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Press Release

fag-o-sites

is an exhibition that brings together works produced by thirty contemporary cultural workers (painters, film & videomakers, architects, photographers, etc.), works which materialize sexual-social, cultural practices across the contested terrains traversed by queers today. The title of this exhibition, in its resonance with the term *phagocyte*, references a lexicon of AIDS discourse, micropolitics of desire, and the consumption or destruction of discrete units. These discrete units may be understood as spaces created by strictly identity-based and often ghettoizing practices. *fag-o-sites* on the otherhand, are local yet mobile strategies and sites which do not support the urge for "positive images" and hopes for tolerance of queer cultural practices, as they mobilize for survival rather than acceptance. The works assembled for this exhibition demonstrate the many ways in which these practices, spaces, and bodies may be visualized, without being forced to comply to any single theme. This is neither an historical survey or retrospective, nor is it a showcase of only the most familiar names and works of queer cultural production. Rather, this exhibition provokes a rethinking of many popular assumptions, as it points towards a number of possible future paths which may trace unexpected yet crucial modes for queer social-cultural production.

This exhibition is curated by Doug Ischar and John Paul Ricco. It opens on Monday 13 February at Gallery 400, University of Illinois-Chicago, and runs until 11 March. There will be an opening reception on Wednesday, 15 February from 4-8 PM, and a panel discussion with artists and curators on Tuesday, 14 February at 5:00.

The participating artists are:

Shonagh Adelman	Jeffry Mitchell
Stephen Andrews	Mark Niblock-Smith
Bastille	Ria Pacquee
Sadie Benning	Mary Patten
Christa Black	Marco Paulo Rolla
Robert Clarke	Collier Schorr
Pierre Dorion	Joe Smoke
Iran do Espirito Santo	Edgard de Souza
Paul Evans	Margaret Stratton
Fernandez and Zogran	Ann Torke
Jackie Goldsby	Millie Wilson
John Greyson	
G.B. Jones	
Deborah Kass	
John Kramer	
Clifford LeCuyer	
Nina Levitt	
Micah Lexier	
Glenn Ligon	