

## **Matthew Coolidge**

Matthew Coolidge is the founder and director of The Center for Land Use Interpretation, (CLUI) in Los Angeles, a non-profit research and education organization founded in 1994 that is interested in understanding the nature and extent of human interaction with the earth's surface, and in finding new meanings in the intentional and incidental forms that we individually and collectively create. CLUI believes that the man-made landscape is a cultural inscription that can be read to better understand who we are, and what we are doing.

Mathew serves as a project director, photographer and curator for CLUI exhibitions, and has written several books published by the CLUI including, *Overlook: Exploring the Internal Fringes of America* with the Center for Land Use Interpretation, *The Nevada Test Site: A Guide to America's Nuclear Proving Ground*, and *Upriver: Points of Interest on the Hudson from the Battery to Troy*. He lectures widely in the United States and Europe on contemporary landscape matters, and is a faculty member in the Curatorial Practice Program at the California College of the Arts, where he teaches a class about nowhere. Coolidge received a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship in 2004.