

Solo/two-person Exhibitions

2015

"Alison Ruttan, "If All you have is a hammer everything looks like a nail", Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL

2014

"Alison Ruttan", Terrain, Oak Park, IL

2013

"Nowhere Better", work by Ian Muirhead and Alison Ruttan, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL

2012

"Alison Ruttan, "A Bad Idea Seems Good Again", Adds Donna, Chicago, IL,

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, IL

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

Selected Group Exhibitions

2017

"State of the Art: Discovering American Art Now", Frist Museum, 919 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee, 37203

"E Pluribus", at Silent Funny, Chicago, Illinois Curated by Barbara Koenen,

"EPluribus" at Kent State University Gallery, Kent, Ohio

"TBA", Ukrainian Institute of Art, Chicago, Illinois

2016

"Intersectionality", O'Conner Art Gallery, Dominican University, River Forest, Illinois

"State of the Art: Discovering American Art Now", Minneapolis Institute of Art

"E Pluribus", at Unum, Chicago, Illinois Curated by Barbara Koenen,

"Intersectionality", O'Conner Gallery, Dominican University, River Forest, IL

"I Don't", Slow Gallery, Chicago, IL

2015

"Biennial", Elmhurst Museum, Elmhurst, IL

2014

"State of the Art-Discovering American Art", Crystal Bridges Museum of American Arts, Bentonville, Arkansas

"Scape", Group Show The Franklin, Chicago IL

2013

"Still Life/RealLife: Food and Art", Sonnenschein Gallery, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL

2012

"B.A.D.", Beverly Arts Center, Chicago, IL.

2011

"On Origins", Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, Illinois, *(29 photographs were featured)*

2010

"Soft Science: The Human Animal", curated by Rachel Mayeri, a DVD compilation of artists.

"Bad at Sports", Apex Art, New York City. New York

"Fantastic Landscape", 310 conTEMPORARY Gallery, Chicago, Illinois

"Midwest Portfolio Project", Musuem of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, Illinois

2009

"Antimatter Film Festival", Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

"Because the Night", Guggenheim Gallery, Chapman University, Orange, California

"Intelligent Design: Interspecies Art", Sweeney Art Gallery, University of California, Riverside, Riverside, California

"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, 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

Selected Bibliography

2016

"All Together Now", Lori Waxman, Chicago Tribune, 2/14/16

"MIA'S new State of the Art show highlights the latest in "American Art by Pamela

Espleland, MINNPost, 2/19/16

“Ten Reasons to get excited about the winter art season” by Laurie Waxman, The Chicago Tribune, 2/2/16

2015

“Artist Profile: Alison Ruttan”, by Lisa Wainwright, Art LTD, May/June issue “Stories”. Three Artist Profiles. By Dan Andries for Chicago Tonight. WTTW PBS. Jan.26.

“Portrait of the Artist” Maria Girgenti, New Art City 3/9/2015

“10 Reason to get excited about the coming art Season” by Laurie Waxman, Chicago Tribune , 1/2/2015

‘As Violent as Chimps” by Robin Dluzen, ArtFCity, 3/19/2015

Top 5 Weekend Picks: Bad at Sports, 1/23/15

Alison Ruttan: Where is the Humanity” by Sarah Wheat, F Magazine, SAIC. May 2015

Alison Ruttan, “A Bad Idea Seems Good Again”, BonnyDOJO

<https://bonnydojo.wordpress.com/tag/alison-ruttan/>

2014

“Westward Homes”, Art in America, , by Michelle Grabner, 01/15

Alison Ruttan creates Destruction. Produced by Dan Andreas and Travis Cornejo, Chicago Tonight. WTTW, PBS Television. Nov. 6, 2014

News: Two Chicago Artists Confirmed for Crystal Bridges Survey, Art New City, 8/8/15.

2013

“After the Dust Settles”, [chicagoweekly.net/2013/05/09/after-the-dust-settles/Hyde Park, Visual Arts](http://chicagoweekly.net/2013/05/09/after-the-dust-settles/Hyde-Park-Visual-Arts). By Spencer McAvoy

“Ian Muirhead, Alison Ruttan, Nowhere Better”, by Abraham Richie, Art Slant

2012

“Beautiful Bombsites: Alison Ruttan at Adds Donna” by Kelly Reeves, Gapers Block, 04/22/12

<http://gapersblock.com/.../beautiful-bombsites-alison-ruttan-at-adds-donna/>

“Review: Alison Ruttan/adds Donna” by Pat Elifritz, New City, 04/24/12

<http://art.newcity.com/2012/04/24/review-alison-ruttanadds-donna/>

“Alison Ruttan, Natural Disaster” Triple Canopy Online Magazine

“Art 21: Centerfield, Fielding Practice # 15”, 06/11/12

“Alison Ruttan. Natural Disaster” Critic’s Pick, Time out Chicago,

“Paul Klein News Letter”, 4/13/12

“Alison Ruttan, Man Made Disasters”, Junk Culture, 06/11/12

<http://www.junk-culture.com/2012/05/alison-ruttan-man-made-disasters.html>

2011

“Through Primates. The evolutionary origins of war”, Interview by Robin Amer, Art/Work-WBEZ, Chicago

“Our Origins”, by Abraham Richie, Art Slant

“Review: Our Origins/Museum of Contemporary Photography”, by Mathew Weinstein, New City, 8/30/11

"Light to See the Beginning" by Luke Strosnider, Afterimage, 11/2/11

"In the beginning there was nothing. The Eloquent silence of "our Origins" by Tony Adler, Chicago Reader, 9/1/11

"Our Origins" at the Museum of Contemporary Photography", by Lauren Weinberg, Time Out Chicago, 8/17/11

"Beguilingly Incomplete: Our Origins at the Museum of Contemporary Photography" by Marta Sturgeon, Daily Serving, 8/3/11

2010

"Alison Ruttan's "The Four Year War at Gombe", by Claudine Ise
blog.art21.org/2010/05/25/alison-ruttans-the-four-year-war-at-gombe/

"Intelligent Design: Interspecies Art" by Neha Choksi, X-TRA, Volume 12, Number 1

"The Science of Kissing Gallery" By Sheril Kirshenbaum, Science. Art. Primates, Discover Magazine blog

2009

"Animals' Place in Nature at UC Riverside's Sweeney Art Gallery", by Scarlet Cheng, LA Times, 9.27.09

"Going Apesh't with Alison Ruttan" by Claudine Ise, Bad at Sports, 8/3

"Signs of the Apocalypse /Rapture", by Lauren Weinberg, Time Out Chicago, Issue 231

"Signs of the Apocalypse /Rapture", by Bert Stabler Art New City, 7/20

2008

"Ahh... Decadence" by Theoa Liberty Nichols, Art Slant, 8/23

"Signs of the Apocalypse /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)

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2006

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2001

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2000

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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
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1999

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1998

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1997

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Collections

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Museum of Contemporary Photography
Daniel Levinas Collection
University of California, Riverside
Minneapolis Institute of Art
Gamson Art Collection

Speaking Events

Alison Ruttan: "Hammering it Home", a discussion with Susan Snodgrass and Lise McKean, Chicago Cultural Center, 5/3/15
Gallery Talk, Alison Ruttan, Chicago Cultural Center, 4/24/15

Teaching

2006- The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
2001-06 The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
1994-01 The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
1993-04 Columbia College, Chicago, Illinois