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Artist Statement:

Many of my works, whether they are sculptures, drawings, or performance pieces, explore the physical and psychological effects that space can have on an individual. Through the use of various media, I look to address the notions of intimacy that exist between an individual and their surroundings. By manipulating the associations created by this relationship, a heightened awareness of their existence occurs.

This performance work, entitled "Found Space" was performed over the course of a year, throughout Brooklyn. It examines the shared spaces that exist between the individual and their larger community. As users of space, we create relationships to certain spaces though the individuals we share them with, while other spaces get overlooked due to the lack of human presence within them. By my physical presence, I look to activate these unused spaces.