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FORMAL EDUCATION

-Self-taught artist since 1969

- 2000-03** University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC. Ph.D. in Education, Centre for the Study of Curriculum & Instruction (performative arts-based inquiry)
1998-00 University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC. M.A. in Adult Education
1988-9 University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, Graduate Diploma, Ed. Psych. (Rehabilitation)
1978-80 University of Calgary, Bachelor of Education (After) Secondary Science
1976-8 University of Calgary, Bachelor of Science, Environmental Biology

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2020** **Suspicious** – Loft 112, Calgary, AB
2015 **Error of Judgment** – Vergette Gallery, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, IL
2014 **Spontaneous Re-Actions**- Gallery 3342, Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies Dept., SIUC, Carbondale, IL
2014 **Near Side of Intimacy** - Carbondale Civic Center Corridor Gallery, Carbondale, IL
2013 **Mixed Messages USA: A Brief Retrospective 2008-13**, Carbondale Public Library, Carbondale, IL
2008 **Building a Kardboard Kosmology**, Vergette Gallery, SIUC Art & Design, IL
2008 **Dialoguing on 'Fear': An Installation**. Britannia Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC.
2005 **Fearology of Technology: A Phenomenology of "Educational" Weapons of Mass Destruction**, AMS Art Gallery, UBC, Vancouver, BC
2005 **Fearology of Technology: A Phenomenology of "Educational" Weapons of Mass Destruction**, Edibles Art Gallery, Faculty of Education, UBC
2002 **Platinum 'Fear', Plat du jour** . installation, AMS Art Gallery, UBC, Vancouver, BC
2001 **Platinum 'Fear': Art Works that Subvertise Public Enemy No. 1**. Second Annual Conference on Curriculum & Pedagogy, Nov. 10-13, Victoria, BC
1996 **At-Tracking 'Fear'**, installation, Centre Gallery, Calgary, AB
1985 **Art of Robert Fisher**, Rocky Mountain Art Galleries, Calgary, AB
1984 **Wildlife Art of Robert Fisher**, Walsh Galleries, Red Deer, AB
1984 **Art of Robert Fisher**, Deloray's Frame Gallery, Olds, AB
1984 **Art Retrospective Show**, Common Ground, Olds, AB
1984 **Wildlife Art Show**, Watervalley Arts Club, Watervalley, AB
1983 **Art of Robert Fisher**, House of Curios, Didsbury, AB
1983 **Art of Robert Fisher**, County of Mtn. View Schools, Olds & Cremona, AB

TWO PERSON & GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2018** **Stepping Out**, Studio M* art exhibition, McHugh House Gallery, Calgary, AB

- 2016 **Art of Love**, Southern Illinois University Museum, Carbondale, IL
- 2016 **Art Over Easy** (fundraiser), Art & Design, S. Illinois University, Carbondale, IL
- 2015 **Art Over Easy** (fundraiser), Art & Design, S. Illinois University, Carbondale, IL
- 2014 **Off The Wall**, Anthill Gallery, Cobden, IL
- 2014 **C4 Eighth Annual Juried Exhibition**, Surplus Gallery, Carbondale, IL
- 2013 **C4 Seventh Annual Juried Exhibition** Surplus Gallery, Carbondale, IL
- 2012 **C4 Sixth Annual Juried Exhibition**, Surplus Gallery, Carbondale, IL
- 2011 **Evocative Objects**, 624 Gallery, Energy IL
- 2010 **Ten New Works**, Carbondale Art Around the Square, Carbondale, IL
- 2006 **Elicit Bodies**, with Barbara Bickel, Diskin Galleries, Vancouver, BC
- 2006 **Inarticulate Ground**, with Jenny Peterson, Barbara Bickel. AMS Art Gallery, UBC, Vancouver, BC
- 1997 **De-Filed**, collaborative installation, with Barbara Bickel, etc. room, The Centre Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 1997 **Art Fund Raiser**, The Centre Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 1994 ? The Centre Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 1992 **The Rebel's Journey**, collaborative installation with Barbara Bickel, The Little Gallery, University of Calgary, AB
- 1987 **Wildlife Art Show**, Rocky Mtn. Galleries, Calgary, AB
- 1987 **Wildlife Art Show**, Rocky Mtn. Galleries, Mississauga, ON
- 1987 **Art Show**, Deloray's Frame Gallery, Olds, AB
- 1986 **Canadawn Trout Art Show Competition**, Walsh Galleries, Red Deer, AB
- 1984 **Wildlife Art Show**, Prairie Accent Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 1984 **Wildlife Art Show**, Walsh Galleries, Red Deer, AB
- 1984 **Art Show**, The Frame-up, Edmonton, AB
- 1984 **Wildlife Art Show**, Stony Plain Multicultural Centre, Stony Plain, AB
- 1984 **Wildlife Art Show**, Provincial-Federal Wildlife Conference, Edmonton, AB
- 1984 **Wildlife Art Show**, Nature Interpretive Centre, Medicine Hat, AB
- 1984 **Wildlife Art Show**, Bentley Arts Society, Bentley, AB
- 1984 **Art Show**, Arts Club, Edson, Hinton, & Grande Cache, AB
- 1978-80 **Canada Nature Art Exhibit**, juried traveling show, 2 years, across Canada, in over 30 public art galleries and museums

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

Red Deer College and several corporate and private collections in Canada and US

ARTIST RESIDENCIES

- 2015 "Slowing Down, Turning Up: Parallel Journeys" (with Barbara Bickel), Arts-Based Research Studio, University of Alberta, Edmonton, May 18-24
(see Parallel Journeys interview audio series available:
https://soundcloud.com/barbara-bickel?utm_source=soundcloud&utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=email)
- 2013 "In the Presence of a 'Stranger' Methodology: Co-inquiry into Interdisciplinarity," (with Barbara Bickel), Arts-based Research Studio, University of Alberta, Edmonton, July 17-23

ART-BASED AWARDS & GRANTS

- 2016 Silver (2nd Place) Award for Community Contribution, Art Over Easy (Invited Artist-

- 2015 Judge), Art & Design, SIUC, Carbondale, IL
Golden (1st Place) Award for Community Contribution, Art Over Easy (Invited Artist-Judge), Art & Design, SIUC, Carbondale, IL
- 2013 C4 Art Competition (Invited Artist-Curated)- 2nd & 3rd place "Community" category, Surplus Gallery, Carbondale, IL
- 2012 C4 Art Competition (Invited Artist-Curated) - 2nd place "Community" category, Surplus Gallery, Carbondale, IL
- 1986 \$3500 first prize, Canadawn Publishers, Inc., Red Deer, AB

REPRESENTATION

- 2015-17 Ant Hill Gallery, Cobden, IL
- 1985-89 Rocky Mountain Art Gallery, Calgary, AB and Mississauga, ON
- 1985-89 Deloray's Frame Gallery, Olds, AB
- 1982-84 Prairie Accent Gallery, Calgary, AB

NEW MEDIA PRODUCTIONS (Interviews)

- 2017 The Aesthetic Fusion of Color and Light, video by Greg Wendt. <https://vimeo.com/220708479>
- 2015- Series of Co-Interviews with Barbara Bickel, "Parallel Recordings"
<https://soundcloud.com/barbara-bickel/parallel-recording-five-bickel-fisher>

RELEVANT ART-BASED PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 Bickel, B., & Fisher, R. M., Heart of the Mountain: A nature, arts, and trance-based intervention into a medical crisis. *Art Research International*.
- 2019 Bickel, B., & Fisher, R. M., Unmooring: A Drive, Walk-by Art Installation. McHugh House, Calgary, AB
- 2016 Jordan, N., Richardson, P., Fisher, R. M., Bickel, B., and Walsh, S. (2016). Provoking curricula of care: Weaving stories of rupture towards repair. *Canadian Journal of Curriculum Studies*, 14(1), 33-54. [received the 2017 Arts Publication Award by Canadian Society for Studies in Education]
- 2015 Fisher, R. M., and Bickel, B. Aesthetic Wit(h)nessing Within a Matrixial Imaginary. *Canadian Review of Art Education*, 42(1), 76-93.
- 2007 Fisher, R.M. "Fearology of technology: A phenomenological inquiry into educational weapons of mass destruction. *Educational Insights*, 11(1).
<http://www.ccfi.educ.ubc.ca/publication/insights/v11n01/exhibits/artist.html>
- 2003 Fisher, R.M. "Fearless leadership in and out of the 'Fear' Matrix. (dissertation, performative arts-based inquiry, and illustrated digital art work). Vancouver, BC: The University of British Columbia.
- 2002 Meyer, Karen (with art and consultation by R. M. Fisher). Walljamming: A project of re-imagining academic community. *Educational Insights*, 7(1), 1-4.
<http://www.csci.educ.ca/publication/insights/>
- 2002 Fear. *Enquiry*. EDCI Graduate Program website: <http://www.ccfi.educ.ubc.ca/edci/enquiry/02/fisher2.html>
- 1993 Bickel, B. & Fisher, R.M. "Opening Doors: A Guide to Spontaneous Creation-Making. Calgary, AB: In Search of Fearlessness Research Institute.
- 1993 Fisher, R.M. "An artistic view of change." *In Search of Fearlessness Journal* 3(5):3-4.
- 1991 Fisher, R.M. "Spontaneous Healings I: A Life as Naturalist, Scientist, Artist, Mystic, and Human." (author-book designer). Calgary, AB: In Search of

- Fearlessness Research Institute.
- 1991 Fisher, R.M. "Spontaneous Healings II: A Life as Naturalist, Scientist, Artist, Mystic, and Human." (author-book designer). Calgary, AB: In Search of Fearlessness Research Institute.
- 1991 Fisher, R.M. "Spontaneous art expression group: Bringing people and artistic expression together in a healing process." *Alberta Arts Therapy Association Newsletter*, 37:4-6.
- 1990 Fisher, R.M. "The artist/mystic: Quotations and a summary of the development of the 'inner artist' and a creation-centered spirituality." Occasional Paper No. 11. Calgary, AB: In Search of Fearlessness Research Institute.
- 1990 Fisher, R.M. "Otto Rank's artist-type as environmentalist and midwife of the soul." Occasional Paper No. 6. Calgary, AB: In Search of Fearlessness Research Institute.
- 1990 Fisher, R.M. "Drawing out fear and terror: The principles of art therapy in personal transformation." Occasional Paper No. 5. Calgary, AB: In Search of Fearlessness Research Institute.
- 1990 Fisher, R.M. "Professionalism as a fear-based reality." *Alberta Arts Therapy Association Newsletter*, 34:2-3.
- 1990 Fisher, R.M. "Hurt and healing: Towards a liberational theory of attention as applied to the expressive arts as therapy." *Alberta Arts Therapy Association Newsletter*, 35: 5.
- 1988 Fisher, R.M. "The Art Therapy Approach" (a staff manual). Quest Ranch, Cremona, AB.
- 1986 Fisher, R.M. "Education and beauty: Skin-deep or life-deep?" *Elements: A Journal for Elementary Education*, 8(1), 13-16.
- 1985 Fisher, R.M. "The Waldorf Experience: Education as an Art." (author, book designer). Self-published booklet.
- 1985 Fisher, R.M. "Dynamic or form drawing: Aid for overly active children." *Janus Journal*, 3(3), 7.
- 1985 Fisher, R.M. "A new look at creativity in education." *Janus Journal*, 3(2), 6-7.
- 1981 Fisher, R.M. "Nature art with an autumn spirit." *Alberta Naturalist*, 11(1), 9-10.
- 1980 Fisher, R.M. "Guide to the Orchids of the Cypress Hills." (author-illustrator, book designer). Self-published book.
- 1978 Fisher, R.M. "Field identification of the western shrikes." (author-illustrator). *Alberta Naturalist*, 8: 192-197.

MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2019 Artist Spotlight: R. Michael Fisher, *Beltline Newsletter*, Aug. 27. Beltline Neighborhood Association.
- 2002 Porter, Wade. **Fear Education & The Matrix**, interview with R. M. Fisher. Kootenay Co-op Radio, Nov. 6.
- 1997 Collins, Jeff. **Children Healing the 'Fear'**, interview with R.M. Fisher. CBC Radio, Calgary, Oct. 31.
- 1986 Anonymous. "Artist Robert Fisher." *The Wildlife Collectibles Journal*, June 15.

PRESENTATIONS & FACILITATION

- 2013 **Fusion Drawing/Coloring: A New Mindfulness Practice**, 2nd Annual Art Education Conference, SIUC, Carbondale, IL

- 2006 with Barbara Bickel. **Disciplined Spontaneity: Art, spirituality and education.** The Faculty of Education Research Day. The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC.
- 2006 with Barbara Bickel. **Presence and Precedence: Staying close to ground zero in art/research/education.** Multi-media and paper presented at the American Association for the Advancement of Curriculum Studies. San Francisco, CA: University of California, Berkeley.
- 2001 **Platinum 'Fear': Art Works That Subvertise Public Enemy No. 1.** Second Annual Conference on Curriculum & Pedagogy, Nov. 13, Victoria, BC
- 1997 **Children Healing the 'Fear'**(curator, over 150 school children's art works). The Centre Gallery, Calgary, AB.
- 1994 **Healing and the Art Experience**, workshop with Barbara Bickel, Mar. 12-13 and May 14-15. Calgary, AB: In Search of Fearlessness Centre.
- 1993 **Healing and the Art Experience**, workshop with Barbara Bickel, Jun. 20. and April 25. Calgary, AB: In Search of Fearlessness Centre.
- 1993 **Art as Healing**, team-building staff workshop with Barbara Bickel, Vocational Rehabilitation and Research Institute, Calgary, AB
- 1991-6 **Spontaneous Creation-making**, facilitated drop-in groups, In Search of Fearlessness Centre, Calgary, AB
- 1990 **Art as Healing**, team-building staff workshop, Canadian Mental Health Association, Calgary, AB
- 1989 **Therapeutic Uses of Art-making**, Alberta Arts Therapy Association Conference, Calgary, AB
- 1989 **Art and the Healing Process**, Alberta Arts Therapy Association, Calgary, AB
- 1989-91 **Spontaneous Creation-making**, facilitated drop-in groups, Mount Pleasant Community Arts Centre, Calgary, AB
- 1988 **Therapeutic Uses of Art-making**, staff workshop, Hull Home, Calgary, AB
- 1987 **Exploring Men's Relationships**, adult community, private practice workshop using art therapeutic processes, Olds, AB
- 1987 **Fostering the Creative-Artistic Attitude**, inservice teacher professional development workshop, County of Mtn. View, Olds, AB
- 1987 **Arts As Career**, workshop for Jr. and Sr. High School Students, for the County of Mtn. View, Olds, AB
- 1983 **Creativity and Child Development**, workshop for teachers and parents of mentally handicapped, Professional Development Day, Horizon School, Olds, AB
- 1982 **Creativity and Education for Adults**, community workshop, Taking the Future in Our Own Hands Conference, Calgary, AB
- 1982 **Creativity and the Future of Education**, inservice teachers, Professional Development Day, Olds Elementary School, Olds, AB
- 1981 **Creativity and its Foundations**, inservice teachers, Professional Development Day, Olds Elementary School, Olds, AB
- 1981 **Creativity and the Brain**, inservice teachers, Parent/Teacher Association, Reed Ranch School, Reed Ranch, AB

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2008-12 Art/photography consultation for artist Barbara Bickel, Carbondale, IL
- 2005 Artistic consultant for video art productions, "Stone Spinning" and "Walk Through" by Barbara Bickel, Vancouver, BC

- 2004** Artistic consultant for performance art shows "Who Will Read This Body?" by Barbara Bickel, AMS Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC.
- 2002** Artistic consultant for performance art show "She Knows" by Barbara Bickel, AMS Art Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 1997** Artistic consultant for performance art shows "Venus Crossing" by Barbara Bickel and others, Centre Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 1996** Artistic technician for performance art show "Her Venus Signature" by Barbara Bickel and Cheryl Fisher, Centre Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 1987-95** Therapeutic-counselor in private practice, often using arts as therapy, Calgary AB
- 1985** Drawing and painting classes, adults, Deloray's Frame Gallery, Olds, AB
- 1983-9** Art classes, Gr. 8-12, Quest School for behaviorally-disabled boys and families, and facilitated inservice staff-development training in the therapeutic use of the arts, Quest Ranch, Cremona, AB
- 1983-5** Drawing and painting classes, adults, Olds Arts Council, Continuing Education, AB
- 1981-2** Special education, Gr. 9-12, using art therapy and creativity techniques, Olds Jr./Sr. High School, Olds, AB
- 1980-2** Art educator, Gr. 5-8, Reed Ranch School for behaviorally disabled boys, County of Mtn. View, AB