



**PATTI BARTELSTEIN, aka bella luca**

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Seasoned project veteran who brings expertise in contemporary art with an emphasis on program direction and sound fiscal management. Background includes experience working with institutions, nonprofit boards and collectors curating, collaborating, selling and creating work on commission. My passion for art has led me to create an outreach psycho-social support program that I have facilitated around the world.

### **Work Experience:**

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- Developing and implementing innovative creative programs and services to allow for deeper connections and experiences.
- A track record of presenting and selling innovative work that engages a range of audiences
- Directing and curating multi-disciplinary exhibitions that are designed as learning environments populated by exhibits and powered by inquiry.
- Bridging educational partnerships by collaborating with creative leaders and educators to advance inquiry based learning and community-based engagement worldwide.
- Working with diverse groups including boards, committees, volunteers, schools and external audiences.

#### ***THE THREADS THAT BIND US, Creator and Facilitator 2016-Present***

<https://vimeo.com/user17945889/theprojectroomartandeducationoutreach>

A program that provides psycho-social support and self-discovery through portrait photography and creative storytelling. This program has been implemented for the Oda Foundation, Kalikot, Nepal and Colorado Rocky Mountain School Hs2, Carbondale, Colorado

#### **CURATE App, Co-Founder 2013-Present, Chicago**

<https://www.curate-space.com>

- Designed and created an app that allows the user to virtually see any artwork, scaled correctly, on their own walls.
- Launched at Chicago Art Expo 2014.
- Worked with galleries and art collectors on how to best utilize the app as a sales tool.

#### **THE PROJECT ROOM, Founder/Director/Curator, November 2012 – Present**

<https://theprojectroompb.com>

The Project Room is a gallery and multi-disciplinary exhibition space that provides a global platform for critically warranted art to be exposed to the public eye and an opportunity to engage in open dialogue with inspirational leaders and educators.

## THE PROJECT ROOM Programs:

- **CREATIVE ACTIVISM; storytelling for social change leadership program**, April, 2015
- **CHICAGO IDEAS WEEK; THE ARM CHAIR EXPLORER**, October 17, 2014
- **CHICAGO IDEAS WEEK; PHOTOGRAPHY & PHYSICS LAB**, October, 2013
- **OUT OF DARKNESS COMES LIGHT Exhibition & Benefit**, March 2013

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**Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago**, January 2006 - December 2007, Chicago  
Curatorial Research Assistant - volunteer

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**a-GREEN-house; Founder**, January 2006 - December 2011, Chicago  
Individual Yoga and outdoor wellness program

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**Schneider Photography Gallery**, January 1987 - December 1993, Chicago  
Gallery Associate

## Education

- **Columbia College, Bachelors Art, Photography**
- **Studio Arts Collage International, Florence, Italy, Photography, Art History**
- **University of Colorado at Boulder, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Photography**

## Skills

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Visual Artist  
Fine Art Photographer  
Photojournalist  
Curator  
Contemporary Art  
Modern Art  
Art Educator  
Art Direction  
Studio Art

Collage Artist  
Mixed Media  
Portrait Photographer  
Visionary  
Collaborator  
Lightroom  
Premiere Pro  
Photoshop  
Creative Director

Mindful  
Coordinator  
Art Consultant  
Artist Liaison  
Image Editing  
Connector  
Idea generator  
Philosopher

## EXHIBITIONS/RESIDENCIES/ASSOCIATIONS

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### 2018

**The Billboard Creative**, Los Angeles, CA

Public Art

**Taylor Daine Goulet gallery +**, Aspen Colorado

Group exhibition

### 2017

**Gallery 1949**, Aspen, Colorado

Group exhibition

### 2016

**Gallery 1949**, Aspen Colorado

Group exhibition

### 2015

**Jennifer Norback Fine Art Gallery**, Chicago, IL

Group Exhibition

**THE PROJECT ROOM**, Chicago, IL

Group Exhibition

### 2014

**Ragdale Artist Residency**, Lake Forest, IL

**Jonathan Martin Fine Art**, Aspen, Colorado

### 2013

**THE PROJECT ROOM Gallery**, Chicago, IL

Out of Darkness Comes Light, International Group exhibition

### 2012

**Joy Horwich Gallery + 2**, Chicago, IL

**The Art Center**, Highland Park, IL

*Voices and Visions*

**Woman Made Gallery**, Chicago, IL

International exhibition

**Buckingham Gallery**, Chicago, IL

Group Exhibition

### 2011

**Art World Chicago**, online art gallery

### 2009

**The Center for Fine Art Photography**, Fort Collins, CO

Group show

## 2008

**Chicago Art Open**, Chicago, IL

Received Honorable Mention Award

**Chrome Gallery**, Chicago, IL

*Enduring. Omissions. Awakenings.*

**Red Brick Gallery**, Aspen, CO

*Wild Wonder Woman*

**Suburban Fine Art Gallery**, Highland Park, IL

*In View*

## 2007

**Gallery 57**, Highwood, IL

**Suburban Fine Art Gallery**, Highland Park, IL

*In View* - received 'Award of Excellence'

**Suburban Fine Art Gallery**, Highland Park, IL

*Equality Show*

## 2006

**Columbia College Alumni show**, Chicago, IL

## COLLECTIONS

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### CORPORATE

Grosvenor Contemporary Photography Collection, Chicago, IL

### PRIVATE

Atlanta

Glencoe

Aspen

Los Angeles

Chicago

Michigan

Highland Park

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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**Museum of Contemporary Photography**, Advisory Committee

**Woman In Photography International**, professional member

**Chicago Ideas Week**, member & developer for THE PROJECT ROOM live Lab

**Oda Foundation**, student sponsorship program

References available upon request