ The distinct area of the bottom that is at the lower part of the gluteus maximus. Regarded as highly attractive. Often found at the beach. / [...] The look is called "the **underbutt**" and suddenly it is everywhere as women let it all hang out for the summer. **2013** Aug 3 Emma-Kate Symons *Australian Financial Review* (LexisNexis) What's more, they are letting various chunks of "**underbutt**", or errant butt cheek, spill out for the world to see, along with the frayed edges and even pocket linings. They don't even need prying paparazzi. Shameless self-promoters, they are often busy posting "selfies" of this escapist posterior part. **2013** Sept 4 Justin Rocket Silverman *New York Daily News* 39 (Factiva) Like its predecessors sideboob and sidebutt (here's to you, Gwyneth Paltrow!), **underbutt** quickly went from red carpet faux pas to street style du jour. **2014** Jan 10 Deirdre Reynolds *Irish Independent* 38 (LexisNexis) Blame 'belfies' [SELFIES 1 of one's butt], twerking or the dreaded **underbutt**, but the ultimate nineties knicker trend is set to find its way back into bottom drawers in 2014. **2014** Mar 25 Rebecca Macatee *E! Online* <http://www.eonline.com/news/524845/selena-gomez-previews-sexy-secret-project-as-justin-bieber-models-calvin-klein-underwear-see-the-pics> As you can see, Selena's behind-the-scenes Instagram snap shows the singer wearing a short, sexy black ensemble that reveals her back, lots of a leg and even a hint of **underbutt**.