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**Selected Projects/Exhibitions**

1999-present	ausgang.com - Seasonally-updated website. Quarterly, 45 issues, over 270 contributors.
2007-present	The Free Store Chicago in the Pilsen, Pullman, Back of the Yards, Kinzie Industrial Corridor, Bucktown, Humbolt Park, and Rogers Park neighborhoods of Chicago, IL.
2007	<i>Biggest Temporary Gang Ever</i> , w/ Temporary Services and BFE in De Pauw Biennial, DePauw University, IN <i>Winter Exchange</i> , in <i>Dormant</i> , Chicago IL
2006	<i>Hot N Ready</i> w/ Salem Collo-Julin and BFE, empty lot, Chicago IL <i>True Crime</i> w/ Salem Collo-Julin at COMA, Chicago IL
2005-2007	<i>In The Weather self-guided walks/Chicago</i> , book and website.
2005-2008	Atlanta College of Art, Atlanta GA; ISpace Chicago, IL; Correspondence Space Portland, OR; Version Fest:05, Chicago, IL; CAC, North Adams, MA
2005	<i>Tour of the North River Industrial Corridor</i> in <i>Urban, Rural, Wild</i> - Ispace, Chicago, IL <i>Tour of the Kinzie Industrial Corridor</i> , Chicago, IL <i>Under The Kinzie St. Bridge</i> with Free Walking, Chicago IL <i>1001 Dresses: an act of exchange</i> , in <i>Interaction</i> – HPAC, Chicago, IL 3x w/ Andrew Wilson in Select Media Festival, Chicago, IL <i>Memory Map</i> in <i>The Mapping Show</i> , Contemporary Artists Center, North Adams, Mass
2004-2007	<i>Memory Map</i> – excerpt in <i>Binder Archives</i> , traveling exhibition w/ Temporary Services. Harold Washington Library, Chicago IL 2002, 6Odum, 2002, Project Room One, Portland, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay campus, 2003, Autonomous Cultural Center, Weimar, and Halle 14, Leipzig, Germany and various locations around each city, 2003, Lothringer 13, Munich, Germany, 2004, Baltimore Museum of Art and various locations around Baltimore, 2004, Soap Factory, Minneapolis, 2004, The LeRoy Neiman Gallery, Columbia University, 2004, Pavel Haus, Radkersburg, Austria, 2005, P74, Ljubljana, Slovenia, 2006, Sparwasser, HQ, Berlin, Germany, 2006
2004	<i>Violent Things</i> in Sound Canopy, State St - Chicago, IL
2003	<i>Memory Map</i> in <i>Mapping Part 1</i> Messhall - Chicago, IL <i>Airports</i> w/ Deborah Stratman Carousel 70 at Urbs in Horto - Columbus Park, Chicago, IL <i>Pins</i> Boston Ravioli w/ Temporary Services, School of the Museum of Fine Arts – Boston, MA <i>Roads to Nowhere</i> in <i>Carousel 84</i> - Douglas Park, Chicago, IL <i>Violent Things</i> on <i>something else</i> wluw 88.7 fm <i>13 Spots on the Map</i> w/ Marc Fischer The Roof - Chicago, IL
2003-2007	<i>Violent Things</i> audio CD in <i>Audio Relay</i> – traveling exhibition w/ Temporary Services. Baltimore Museum of Art - Baltimore MD; Lothringer dreizehn, Munich; Autonomous Cultural Center - Weimar and Halle 14, Leipzig, Germany; Southern Exposure - Overlook Space, S.F., CA
2002	1-2-3 Gavin Shettler Gallery Portland, OR <a href="http://www.RnRmatic.org">www.RnRmatic.org</a> website w/ RnR <a href="http://Dreamwhip.org">Dreamwhip.org</a> website w/ Bill Brown

**Curating**

- *MFgang summer screenings* w/ Marc Fischer 2007
- *ausgang.com presents 5* video shorts, Project Room One Portland, OR w/ Red76 2003
- *ausgang.com presents 13* video shorts, Gavin Shettler Gallery Portland, OR w/ Red76 2003
- *36 People Took A Walk* Acme Gallery Chicago, IL 2002
- *Demi-shorts* video shorts, Acme Gallery Chicago, IL 2002
- *Short Shorts* video shorts, Heaven Gallery Chicago, IL 2002
- *ausgang.com & mazenga z present 15* One hour episodes of video shorts CANTV 2001-2002

**Visiting Artist/Residencies**

- SAIC Laura Lode Class 2009 Lecture
- SAIC Laura Lode Class 2008 Lecture
- IADT Zena Sakowski Class 2008 Lecture
- SAIC Bill Brown Class 2007 Lecture
- SAIC Marc Fischer Class 2007 Lecture

- Art Mapping at Libby 4 month workshop w/ CPS Libby Maps, exploration, book, exhibition 2008
- Talking Points Lecture Series– Hyde Park Art Center 2008 Lecture
- *Tour of the Kinzie Industrial Corridor*, Chicago, IL Nils Class 2006 SAIC
- *Tour of the Kinzie Industrial Corridor*, Chicago, IL Bill's Class 2006 SAIC
- Little City Marc Fischer Class 2006 Day Visit, Submissions to ausgang.com
- SAIC Deborah Stratman Class 2005 Lecture
- *Where I Live* - PS 102 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students, NYC - collaboration with *Project Explore*, mapping Harlem including photos, field recordings and interviews done by the students. 2001

### Print Projects

- *Free Store* Poster series 2007-present
- *Libby Mapping* Booklet 2008
- *BTGE* Newspaper 2007
- *Ausgang* One sheet 2006
- *In The Weather* Booklet 2005
- *Kinzie Industrial Corridor Notes* Walking Guide 2005
- *North River Industrial Corridor* Walking Guide 2005
- *13 Spots on the Map* Walking Guide 2003
- Kinder und Jugendfilzentrum in Deutschland Berlin, Germany, Guest photo-editor, 2006
- *3 Points of a Triangle* Chap book 1994
- *Mental Notes* Chap book 1991
- *Helium Ravings* Zine 1988-90

### Filmography

- *Walking the Perimeter* (video series, 2006-2009)
- *Watching* (60 min, 2007)
- *Cows* (4 min., 2004)
- *Field Trip* – w/ Nance Klehm (15 min., 2004)
- *LAACM* – w/ Brennen McGaffey (4min., 2003)
- *Weight Vs. Balance* (5 min., 2002)
- *Once Around The Block* (30 min., 2000)
- *Breakfast In Indiana* (5 min., 1999)
- *Walking To Downtown* (5 min., 1999)
- *Train Rides* (3 min., 1999)
- *Out The Window* (15 min., 1998)

### Selected Screenings

Co-Prosperity Sphere, Chicago IL 2008; Hobo Film Fest, Traveling, 2007; Ice Capades, Chicago, IL 2007; Goscia Kocsliak Gallery Chicago IL 2007; Select Media Festival, Chicago IL 2007; Ispace, Chicago, IL; Cinema Project - Portland, OR 2003; Lucky Tackle - Oakland, CA 2003; Video Mix Tape Vol. 3 – Pond - 2003; I.A.E. - Portland, OR 2003; Gavin Shettler Gallery - Portland, OR 2003; Acme Gallery - Chicago, IL 2003; Heaven Gallery - Chicago, IL 2002; CAN TV - Chicago, IL 2002; The Spare Room - Chicago, IL 2000; Joymore Gallery -Chicago, IL 2000; The Lab - L.A 2000; Map Room - Memphis, TN 1999; Hotel Kafka - Chicago, IL 1999; Cleveland Film Fest - Cleveland, OH 1999; THAW - Iowa 1999; Black Maria - 1999; EuroUnderground Fest - Chicago, IL/ Warsaw Poland 1999

### Press

- *Priceless traveling store* Bertha Serrano 05-04-09 The Columbia Chronicle
- *Critical Culture in Chicago – Article #2: Groups and Spaces* Daniel Tucker 01- 22-09 antenna
- *Priceless The Free Store bunkers down on the South Side* Claire Wilcox 08-28-07 New City
- *Critics Picks 2006 Art* Bert Stabler 12-22-06 Chicago Reader
- *Eye Exam Sunday Escape* Michael Workman 10-3-06 New City
- *Against Competition* Marc 2006 Fischer 2006 Blunt Art Text (BAT) #2
- *Video: A New Way of Working* Victor M. Cassidy, 2006 Chicago Artists News
- *The New Chicagoans* Josh Tyson, 11-10-05 Time Out Chicago
- *Urban, rural, Wild* Ryan Griffis 12-05-01-2006 artUS 11
- *The Other Thing Going on in Bridgeport* 2005-10-28 Chicago Reader
- *Here & There: City Acts* Harrell Fletcher 10-14-05 AbsoluteArts.com
- *Art & Design* Annette Ferrara 06-09-05 Time Out Chicago

### EDUCATION

1993	M.F.A The School of The Art Institute of Chicago
1992	Staatliche Hochschule für Bildende Künste Frankfurt Germany, guest semester
1989	B.F.A. Kent State University