



## **Carolyn Martin: *Private Corners***

April 26<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Opening Reception: Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm

BROOKLYN, NY, April 2012 – A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce *Private Corners*, an exhibition of new work by Carolyn Martin.

Continuing the investigations begun in drawings exhibited at A.I.R. Gallery in 2009, Carolyn Martin has further de-emphasized the image of the white picket fence, reducing it to a spare scaffolding of faint lines, darkened just enough to be recognizable. Martin juxtaposes these horizontal and vertical lines against irregular shapes of collaged paper crisscrossed in all directions with dark, smeared charcoal strokes that create depth. In these deep spaces Martin gives us a glimpse of the complexity and chaos of human life behind the stable architecture of society.



In addition, Martin was selected for the 2011 Anyone Can Fly printmaking scholarship founded by Faith Ringgold. An edition of the print that Martin created during the scholarship, “Sharing Wealth,” will be available at the gallery.

Martin has exhibited in solo shows in New York City since 1989. She has also exhibited at the J.B. Speed Art Museum in Louisville Kentucky; the African American Museum in Dallas, Texas; Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia; ACA Galleries in New York; the Muscarelle Museum at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia; the 2B Gallery in Budapest, Hungary; the Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts in Racine, Wisconsin; and the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago among others. Martin holds a B.F.A. from the University of Wisconsin, attended the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and earned her M.F.A. from Pratt Institute in New York. She has taught at the University of Pennsylvania and City College in New York City.

A.I.R. Gallery is located at 111 Front Street, #228, in the DUMBO neighborhood of Brooklyn, NY. Gallery hours: Wednesday – Sunday, 11am to 6pm. For directions please see [www.airgallery.org](http://www.airgallery.org). For additional information, please contact Julie Lohnes at A.I.R. Gallery at 212-255-6651 or [jlohnes@airgallery.org](mailto:jlohnes@airgallery.org).

Image: Carolyn Martin, *Suspect*, 22 x 30 inches, charcoal, pigment, collage on paper, 2011/12