

Public Projects | Installations

- 2025 *EXIT 23*, street sign intervention installed in two urban locations in Aachen and Essen, Germany respectively. The signs direct the public through a QR code to a live webcam stream of *EXIT 23*, located 6005 km away, at an undisclosed location (in NY). The sign installed in Aachen, was included in the temporary exhibition *Detective Show X*, curated by Robert Kaltenhäuser and Lene ter Haar at the Moltkepark, Aachen, August 16-18, 2025. The second sign installed at the entrance of Rheinischer Platz U Bahn station, was an ‘uncommissioned’ extension of *City of Play*, Essen. Both signs were left in place with the live stream planned for 12 months
- 2023 *blind me! LIGHT*, collaborative public intervention with Katharina Gruzei, in-person performative action utilizing live online publicly assessable DOT traffic cams, New York and Vienna
- 2022 *body politic in 5 acts* a public project developed for *Right Time Right Place*, artist-curated exhibition examining different approaches to working in the public sphere, curated by Katharina Gruzei, Monira Foundation, Jersey City, NJ
- 2021 *the free library and other histories*, site-specific public project, 3rd edition of 2,000 available to the public through the Maine College of Art and Design and a selection of Maine public libraries; aligning with the statewide Freedom & Captivity Initiative, a Humanities Initiative for an Abolitionist Future; in conjunction with the exhibition *Monitor: Data, Surveillance and the New Panoptic* curated by Julie Poitras Santos, Institute of Contemporary Art at MECAD, ME
- 2018 *the free library and other histories*, site-specific public project, commissioned by Franklin Furnace and the Pratt Institute Library, installations at Pratt Institute Brooklyn Campus and the Jefferson Market Branch New York Public Library, NY. Additional distribution of tabloid through the Lower Manhattan Network of New York Public Libraries.
- 2015 *the underground potato*, single day deployment, Essex Street Market, commissioned by *Artists Alliance*, New Museum’s *Ideas City*; a collaborative project with Laurie Arbeiter
- 2014 *the underground potato*, public project, food media-media vending cart, installed in the Essex Street Market in conjunction with *The Real Estate Show: Was Then: 1980; What Next 2014?*, Cuchifritos Gallery, (in the Essex Street Market), New York, NY
- 2013 *DuBois_the FBI files*, public project for *Du Bois in Our Time*, University Museum of Contemporary Art, UMASS, Amherst, MA
- 2009 *who gets to speak?*, speakers corner for public events, Revolution Books, New York
- 2008 *mobile home*, a public installation, Munson Williams Proctor Arts Institute, Utica, NY
- 2007 *petition to congress for redress of grievances*, site specific offset tabloid (20 pages, edition of 5,000) delivered to Congress and the general public, April 25, 2007, Wash DC
- 2006 *penitentiary*, offset tabloid project for Eastern State Penitentiary, Philadelphia, PA. Distributed for free through vending machine on site 2006-7 season, edition of 40,000.

- 2005 *disarming images*, a 3-channel 60 minute DVD project. Ann Messner was the creative director of the project, produced by Artists Against the War. A select list of single screenings and installation of the project: Katzen Art Center, American University Museum, Washington DC; Casa del Cultura, Rome, Italy; Hillwood Museum, Long Island University, NY; HallWalls, Buffalo, NY; Fulvey Hall, Maryland Institute of Art, MD; School of Visual Arts Amphitheater, New York, NY; Wollman Hall, Eugene Lang College, New School, New York, NY; Track 16, Bergamot Station, Santa Monica, CA; Yale University School of Art, New Haven, CT; Regina Gouger Miller Gallery, Purnell Center for The Arts, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA; Kipp Gallery, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA; Central Missouri State University, MO
- 1998 *amniotic sea*, Foley Square, New York; on site for six months
- 1997 *amniotic sea*, Biennial of Public Art, Neuberger Museum, NY
- 1990 *nomad*, City Hall, New York, sponsored by Exit Art, supported by the New York State Council on the Arts; on site for six months
- 1987 *meteor*, installation at Times Square, on site for one year, sponsored by the Public Art Fund, New York
- 1986 *whirlpool*, installed in outdoor windows, Grey Art Gallery, New York University, New York
high dive, Neue Gesellschaft für Bildende Kunst, Berlin, Germany
- 1985 *island*, in front of New Museum of Contemporary Art, Lower Broadway, New York; on site for six months
- 1983 *incubator*, 'On the Williamsburg Bridge', public group exhibition, Williamsburg Bridge, New York; onsite for six months
- 1982 *speaker's corner*, 'Skulptur: Köln | Ehrenfeld', public group exhibition, Cologne, Germany
- 1979 *hitchhiking*, stealing, and others, a series of public performances, Cologne, Germany, documentation b&w photographs and super 8 film
- 1978 *untitled*, public performance and installation, Franklin Furnace, New York
- 1977-9 *mass transit*, series of temporary performance and sculptures sited in the New York subway system, documented in book 'Mass Transit' 1980, b&w photographs and super 8 film
- 1975 *small fires*, New York, documentation 16mm b&w film

Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 *the atlases*, Open Book(s), The Monira Foundation and Mana Contemporary, Jersey City, NJ
- 2023 *underground & uncommissioned*: Ann Messner und Katharina Gruzei, curated by Eginhartz Kanter, Oxymoron Galerie, Vienna, Austria (two person exhibition)
- 2004 *oracle*, Zilkha Gallery, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT
- 2003 *oracle*, Eli Marsh Gallery, Amherst College, Amherst, MA
- 2001 *heart of the matter*, Rothschild Gallery, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 1997 *subway stories and other shorts*, Ann Messner: photographs and film 1976-1980,

- curated by Nina Felshin, Dorsky Gallery, New York
- flood*, Stark Gallery, New York
- flood*, Zilkha Gallery, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut
- 1995 *heart and ear*, Walcot Chapel, Bath International Arts Festival, UK
- on the subject of fire and the internal*, Bill Maynes Contemporary Art, New York
- 1994 *on the subject of fire and the internal*, Usdan Gallery, Bennington College, VT
- 1993 Fawbush Gallery, New York
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- Ann Messner and Andrew Spence*, Worcester Art Museum, MA
- Fuchares Gallery, Madrid, Spain
- 1990 Shoshana Wayne Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 1989 Fawbush Gallery, New York
- 1987 Greathouse Gallery, New York
- 1986 Greathouse Gallery, New York
- 1978 Franklin Furnace, New York

On-line Projects

- 2025 *Hidden in the Stacks: Digitizing the Franklin Furnace Archive Artists' Books Vertical Files*,
curated by Fang-Yu Liu and Nicole Rosengurt,
<https://franklinfurnace.org/hidden-in-the-stacks-exhibition/>
- 2023 *open book: Ann Messner*, Monira Foundation
<https://monirafoundation.org/open-book-ann-messner/>
- 2022 *body politic in 5 acts*, website project: <https://bodypolitic5acts.net>

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *In Our Time: Eleven Artists + W.E.B. Du Bois*, curated by Loretta Yarlow, Pratt Manhattan
Gallery, NY
- Hidden in the Stacks: Digitizing the Franklin Furnace Archive Artists' Books Vertical Files*,
curated by Fang-Yu Liu and Nicole Rosengurt, Franklin Furnace Archive, Pratt
Institute Library, Brooklyn, NY <https://franklinfurnace.org/hidden-in-the-stacks/>
- OFF WORLD - Urban Screenings*, organized by Heiner Blum, public projections, Offenbach
city center / Station Mitte (former Kaufhof), Germany
- 2022 *Right Time Right Place*, artist-curated exhibition of non-commissioned public works, examining
different approaches to working in the public sphere. curated by Katharina Gruzei, Monira
Foundation, Jersey City, NJ
- Art for the Future: Artists Call and Central American Solidarities*, curated by Erina Duganne

- and Abigail Satinsky, Tufts University Art Galleries, Tufts University, MA. Exhibition traveling to The University of New Mexico Art Museum, Albuquerque, NM (2022) and DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL (2023)
- 2021 *Monitor: Data, Surveillance and the New Panoptic*, curated by Julie Poitras Santos
Institute of Contemporary Art at MECAD, Portland, ME
- 2018 *Zeitgeist: The Art Scene of Teenage Basquiat*, curated by Sara Driver, Carlo McCormick and Mary-Ann Monforton, traveling exhibition Howl Arts, New York, NY; Maier Museum of Art, Lynchburg, Virginia; River House Arts, Toledo, Ohio
- 2017 *Single Channel Catalyst*, Weatherspoon Art Museum, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC
- 2016 *Selections from the Collection*, UMASS Amherst, Deerfield Academy, Amherst, MA
The Fishtank Project, curated by Matt Freedman and Laurence Hegarty. Humanities Gallery, LIU, Brooklyn, NY
- 2015 *The Artist as Provocateur: Pioneering Performance at Pratt Institute*, collaborative project with Martha Wilson, Jennifer Miller, Theodora Skipitares, curated by Greta Hartenstein, Schafner gallery, Pratt Institute, NY
40 years - 40 artists, University Museum of Contemporary Art, UMASS, Amherst, MA
- 2014 *The Real Estate Show: Was Then: 1980; What Next 2014?*, multiple venues: Cuchifritos Gallery, Essex Street Market, The Lodge Gallery and James Fuentes Gallery, New York, NY
The Last Brucennial, curated by The Bruce High Quality Foundation, New York, NY
Women Choose Women Again, selected by Joan Snyder, New Jersey Arts Center, Summit, NJ
- 2013 *DuBois_the FBI files*, public project for *Du Bois in Our Time*, University Museum of Contemporary Art, UMASS, Amherst, MA
- 2013 *Petites Résistances*, curated by Emmanuel Mir, Hans Peter Zimmer Foundation, Dusseldorf
- 2012 *Times Square Show Revisited*, curated by Shawna Cooper and Karli Wurzelbacher, Hunter College Art Gallery, NY
I Am Crime: Art on the Edge of the Law, curated by Justin Hoover, SOMArts Cultural Center, San Francisco, CA
Fifteen Islands for Robert Moses, Greg Sholette (a collaborative project for the Panorama of the City of New York), Queens Museum, New York
- 2011 *A Show about Colab (and Related Activities) Printed Matter*, New York, curated by Max Schuman
WEST END ?, Museum on the Seam Socio-Political Contemporary Art Museum, Jerusalem, Israel
Act / OUT, curated by Lene ter Haar, Onomatopee, Eindhoven, Netherlands
Global Fight Club: Aspects of Terror in Contemporary Art, curated by Matthias Reichelt and Bernhard Draz, Meinblau, Berlin
Art, Access & Decay: New York 1975-1985, curated by Lisa Kahane and Peter Frank, Subliminal Projects, Los Angeles, CA
- 2009 *Cool, Collected and In Context*, Weatherspoon Art Museum, NC
- 2008 *Framing and Being Framed: The Uses of Documentary Photography*, curated by

- Nina Felshin, Zilkha Gallery, Wesleyan University
- Lifting—Theft in Art*, Atopia Projects, curated by Fraser Stables and Gavin Morrison, traveling project: Fort Worth Contemporary Arts, Georgia Sherman Gallery, Toronto and Peacock Visual Arts, Aberdeen, UK
- 2007 *Meanwhile In Baghdad*, curated by Hamza Walker, Renaissance Society, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2005 *The Disasters of War*, commissioned offset tabloid project ‘the disasters of war’, curated by Nina Felshin, Zilkha Gallery, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT
- Contemporary Women Artists: New York*, curated by Judy Colliischan, University Art Gallery, Indiana State University, IN
- 2004 *legal, illegal*, curated by Hans Winkler, Neue Gesellschaft fur Bildende Kunst, Berlin, traveled to Kunstverien Neuhausen, Neuhausen, Germany
- Somatic Scales*, curated by Patricia Phillips, Boston Center for the Arts, MA
- 2003 *Cry Baby*, curated by Jerry Kearns, Smack Mellon, Brooklyn, NY
- 2003 *between the lines*, curated by Joyce Kozloff, Wooster Art Space, New York
- 2001 *Domestic Traces: Nene Humphrey, Ann Messner, Deborah Orapollo*, curated by Margaret Mathews Berenson, Dorsky Gallery, New York
- Ann Messner / Merrill Wagner*, Lenore Grey Gallery, Providence, RI
- 2000 *Water*, The Living Room, Newport, RI
- 1999 *Avoiding Objects*, curated by Alice Smits, Apex Art, New York
- The Fields*, Art/OMI, Ghent, NY
- 1997 *is there STILL LIFE?*, Kent Gallery, New York
- Biennial for Public Art*, Neuberger Museum of Art, SUNY, Purchase, NY
- Ornament and Landscape*, curated by Thomas Huhn, Apex Art, New York
- 1997 *Second Nature*, curated by Jenny Todd, Todd Gallery, London, UK
- 1996 *Embedded Metaphor*, curated by Nina Felshin, ICI (Independent Curators Inc) traveling exhibition
- Light Into Darkness*, Kent Gallery, New York
- Difference*, Kent Gallery, New York
- 1995 *Stewart Helm, Alice Maher, Ann Messner, Ingrid Stahl*, curated by Jenny Todd, Todd Gallery, London, UK
- Wax*, Nohra Haime Gallery, New York
- Pervasiveness of Memory*, curated by Terrie Sultan, Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington DC
- Sculpture Space*, Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute, Utica, NY
- ART/OMI*, curated by Dan Cameron, Ghent, NY
- 1994 *Nightlight Readings*, installation, The Drawing Center, New York
- Selections From the LeWitt Collection*, Atrium Gallery, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
- 1993 *Oro d’Autore*, Centro Affari e Promozioni, Arezzo, Italy
- Rowles Studio*, curated by Bill Maynes, Hudson, NY
- Group Exhibition*, Fawbush Gallery, New York
- 1992 *Miss-ing*, 34 Raume, Berlin, Germany

- 1991 *Selections From the LeWitt Collection*, Wadsworth Athenaeum, Hartford, CT
Material Impulse: Sculpture Since 1980, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MI
- 1990 *Half-Truths*, Parish Art Museum, Southampton, NY
Ann Messner / Mireia Sentis, Fawbush Gallery, New York
Selections, curated by Patricia Philips, Parsons School of Design, New York
Round About / About Round, Anders Tornberg, Sweden
Illegal America, Part 2, Exit Art, New York
- 1989 *Group Exhibition*, Fawbush Gallery, New York
Group Exhibition, Marta Cervera Gallery, New York
Ann Messner / Bogomir Ecker, Marta Cervera Gallery, New York
Project DMZ, curated by Kyung Park and Shirin Neshat, Storefront for Art and Architecture,
New York
- 1988 *Influences*, Marisa del Re Gallery, New York
Biennale de Sculpture, Monte Carlo, Spain
Elements, Stavaridis Gallery, Boston, MA
- 1988 *Critics and Artists*, chosen by Dan Cameron, John Gibson Gallery, New York
Group Exhibition, Fawbush Gallery, New York
Sculpture 88, White Columns, New York
New York Art, Ace Contemporary Exhibitions, Los Angeles, CA
- 1987 *Major Acquisitions and Small Appliances*, curated by Dan Cameron, Solo Gallery, New York
Ghost City, Burchfield Art Center, SUNY, Buffalo, NY
Berlin / New York, Storefront for Art and Architecture, New York
Current Thinking, Kenkeleba House, New York
- 1986 *Sculpture Invitational*, Brooke Alexander Gallery, New York
Stadtansichten, Neue Gesellschaft fur Bildende Kunst, Berlin, Germany
- 1985 *Outdoor Sculpture*, Greathouse Gallery, New York
Artist's Weapons, Ted Greenwald, New York
- 1984 *Neo York*, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA
Via Satellite, Amerika Haus, Cologne, Germany
Five Women Sculptors, M13 Gallery, New York
- 1984 *1984: Women in New York*, Galerie Engstrom, Stockholm
Timeline, Group Material, PSI, Long Island City, New York
- 1982 *Illegal America*, curated by Jeanette Imberman, Franklin Furnace, New York
- 1980 *Moglichkeiten fur das Ruhrgebiet*, collaborative project with Haus Rucker Co, Peter Fend,
Joseph Beuys, Peter Monning and Haus Rucker; Kunster Haus, Duisburg, Germany
The Real Estate Show, (organizing committee) Collaborative Projects (COLAB), New York
Manifestos, Collaborative Projects (COLAB), New York
- 1979 *A Monument*, collaborative installation with Charles Moulton and Peter Monnig, New York
New York Creative Youth, Collaborative Projects (COLAB), New York
- 1978 *Artist's Books*, Australian Tour, Franklin Furnace, New York, organized by Martha
Wilson, Australia

Selected Public Presentations

- 2022 *Public Talk*, Diamant Offenbach / Museum of Urban Culture, Frankfurt, Germany
Right Time / Right Place Panel Discussion, moderated by Melanie Kress, Austrian Cultural Forum, NY
- 2015 *Socially Engaged Art and the University*, Creative Time Summit 2015: The Curriculum, with Gregory Sholette, Daniel Tucker, Ann Messner, and Marlène Ramirez-Cancio
- 2013 *The Real Estate Show and Other Histories*, The Creative Time Summit 2013: Art, Place, and Dislocation in the 21st-Century City; Section 6: Resisters, moderated by Ivet Ćurlin of What, How and For Whom, with Jimmy McMillan, Chen Shaoxiong, Levan Asabashvili, Urban Reactor
- 2010 *'Redact This'*, presentation and discussion, Left Forum, New York
- 2005-6 Participant in multiple public discussions following screening of *disarming images*: Eugene Lang College, New School University; School of Visual Arts in New York; Casa delle Cultura, Rome, Italy; Yale University School of Design; Regina Gouger Miller Gallery, Purnell Center for The Arts, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA; American University, Wash, DC; Queens College, Queens, New York

Artist Books and Tabloid Projects

- 2018 *The Free Library and Other Histories*, offset tabloid project, commissioned by Franklin Furnace Inc and The Pratt Libraries, *Live at the Library*; 1st edition of 2,000, distributed for free at strategic locations on Pratt Brooklyn campus; 2nd edition of 2000, courtesy The Pratt Libraries, distributed through the Lower Manhattan Network of New York Public Libraries, NY; 3rd edition of 2,000 available to the public through the Maine College of Art and Design and a selection of Maine public libraries
- 2017 *a love story*, artist book, edition of 500, edition of 250, color offset, printed at die Keure, Brugge, Belgium
- 2013 *DuBois – the FBI files*, offset tabloid project, University Museum of Contemporary Art, UMASS, Amherst, MA; edition of 10,000, distributed for free at strategic locations on and off campus
- 2005-7 *The Disasters of War*, offset tabloid project commissioned for exhibition The Disasters of War Zilkha Gallery, Wesleyan University; 2nd printing commissioned for 'Meanwhile in Baghdad, Renaissance Society, University of Chicago, Chicago; first 2 editions of 1,000 distributed for free to the public; 3rd printing commissioned for *WEST END?*, Museum on the Seam Socio Political Contemporary Art Museum, Jerusalem, Israel; 3rd edition published in an undisclosed number. All editions made available to the public free of charge
- 2006 *penitentiary*, artists project, offset tabloid commissioned by Eastern State Penitentiary,

- Philadelphia, PA; edition of 40,000 distributed for free through vending machine onsite
- 2004 *Unconventional Heroes*, artist project, offset tabloid commissioned by Artists Network of Refuse and Resist; edition of 5000
- 2003 *oracle*, artist book, artist-in-residence, Amherst College, Amherst, MA; edition of 1000
- 1991 *bearing witness*, artist book, published through Exit Art, supported by NYSCA, NY; edition of 1000
- 1986 *Ghost City*, artist book, published by the Birchfield Art Center, Buffalo, NY; edition of 1000
- 1980 *Mass Transit*, artist book, published by Daily Edition; edition of 1000, Cologne, Germany

Awards and Fellowships

- 2004 Gottlieb Foundation Fellowship
- 2001 Senior Fellow, Council on the Humanities, Princeton University
- 2000 Bunting Fellowship, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University
- 1998 Anonymous Was A Woman Award
- 1996 John Simon Guggenheim Foundation
- 1995 Henry Moore Foundation, UK, International Fellowship
- 1989 New York Foundation for the Arts, Sculpture
- 1988 New York State Council on the Arts, Sponsored Project
- 1987 National Endowment for the Arts, Individual fellowship in Sculpture
- 1987 New York Foundation for the Arts, Sculpture
- 1986 New York Foundation for the Arts, Artist in Residence, Burchfield Art Center, SUNY, Buffalo, NY

Education and Academic Appointments

- Senior Fellow, Council on the Humanities, Princeton University, 2001
- Bunting Fellow, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies, Harvard University, 2000-1
- Post Graduate Fellow, Bath College of Higher Education, England, Henry Moore Foundation 1995-6
- West Surrey College of Art and Design, England, Independent Study Program 1974-5
- Pratt Institute, BFA 1969-73

Teaching

- 2024 - Professor Emerita, Pratt Institute
- 1993-22 Pratt Institute, Professor MFA Department of Fine Arts; Coordinator Graduate Integrated Practices, with tenure

- 2002 Amherst College, artist-in-residence; special topics: Introduction to Performance and Installation
- 2001 Princeton University, Senior Fellow, Council of the Humanities, artist-in-residence; special topics: New Genre: Performance and Installation
- 2000-1 Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies, Harvard University; Bunting Fellowship in the Visual Arts, artist-in-residence with student interns
- 1998-9 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Associate Professor, visiting artist in the School of Architecture, Visual Arts Program; Foundations in the Visual Arts, Beginning and Advanced Sculpture
- 1997 Colorado College, Distinguished Visiting Berg Professor, artist-in-residence; Advanced Sculpture Studio
- 1996 Maryland Institute, College of Art, visiting artist; Undergraduate Seminar 'Sculpture From Two Directions'
- 1995-6 Bath College of Higher Education, England; Henry Moore Foundation International Fellowship Award, 6 month open artist-in-residence with student interns
- 1994 Bennington College; open artist-in-residence with student interns
Hunter College, Department of Art, Lecturer; Introduction to Visual Experience, co-taught with painter, Susan Crile
- 1993 Princeton University, Visual Arts Program, visiting artist; Introductory Sculpture
- 1992-3 Philadelphia College of Art, University of the Arts, Lecturer in Sculpture;
Sculpture III Types and Modes - studio, Theories of Sculpture - lecture seminar
- 1989-90 Harlem School for the Arts Summer Arts Program; a sculpture workshop for intermediary inner city students
- 1987 Burchfield Art Center SUNY, Buffalo, NY; project sponsored by the Public Art Fund and the New York Foundation for the Arts, open artist-in-residence with student interns
- 1986 Pompeii Youth Center City Without Walls, City-as-School, high school alternative with inner city students afterschool enrichment program, NYC Board of Ed; sculpture and drawing

Visiting Artist Selections

- 2023 Academy of Fine ArtsVienna, visiting artist, presentation and graduate sculpture studio critique
- 2015 School of Visual Arts, MFA low residency program, visiting artist, presentation
- 2000 Rhode Island School of Art and Design, visiting artist, presentation and senior studio critique
- 2000 Massachusetts Art and Design, visiting artist, presentation
- 1995 Cranbrook Academy of Art, visiting artist, graduate sculpture studio critiques
Rhode Island School of Art and Design, visiting artist, graduate sculpture studio critiques
Vermont Studio Center, visiting artist, presentation and studio critiques
- 1992 New York Studio Program (Parsons School of Design), visiting artist, presentation and studio critiques

- Municipal Art Society, New York, presentation
- 1991 Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, presentation
Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, MA, visiting artist, lecture; educational program on site-specific public sculpture
Trinity College, Hartford, CT, visiting artist, presentation and studio critiques
- 1990 Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT, visiting artist, presentation and studio critiques
- 1988 Storefront for Art and Architecture, New York, presentation