

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Alex Slade****Wandering Through the Inland Empire****October 22 – December 3, 2005**

Mary Goldman Gallery is pleased to announce an installation of new photography and sculpture by Alex Slade, on view from October 22 through December 3, 2005. An opening reception for the artist will be held on Saturday, October 22 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

This exhibition chronicles the artist's wanderings through the Inland Empire. What was once a predominately barren stretch of territory is quickly becoming Los Angeles' newest eastern suburbs. Traversing this expanse with his 8 x 10 camera Slade documented a set of locations in the process of transformation. The resulting color photographs show a clinic, a school, a housing community and a distribution center in their provisional state, a construction site. When finished they will define a community that represents the latest installment in the story of the American city: a place where corporate capitalism dominates every aspect of the urban fabric, local governments are supplanted by the regional chamber of commerce and the largest industry (aside from it's own construction) is the warehousing and distribution of goods. It is these new parameters that will define a landscape where the highly contested and territorialized space of the city meets its edge. The sculptural element in the exhibition revels in the pleasure of getting lost within the map. It's structure merges the meandering path of the artist with the amoebic forms generated by developers.

Alex Slade is a Los Angeles based artist whose work has been included in exhibitions throughout the U.S. and internationally. Recent exhibitions include the Santa Monica Museum of Art, Prague Biennial 2003, and San Francisco Art Institute.

Mary Goldman Gallery is located at 932 Chung King Road in the Chinatown district of Los Angeles. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm or by appointment. For further information, please contact the gallery at 213 617 8217 or at [info@marygoldman.com](mailto:info@marygoldman.com).