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Museum of  
**Contemporary Photography**

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***Our Origins***  
**July 29 – October 15, 2011**

**PUBLIC RECEPTION**  
Thursday, September 8, 2011, 5–7pm

**Featuring the work of:**

**Jenny Åkerlund**  
**Julia Büttelmann**  
**Alison Carey**  
**Eric William Carroll**  
**Michelle Ceja**  
**Ken Fandell**  
**Jason Lazarus**  
**Aspen Mays**

**Scott McFarland**  
**Patricia Piccinini**  
**Mark Ruwedel**  
**Jennifer Ray**  
**Alison Ruttan**  
**SEMICONDUCTOR**  
**Rachel Sussman**  
**Penelope Umbrico**

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**Chicago** – The Museum of Contemporary Photography at Columbia College Chicago is proud to present the group exhibition *Our Origins*, which considers the human inclination to trace our beginnings beyond recorded history and explores our limited capacity to draw conclusive answers about the meaning of life from such efforts. The contemporary artists in this exhibition use photography, video, drawing and sculpture to reflect on natural history from a distinctly human point of view.

This approach emphasizes questions about the paradoxical nature of human intelligence in a Universe that cannot be altogether explained. Where did we come from? How is it that we have come to possess a consciousness and a psyche? What does the future hold? The exhibition does not provide explicit answers to the great mysterious questions of our Universe, but rather ponders the very idea that such questions are perhaps unanswerable.

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## **ABOUT MOCP**

The Museum of Contemporary Photography (MoCP), a resident organization of Columbia College Chicago, is the only museum in the Midwest with an exclusive commitment to the medium of photography. By presenting projects and exhibitions that embrace a wide range of contemporary aesthetics and technologies, the MoCP strives to communicate the value and significance of photographic images as expressions of human thought, imagination, and creativity.

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## **IMAGE:**

Alison Ruttan, *Mullet*, 2006, Ballpoint pen on archival tinted inkjet paper