

Selected Exhibitions & Projects

#39: featuring Kerry Couch, Angela Davis Fegan, Tracy Kostenbader, and Karissa Talanian | Art@Coles | May–Aug 2019

Wordplay | juried exhibit | Woman Made Gallery | July–2018, Chicago

Eating Words/Carrying Burdens | 2-person exhibit | Agitator Cooperative Gallery | June 2018, Chicago

AnySquared's Becoming Community Mural | project manager & lead artist | Northwest Arts Connection's YOPA project at Kilbourn Park | Fall 2017, Chicago

Abdicate/Advocate/Screwed | curated solo installation | Art on Armitage | Dec 2016, Chicago

Transatlantic Rumours, Chicago to Liverpool | Collaborative Group Show: AnySquared/Rose Howey Cooperative Gallery | Oct–Dec 2016, Liverpool, England

Logan Square Dog Park Community Mural | project manager & lead artist | a collaboration of AnySquared, ABC, & Renegades of Funk funded by LSDP with 2 lead artists, 5 featured artists, 40 crew artists, and 150–200 community members | Logan Square Dog Park | Jan–Sept 2016, Chicago

Object Reality | curated three-person exhibit | HUSart | Jan 2015, Chicago

Project Logan Community Mural | project manager & lead artist | a collaboration of AnySquared & ABC (Artistic Bombing Crew) | July 2015, Chicago

SALVAGE | The Plant | Jun 2014, Chicago

Neighborhood All-Star Exhibit | Art@Cole's Series #25 | May 2014, Chicago

PPPM (Post Post Post Modernism) | Lake Paradise Pop-Up Gallery | Mar 2013, Chicago

AREA: A Survey Show of Logan Square and Avondale Vicinity | curated exhibit | Hairpin Art Center | Oct 2012, Chicago

Morsels, 99 Bottles, Threads Installation, and the AnySquared Group Show | SQUARED! Art+Community | Oct 2012, Chicago

Rampant Objects: works by Tracy Kostenbader | solo exhibit | B.1.e. Gallery | Jul 2012, Chicago

10th Anniversary Group Show | curated exhibit | SulzenZamudio Fine Art | Apr 2012, Chicago

Curators Showcase Exhibit | curated exhibit | Hairpin Art Center | Oct 2011, Chicago

Point of View | three-person curated exhibit | IALS Gallery | May 2011, Chicago

AnyPlace: An Exhibition Examining Progress and the Unfinished Show | 2010 LIP (Life in Progress) Series | Oct 2010, Chicago

Beyond the Coyote | B.1.e. Gallery pop-up at the Flatiron Building | Sep 2010, Chicago

Wax; Small; Gutter; Print; and Still Life | curated pop-up exhibits | Jul 2010, Chicago

Emerging Artist Show | Morpho Gallery | Jul 2010, Chicago

Chicago ARTillery Artist Month Series (Four Pop-Up Exhibitions featuring Chicago ARTillery Artists) | multiple venues | Oct 2009, Chicago

Logan Square Past & Present; Black Market; A Few Favorite Things; & Logan Square Connections | curated pop-up exhibits | Aug 2009, Chicago

CMYK Show | N.A.I.L.S. | Feb 2009, Chicago

Unfinished Logan Square: works by Tracy Kostenbader | solo exhibit | Elastic Arts Gallery | Aug 2008, Chicago

Un/Useful: works by Tracy Kostenbader | solo exhibit | noFriction | Jun 2007, Chicago

Hardcopy: An Exhibit of Unique Artworks on Paper | curated exhibit | Morpho Gallery | Oct 2006, Chicago

Familiar/place/Everyday/function: works by Tracy Kostenbader | solo exhibit | noFriction | Jul 2006, Chicago

A-Zone Collective Show | Autonomous Zone | Nov 1998, Chicago

Master as Motif | curated exhibit | North Lakeside Cultural Center | Nov 1992, Chicago

Artists' Book Exhibition | curated exhibit | Newberry Library | 1992, Chicago

Urban Worship | curated exhibit | Beacon Street Gallery | Jun 1991, Chicago

Fear of the Mob | Cermak Galleries | Jun 1991, Chicago

Foreign Policy Show | Bucktown Finearts/Urban Intersection, Flatiron Building | Mar 1991, Chicago

Love/Hate | Pop-Up Gallery at 2200 West North Avenue | Mar 1991, Chicago

Teaching | Mentoring | Facilitation

AnySquared Projects | Mentor | Consistent mentoring of artists, arts organizers, and artist/curators. AnySquared Alum include practicing artists, ASM teachers, arts administrators, and artists who have gone on to create their own projects and groups | 2010–present

8 O'clock Shops | Instructor/Facilitator | 2016–present

AnySquared's Studio Day | Facilitator | 2010 – present

Figure Tuesdays | Producer/Facilitator | 2015 – 2017

Columbia College, Center for Book and Paper | Instructor | 2005

Women's Drawing Group | Facilitator | 1996 – 2004

Artist's Bookworks | Intermediate Bookbinding Instructor | Mar 1992 – Dec 1993

Bookbinding Instruction & Workshops | Private instruction, 1993 – 1999 | No Palace Studio, 1992 – 1993

Curation | Projects | Production | Organizations | Events (Selected)

Co-Founder, Organizer, Chief Curator, Producer, and Mentor | Jan 2010–Present
AnySquared Projects an all volunteer artists collaborative and network | AnySquared.com

Ongoing AnySquared Projects:

- Weekly Studio Days | ne2studioday.tumblr.com | Organizer & Host of public artmaking day every Wednesday | 2010–present
- Figure Tuesday Life Drawing Sessions | Producer & Facilitator | 2015–Present
- 8 O'clock Shops | Promoter, Facilitator, and/or Producer | 2015 – present
- Art Exhibitions and Events | anysquared.tumblr.com | Curator & Producer | 2010–Present
- Art@Coles Art Series (39 exhibitions as of June 2019) | anysquared.tumblr.com | Curator & Producer | Apr 2010–Present

Selected Special Projects, Public Murals, Events & Exhibitions:

- *GallerySquared* (A Showcase of AnySquared Artists) | AnySquared Projects Studio | Curator & Organizer | May 2019, Chicago
- *Against Da Fence* (A Collaboration of AnySquared & Renegades of Funk) | Project Logan | Organizer & Promoter | June 2018 & June 2019
- AnySquared's *Becoming Community Mural* | Funded by Northwest Arts Connection's YOPA (Year of Public Art) project in the 30th Ward | South of Kilbourn Park, Under the Metra tracks on Roscoe | Lead Artist & Project Manager | Sept–Nov 2017, Chicago
- *Logan Squared Dog Park Community Mural* | Logan Square Dog Park | Project Manager | a collaboration of AnySquared, ABC, & Renegades of Funk along with 2 lead artists, 5 featured artists, 40 crew artists, and 150–200 community members. Fund by LSDP | Jan–Sept 2016, Chicago
- *Project Logan Community Mural* | a collaboration of AnySquared & ABC (Artistic Bombing Crew) and 100 community members | Lead Artist & Project Manager | July 2015, Chicago
- *Hearts & Minds* Collaborative Group Exhibition | Hairpin Arts Center | Producer & Curator | Nov 2015
- AnySquared Projects' Residency at the Hairpin Arts Center (exhibit and 12 public arts events) | Curator & Organizer | Sept 2014–Nov 2014
- *SALVAGE* Exhibition | at The Plant | Curator & Organizer/Promoter | Jun 2014–Oct 2014
- *Ready-Set-Go Art!* Community Event & Open Studio | AnySquared Studio | Organizer & Promoter | Aug 2013
- *PPPM (Post Post Post Modernism)* Exhibition | Lake Paradise | Organizer & Promoter | Mar 2013
- *Fugue Space* Exhibition (A collaboration with the Charnel House) | The Charnel House | Curator & Organizer/Promoter | Feb 2013
- *SQUARED! Art+Community* Event & Exhibitions | Curator & Organizer/Promoter | Oct 2012
- AnySquared's Galleries at Milwaukee Avenue Arts Festival | as a volunteer, 2011 Curator of Curators and Project Manager of over 30 pop-up galleries and arts activities as Head of 2011 Art Committee; and 2010 Head of South End Galleries | 2010–2011
(NOTE: After 2011, AnySquared withdrew from subsequent festivals. The post-2011 festival goals and vision changed in format, participants, and targeted audience and became very different from 2009–11 and the original vision)
- *ART. SWAP. MEET.* (Community building event where artists exchanged art) | Organizer & Promoter | 2011 and 2015
- Logan Square Holiday Art Show (as AnySquared) | Organizer & Promoter | Dec 2010
- *LIP (Life in Progress)* Art Series | Curator & Organizer | Selected as Featured Program for 2010 Chicago Artists Month: 1 of 12 highlighted | Oct 2010

Chicago ARTillery Collective (defunct) | Co-Founder, Organizer, Curator, and Promoter | May 2009–Jan 2010

- Logan Square Holiday Art Show (as Chicago ARTillery) | Organizer & Promoter | Dec 2009
- Logan Square ARTicipation tour | Organizer & Promoter of art series | Oct 2009
- Chicago ARTillery's Galleries at Milwaukee Avenue Arts Festival | Art Committee: Organizer, Curator, & Promoter | 2009
(Note: After 2011, the festival was not the same format as in 2009–11 and goals/participants became very different from original vision)

N.A.I.L.S. (Neighborhood Artists In Logan Square) (defunct) | Organizer & Promoter for several shows and events | Jun 2008–Mar 2009

- *CMYK Show* | Organizer & Promoter | Mar 2009
- Logan Square Holiday Art Show (with N.A.I.L.S.) | Organizer & Promoter | Dec 2008

Selected Volunteer Activities

Unity Park | General Design throughout the year and Organizing Artist Volunteers for UPAC's Annual Art in the Park | 2011 – Present

AnySquared Projects | Mentor & Organizer | 2010 – Present

Art Committee of original Milwaukee Avenue Arts Festival | 2009–2011 *(Note: after 2011, our group withdrew from this festival)*

Americas Media Initiative/Cuba Media Project/Chiapas Media Project | Design | 2000 – Present

Annual Chicago Anarchist Film Festival | 1999–2010

Free Mumia Abu-Jamal Campaign | 1994–2003

Autonomous Zone Collective | 1997–2000

Luz Entre Rejas/Free Manuel Salazar Campaign | Organizer, including exhibitions of paintings by Manuel Salazar | Multiple Venues | 1991–1996

Press & Media (most links can be found on tracykostenbader.com or AnySquared.com)

Chicago Reporter, *What do we do with all those campaign signs? Young Chicago artists have an answer*, by Jacqueline Serrato, April 12, 2019

DCASE, *Art in Chicago Neighborhoods: Year of Public Art*, (page 136 AnySquared's "Becoming" Mural), Dec 2018

Logansquarist, *Artists in Residence: The Love Behind AnySquared Arts Collaborative*, by Isabel Carter, September 24, 2018

Voyage Chicago *Meet Tracy Kostenbader of AnySquared*, May 29, 2018

Video: *Meet AnySquared*, by Gretchen Hasse and Holiday Gerry, Oct 2016

LoganSquarist, *Logan Square Dog Park Celebrates One-Year Anniversary and Mural*, by Lauren Dixon and Steve Vargas, September 24, 2016

You Are Beautiful blog, *Beautiful Collaborations - Dog Park Mural in Logan Square*, August 17, 2016

Our Urban Times, *Paint a dog and a flower or two Sunday at the Logan Square Dog Park*, by Elaine Coorens, June 11, 2016

Logan Square TV, *Logan Square Community Mural Prep*, May 22, 2016

Chicago Artists Resource on soundcloud.com, *Conversations with CAR | Tracy Kostenbader*, March 2016

LoganSquarist, *Drawing in Logan Square: Figure Tuesdays*, January 22, 2016

LoganSquarist, *A Place to Make Art*, by Andrea Kaspryk, January 8, 2016

DNAInfoChicago, *Have You Seen These Hands in Your Neighborhood?*, by Paul Biasco November 12, 2015

Documentary: *Hearts & Minds*, by Nando Espinosa Herrera, Nov 2015

La Mezcladora (television show, Mexico City), Interview with Artists from AnySquared, *Temporada 3 Capítulo 13: Chicago (Season 3 Episode 13)*, Oct 2015

Our Urban Times, *Wall Brings Community Together*, by Elaine Coorens, Aug 5, 2015

DNAInfoChicago, *Prominent Wall Gets New Look*, by Paul Biasco, July 30, 2015

Our Urban Times, *Help paint the Community Wall Mural in Logan Square on Sunday*, by Elaine Coorens July 25, 2015

Logansquarist, *New Mural On Medill Discussed*, by Lauren Dixon, May 27, 2015

Artists of Chicago, Tracy Kostenbader Interview, August 2, 2014

Gaper's Block, *Chicago Artists Rethink Waste in "Salvage,"* by Miriam Finder, June 24, 2014

DNAInfoChicago, *AnySquared Presents Several Logan Square Artists in New 'Salvage' Exhibit*, by Darryl Holliday, June 17, 2014

Logansquarist, *AnySquared's Cinema Minima Residence*, by Brenton Harper-Murray October 31, 2013

Logansquarist, *Art@Cole's Exhibit and Sweater Kittens Variety Hour* (Interview), by Rose Haley, October 26, 2013

Chicago Reader, *Painting by Tracy Kostenbader featured in Agenda section for SQUARED Event*, October 10, 2012

Heartland Media/WLUW, *Live from the Heartland, Art is where you find it—Tracy Kostenbader* (video/radio interview), July 1, 2012

Logansquarist, *Local Photographers Featured at Art@Cole's* (Interview), by Hannah Esper, August 24, 2012

The Northwest Passage, *AnySquared Shows Photography in Logan Square* (Interview), by Heather Momyer, August 22, 2012

Nothin' Less News, *Nothin' Less Interview with Tracy Kostenbader of AnySquared Projects*, February 2012, Issue #5

Chicago Reader, *2012 Best Public Art Event* (relating to AnySquared's work in 2011), June 20, 2012

New City, *Best Use of Abandoned Property* (relating to Chicago ARTillery's work in 2009), November 11, 2009

Chicagoist, *Art Happenings* (related to work with Chicago ARTillery), October 2, 2009

Outside the Loop Radio, *Episode #157* (Interview), September 24, 2009

Chicago Sun-Times, *Art Viewing Made Easy*, August 31, 2009, *Centerstage* section

Chicago Sun-Times, *Eat Your Art Out*, by Alicia Eler, November 9, 2007, *Centerstage* section

Chicago Sun-Times, *Artist Kostenbader Warms Up Iron for Exhibit*, July 7, 2006, page 2, *Weekend* section

Awards | Grants | Selections

Collegiate Advertising Award | 2018 Gold Winner | Design

Hermes Creative Design Award | 2016 Gold Winner | Design

Chicago Artists Month Featured Program | AnySquared's LIP (Life in Progress) Series | Selected as 1 of only 12 highlighted programs | 2010

Chicago Dept. of Cultural Affairs *At Work Forum: Anatomy of a Successful Art Walk* | Selected panelist | 2010

CAAP (Chicago Artists Assistance Program) Grant | 2007

Printimage Excellence Award | 2002

American Association of Museums, Museum Publications Design Competition | Honorable Mention | 1996

Education

School of the Art Institute of Chicago | Bachelor of Fine Arts | 1990

Employment

Adler Planetarium | Book Conservator | 1997-present

Spertus Institute | Senior Designer | 1992-present

Ryerson & Burnham Libraries, Art Institute of Chicago | Book Conservation Assistant | 1997-present