What I seek in the PitchFest:

I am a senior editor at Aeon+Psyche, founding co-editor of Open Mind Magazine, which was the recent recipient of a Pulitzer Center grant for stories, podcasts, and videos, and occasional editor of special print issues in the psychology and health area for a360 Media. I acquire most of the biomedical content for Aeon. Please note that Aeon seeks deep expertise from authors. Pitch for if you bring your own true expertise or lived experience to the table. I will also be looking for Q&A interviews for Psyche that cover a wide range of people and ideas; these will be deep dives of fascinating people, from scientists to artists to adventurers to just about anyone who sheds light on the life of the mind, conducted by journalists. For OpenMind, we are actively seeking stories on deception, conspiracy theory and misinformation in medicine. Finally, if you simply send me your email, I will let you know when the next a360 mag on psychology or health is up for assignment.

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