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### **Education**

1992 MFA, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

1976 BFA, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

### **Solo/two-person Exhibitions**

#### **2008**

Family of Man: Frans de Waal and Alison Ruttan, Gallery Wit, Wageningen, Netherlands

#### **2006**

Laura Carton and Alison Ruttan: Looking for Love in All the Right Places, Gallery TPW, Toronto, curated by Andrew Harwood

#### **2005**

New Video: Monique Meloche, Chicago, IL

Flight or Flight: Alison Ruttan & Julia Oldham, 3Arts Club, Chicago

#### **2001**

Chromophilia: Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, IL

#### **1997**

Alison Ruttan and Mark Allen Jacobs, Beret International, Chicago, IL

#### **1995**

Alison Ruttan, Beret International Chicago, IL

#### **1993**

Alison Ruttan and Michael Merchant, Beret International, Chicago, IL

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

#### **2009**

"Amplifying the Twilight", Ampersand International Arts, San Francisco, California

"Signs of the Apocalypse /Rapture", Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, Illinois

#### **2008**

"Ahh... Decadence Sullivan Galleries, The School of the Art Institute, Chicago, Illinois

"Winter Experiment" Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, IL

"Goffo at Next" Imperfect Articles, Chicago, IL

"Sexy Time" A Group Effort, Morgan Lehman Gallery. NYC, NY

#### **2007**

"Bi-lingual", Glass Curtain Gallery, Columbia College, Chicago, Illinois

"Fast Forward" Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, Illinois

"The World is Flat", Life Bomb Gallery, Berlin, Germany

#### **2006**

"Take Over!" Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, Illinois

"Forming Motion: Myth and Magic", Directors Lounge, Berlin, Germany

"Sublime, Soft-core, Monkey Butts and Scarlett Johansson on Skull Island" Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, IL

#### **2004**

"Bits and Pieces", UCR/California Museum of Contemporary Photography, Riverside, CA

"Summer Show" Judith Racht Gallery, curated by Rodney Carswell

#### **2003**

"Up and Coming" curated by Victor Zamudio-Taylor, Arco 03, Madrid

Really Real Gallery 312, Chicago

"I Need Something for Over My Sofa": Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago

**2002**

"Luscious Too" Zolla Leiberman, Chicago, IL

"journal 3" [www.bkyn.com](http://www.bkyn.com), curator Paul Laster, "Nancy"

"Inheriting Matisse" Rocket Gallery, London curated by Michelle Grabner

"Digitalis" Sonnenschein Gallery, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL

Moscow International: Novaya Colleksiya, Moscow, USSR

**2001**

"Bay Area Connections" San Francisco International Airport, Virgin Atlantic, Terminal, San Francisco, CA

"Because Sex Sells" Nikolai Fine Art, New York, NY

"Mixer" Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, IL

**2000**

"Homewrecker" Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, IL

"Aural Sex" Catherine Clark Gallery, San Francisco, CA

"Out of Line" Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL

"Peep Show" The Living Room, San Francisco, CA

"The Last Show" Beret International, Chicago, IL

"The Millennium Fusion Project" ARC Gallery- Raw Space, Chicago, IL

**1999**

"Look What Society Made Me Do" Red Chair Gallery, Kansas City, MO

Chicago Artists 1999: Gallery 312, Chicago, IL

"Otherville: Illinois State Gallery, Illinois State University, Normal, IL

**1998**

"Substance a Corporeal Examination" NIU Art Museum, Chicago, IL

**1997**

"Uncomfortable". TZ' ART, New York, NY

"Flesh" Thomas Barry Fine Arts, Minneapolis, MN

"Out of the Shadow of Ivan Albright", State of Illinois Gallery, Chicago, IL

"Distractions", TBA Space, Chicago, IL

"Group Show", Beret International, Chicago, IL

**1996**

"Tag". Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL

"Don Baum Says There are Famous Artists in Chicago", Hyde Park Art Center, IL

"Visual Feasting", Highland Park Art Center, Highland Park, IL

"Dealers Choice-25 Chicago Artists", Northern Indiana Arts Association, Munster

**1995**

"The Uncomfortable Show" Tough Gallery, Chicago, IL

"The Gramercy Show". New York, NY

**1994**

"The Uncomfortable Show" Ten on One, Chicago, IL

"The Worst Show: Beret International", Chicago, IL

**1993**

"Car Radios and Other Great Stuff Stolen From Past Art Expo's", Beret International, Chicago, IL

"The Return of the Exquisite Corpse", The Drawing Center, New York, NY

**1992**

"A Matter of Delicacy", SAIC Gallery 2, Chicago, IL

"M.F.A. Thesis Show", The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

**1991**

"Five Artists" Gallery Two, Chicago, IL

**1990**

"Selections", Drawing Center, New York, NY

### **Selected Bibliography**

**2008**

"Signs of the Apacolypse /Rapture", by Christopher Bucklow, Front Forty Press,

"From Department Store to Art Department "By Deanna Isaacs Chicago Reader , Sept 4, 2008

"The Man in the Monkey", by Wim Boevink, de Verdieping Trouw, (2008-05-29)

" Family of Man". Fotografie.NI"(2008-05-17)

"Kunstige Foto's van Mensapen" by Door Tijs Goldschmidt, Bio Nieuws, (2008-06-07)

Reunie met niet zo verre verwanten in Galerie Wit" by Antonie den Ridder, Vallei.

(2008-05-29)

Chicago Artist Resource, [www.chicagoartistsresource.org/visual-arts/node/14609](http://www.chicagoartistsresource.org/visual-arts/node/14609), artist story

**2006**

Michael Workman, Eye Exam, New City, (2006-02-14)

Bad at Sports Pod cast , www.badatsports.com Interview, Episode 28, (2006-02-12)

**2005**

Snodgrass, Susan. "Review: Alison Ruttan" Art in America September 2005

Skolnik, Lisa. "The Mies-ing Thing" Metropolitan Home April 2005

Artner, Alan. "Alison Ruttan's Mixed Bag of Visual Art Tricks" Chicago Tribune March 4, p.22  
Section C7

Camper, Fred. "Body Work" Chicago Reader February 25

Hawkins, Margaret. Gallery Reviews Chicago Sun-Times February 18

Workman, Michael. "Heart Shaped Limbo" Newcity February 10

Workman, Michael. "Eye Exam/Art Speak/Boob Tubes" Newcity January 18

**2004**

"Art and Pornography, NYARTS, nyartsmagazine.com/63/content.htm

**2003**

Up and Coming, curated by Victor Taylor Zamudio, Arco 03, Volume 2

Rubira, Sergio. "Arte Futuribles ARCO" EXIT Express ARCO 2003 pp. 16-17

Marin-Medina, Jose. "Arte Futuribles ARCO" El Cultural February 13, pp. 34-36

Harwood, Andrew. "Art Chicago 2003" C International Contemporary Art Summer  
Issue 78, p. 48.

**2002**

Speh, Scott. artnet.com Magazine Reviews "Sex in Chicago" October 3

Artner, Alan. "Luscious Too" Chicago Tribune August 30 Section C7

Hawkins, Margaret "The real thing': sex becomes art and it's luscious, too" Chicago Sun-Times  
August 18

Wiens, Ann, "It's De-Lovely, It's De-Luscious" Chicago Magazine August

www.bkyn.com version 3.0,"Peeps: Nancy", online journal/quicktime presentation Snodgrass,

Susan, Art in America, Review "Chromophilia", March p.

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**2001**

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Robinson, Walter, artnet.com magazine review, "Miami Sun", December 19

CS: Chicago Social, "In Bloom", May

Strang, Susan, New Art Examiner, "Cover & Interview: Alison Ruttan", Dec/Jan

**2000**

Lieberman, Claire, Sculpture, "That Food Thing You Do", December

Helfand, Glen, San Francisco Bay Guardian, "Aural Sex", September 6  
Koppman, Deborah, Artweek, "Peep Show", April  
Roche, Harry, San Francisco City Search, "Peep show", March  
Graham, Bob, San Francisco Chronicle, "Sneak Peek", April 8

**1999**

Walz, Carla, Pitch Weekly, "See What Society Made Me Do", Aug 12-18  
Hackman, Kate, Review, "See What Society Made Me Do", September  
Gulf Coast, March 1999

**1998**

Bulka, Michael, New Art Examiner, "The Last Five Minutes of Art History in Chicago: There's  
Something Funny Going On", October

**1997**

Erickson, Karl, New Art Examiner, "Alison Ruttan, Marc Allen Jacobson", Dec  
Snodgrass, Susan "Chicago in Review", C Magazine November 1997  
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Saltz, Jerry, Time Out New York, "Uncomfortable", July 31-Aug 7  
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Catalogue, Distractions, TBA Exhibition Space, essay by Ed Moldanado,  
Tina Wasserman and Nadine Wasserman

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Mason, Nathan. Sub-Nation

**1993**

McCracken, David. Chicago Tribune  
Chicago Reader, IL

**Visiting Artist and Lecturer**

**2008** Ars/Scientia: Conversations. Public presentations on innovative collaborations  
between artists and scientists. Chicago Cultural Center

**2007** Minnesota State University, St. Cloud, Visiting Artist, Lecture

**2006** De Paul University, Chicago, Illinois, Art Department

**2005** University Of Missouri , Kansas City, Art Department

**2003** Franke Institute at University of Chicago, IL

**2000** Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, Visiting Artist, Graduate Program

**1999** University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, Visiting Artist, Graduate program

**1998** Northern Illinois University, Painting Department, Graduate Critiques

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, Guest Artist, Graduate Critiques

**1997** Presentation to "The Print and Drawing Club" of The Art Institute of Chicago.

University of Illinois, Chicago, Painting Department, Critiques

Presentation to Indianapolis Museum of Art, Collectors Group

**1996** School of the Art Institute, FYP Program

**1995** University of Chicago, Guest Lecturer, Graduate Program.

Art Institute of Chicago, General Membership, Tour of Exhibit and Lecture

**Grants, Fellowships, and Awards**

**2005** Artist Residency, Wild Animal Park, Escondido, California

**2004** Wexner Center For the Arts, Art & Technology Residency, Ohio State University  
**2002** Illinois Arts Council, Visual Arts Award  
**2000** Faculty Enrichment Grant, School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
**1997** Faculty Enrichment Grant, School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
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