



**MUSEU D'ART CONTEMPORANI DE BARCELONA**  
**Exhibition: "Camilo José Vergara. The New American Ghetto"**

**Works on exhibition:**

**Introduction:**

David Stott Building, the jewel of the Downtown skyline, completed in 1929,  
Detroit, 1995  
51 x 40'5 cm  
Introduction

Downtown Detroit, view of the financial district, Detroit, 1996  
51 x 40'5 cm  
Introduction

Downtown Detroit, View North of Grand Circus Park, Statler Hilton Hotel at the  
Center, Detroit, 1996  
34 x 51 cm  
Introduction

One of the many faces looking down at you from the ceiling of the former  
Michigan Theatre, Detroit, 1995.  
51 x 33'5 cm  
Introduction

Woman addict entering an abandoned building on Vyse Avenue to go to a crack  
house in the basement South Bronx, New York, 1989.  
51 x 40'5 cm  
Introduction

Former Kales building, Downtown Detroit, 1995  
51 x 33'5 cm  
Introduction

**Documenting Urban Decline:**

178 th Street and Vyse Avenue, South Bronx, New York, June 1980  
28 x 35'5 cm  
Documenting Urban Decline



178 th Street and Vyse Avenue, South Bronx, New York, June 1982  
28 x 35'5 cm  
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178<sup>th</sup> Street and Vyse Avenue, South Bronx, New York, January, 1983  
28 x 35'5 cm  
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178<sup>th</sup> Street and Vyse Avenue, South Bronx, New York, September, 1984  
28 x 35'5 cm  
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178 th Street and Vyse Avenue, South Bronx, New York, January 1986  
28 x 35'5 cm  
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178 th Street and Vyse Avenue, South Bronx, New York, March 1988  
28 x 35'5 cm  
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178 th Street and Vyse Avenue, South Bronx, New York, May 1991  
28 x 35'5 cm  
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178<sup>th</sup> Street and Vyse Avenue, South Bronx, New York, November, 1993  
28 x 35'5 cm  
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178 th Street and Vyse Avenue, South Bronx, New York, October 1994  
28 x 35'5 cm  
Documenting Urban Decline

178<sup>th</sup> Street and Vyse Avenue, South Bronx, New York, June, 1999  
28 x 35'5 cm  
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65 East 125th Street Harlem, New York, December, 1977  
40'5 x 50'5 cm  
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65 East 125th Street Harlem, New York, January, 1980  
40'5 x 50'5 cm  
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65 East 125th Street Harlem, New York, October, 1980  
40'5 x 50'5 cm  
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65 East 125th Street Harlem, New York, December, 1980  
40'5 x 50'5 cm  
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65 East 125th Street Harlem, New York, December, 1987  
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65 East 125th Street Harlem, New York, November, 1988  
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40'5 x 50'5 cm  
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65 East 125th Street Harlem, New York, March, 1994  
40'5 x 50'5 cm  
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65 East 125th Street Harlem, New York, February, 1996  
40'5 x 50'5 cm  
Documenting Urban Decline

65 East 125th Street Harlem, New York, June, 1997  
40'5 x 50'5 cm  
Documenting Urban Decline

65 East 125th Street Harlem, New York, May, 1998  
40'5 x 50'5 cm  
Documenting Urban Decline

65 East 125th Street Harlem, New York, December, 1998  
40'5 x 50'5 cm  
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65 East 125th Street Harlem, New York, May, 1999  
40'5 x 50'5 cm  
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Scudder Homes view East from a point of Springfield Avenue, Central Ward,  
Newark, May 1979  
28 x 35'5 cm  
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Implosion destroying 200 apartments in one building part of the Scudder  
Homes, officials and politicians celebrate in the foreground, Newark, June,  
1987  
28 x 35'5 cm  
Documenting Urban Decline

View East of the former Scudder Homes from a spot south of Springfield Avenue,  
Central Ward, Newark, September, 1987  
28 x 35'5 cm  
Documenting Urban Decline

View East from a spot south of Springfield Avenue of the former site of the  
Scudder Homes, Central Ward, Newark, February, 1990  
28 x 35'5 cm  
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View East of the former site of the Scudder Homes after their implosion and  
after the first set of townhouses were destroyed in a wind storm, view from a spot  
east of Springfield Avenue, Newark, July, 1992  
28 x 35'5 cm  
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View East of the former site of the Scudder Homes from a spot south of  
Springfield Avenue Central Ward, Newark, 1997  
28 x 35'5 cm  
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Camden Free Public Library, New Jersey, February, 1992  
28 x 35'5 cm  
Documenting Urban Decline



Second floor reading room, former Camden Free Public Library, New Jersey,  
June 1997  
28 x 35'5 cm  
Documenting Urban Decline

Second floor reading room, former Camden Free Public Library, New Jersey,  
February, 1998  
28 x 35'5 cm  
Documenting Urban Decline

Camden Free Public Library, New Jersey, December, 1998  
28 x 35'5 cm  
Documenting Urban Decline

Second floor reading room, former Camden Free Public Library, New Jersey,  
November 1998  
28 x 35'5 cm  
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Thirteenth Avenue Presbyterian Church, Central Ward, Newark, October 1987  
28 x 35'5 cm  
Documenting Urban Decline

Entrance to the Thirteenth Avenue Presbyterian Church, Central Ward, Newark,  
February 1990  
28 x 35'5 cm  
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Entrance to the Thirteenth Avenue Presbyterian Church surrounded by new  
townhouses, Central Ward, Newark, February 1992  
28 x 35'5 cm  
Documenting Urban Decline

Entrance to the Thirteenth Avenue Presbyterian Church stands in the middle of  
new townhouses, Central Ward, Newark, 1996  
28 x 35'5 cm  
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View North along Fern Street, North Camden, New Jersey, 1979  
28 x 35'5 cm  
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View North along Fern Street, North Camden, New Jersey, 1988  
28 x 35'5 cm  
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View North along Fern Street, North Camden, New Jersey, 1996  
28 x 35'5 cm  
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View North along Fern Street, North Camden, New Jersey, 1997  
28 x 35'5 cm  
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Side wall of Former River Slim Live Fish, 1228 Kedzie Avenue, Chicago,  
December, 1990  
28 x 35'5 cm  
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Side wall of Former River Slim Live Fish, 1228 Kedzie Avenue, Chicago,  
December, 1992  
28 x 35'5 cm  
Documenting Urban Decline

Side wall of Former River Slim Live Fish, 1228 Kedzie Avenue, Chicago,  
September, 1998  
28 x 35'5 cm  
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Side wall of Former River Slim Live Fish, 1228 Kedzie Avenue, Chicago,  
August, 1999  
28 x 35'5 cm  
Documenting Urban Decline

**America's Ruins:**

Children playing basketball among the ruins of a gas station, Gary,  
Indiana, August 1997.  
28 x 35'5 cm  
America's Ruins



Rummage sale along Clinton Avenue, organized by the First Mount Zion Baptist Church, Central Ward, Newark, 1987.

40'5 x 51 cm

America's Ruins

Ransom Gillis Mansion, Alfred Street and John R. Detroit, August, 1993

40'5 x 50'5 cm

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Ransom Gillis Mansion, Alfred Street and John R. Detroit, August, 1997

40'5 x 50'5 cm

America's Ruins

Ransom Gillis Mansion, Alfred Street and John R. Detroit, November, 1999

40'5 x 50'5 cm

America's Ruins

Former Oklahoma Gas Station, Livernois Avenue, West side Detroit, June 1998

40'5 x 51 cm

America's Ruins

Second Empire Townhouses, Alfred Street, Brush Park, Detroit, September 1998

40'5 x 51 cm

America's Ruins

North Camden, row houses, by the Delaware River, New Jersey, 1992

20'5 x 25'5 cm

America's Ruins

2846 Griffin Avenue, Los Angeles (East), 1994

28 x 35'5 cm

America's Ruins

2846 Griffin Avenue, Los Angeles (East), 1997

28 x 35'5 cm

America's Ruins

A teenager looks through the iron gate of the corridor, 16<sup>th</sup> floor ABLA Houses, West Side Chicago, 1989

28 x 35'5 cm

America's Ruins



Mural of the New York City subway on an abandoned building, South Bronx, New York, 1991

28 x 35'5 cm

America's Ruins

Abandoned parking lot over belonging to the components division of International Hawester, West Pullman, Chicago 1991

28 x 35'5 cm

America's Ruins

View north along Park Avenue from Sibley Street, Detroit skyline, December 1995

28 x 35'5 cm

America's Ruins

Former Riviera Theatre, Gran River Blod and Riviera Street, Detroit, July 1996

28 x 35'5 cm

America's Ruins

Former Michigan Central Railroad Station, built in 1913, Detroit, 1994

40'5 x 51 cm

America's Ruins

View East of 2051 West Lake Street part of the Henry Homer Homes a public Housing project of the Chicago Housing Authority, Chicago, 1995

40'5 x 51 cm

America's Ruins

A woman sells assorted goods on the parking lot of a former shopping center, Chicago, 1992

40'5 x 51 cm

America's Ruins

Former Firestone tire dealership, Detroit, 1997

40'5 x 51 cm

America's Ruins

Former Michigan Central railroad Station built in 1913, Detroit, August, 1997

40'5 x 51 cm

America's Ruins





View North East from Taylor Street and Washtenaw ruins of Tempo-Howard Industries in the background, West Side Chicago, June 1989  
40'5 x 51 cm  
America's Ruins

Art Deco building behind a wall, Detroit, 1995  
40'5 x 51 cm  
America's Ruins

Michigan Theater, now a parking garage, Downtown Detroit, April, 1995  
40'5 x 51 cm  
America's Ruins

**Expressions:**

"Mainstreet Project", Broadway, Gary, Indiana, August, 1997  
40'5 x 51 cm  
Expressions

Refreshing spring Church of God in Christ, Detroit, 1993  
40'5 x 51 cm  
Expressions

Storefront church, Detroit, 1987  
40'5 x 51 cm  
Expressions

Party Store, Detroit, 1994  
40'5 x 51 cm  
Expressions

Willie's Garage, Detroit, 1991  
40'5 x 51 cm  
Expressions

The Eve of Detroit, entrance to former Northeastern High School, Detroit, 1993  
51 x 40'5 cm  
Expressions



The Adam of Detroit, entrance to former Northeastern, High School, Detroit,  
1993

51 x 40'5 cm

Expressions

"Home of the Blues" 47<sup>th</sup> Street east of Martin Luther King Boulevard, Chicago,  
December, 1993

40'5 x 51 cm

Expressions

Car repair shop Mr. Fixit, painted by Eugene, Detroit, 1994

40'5 x 51 cm

Expressions

South Central, Los Angeles, 1997

28 x 35'5 cm

Expressions

South Central, Los Angeles, 1996

28 x 35'5 cm

Expressions

Mufflers, South Central, Los Angeles, 1997

28 x 35'5 cm

Expressions

Lady Di, Pico-Union, Los Angeles, November, 1997

28 x 35'5 cm

Expressions

Detroit, 1996

28 x 35'5 cm

Expressions

South Central, Los Angeles, 1994

28 x 35'5 cm

Expressions

**Interiors:**

Former Blood Donors Room, Morrisania Hospital, Bronx, New York, 1996

40'5 x 51 cm

Interiors



Martin, Ethel, and their baby were located from a well-run shelter to a city-managed building, one of the worst "crackhouses" in the South Bronx, New York, 1989.

40'5 x 51 cm

Interiors

Transition House, an early model shelter, Skid-Row, Los Angeles, 1985.

40'5 x 51 cm

Interiors

Part of the ruins: upholstered sofas, the essence of domestic life.

Columbus Homes, Newark, 1994.

40'5 x 51 cm

Interiors

Ruben Robles, day guard paid by the tenants, University Heights, South Bronx, New York, 1990.

40'5 x 51 cm

Interiors

Private altar placed in a hallway of an apartment building on Beekman Avenue, one of the country's deadliest streets, South Bronx, New York, 1992.

40'5 x 51 cm

Interiors

Helen Steiner in her living room with friend Alice Myers, South Bronx, New York, 1994.

40'5 x 51 cm

Interiors

Baby J-Kuan Jimenez in his bedroom dominated by a plastic wrapped banana, South Bronx, New York, 1991

40'5 x 51 cm

Interiors

Berenice Davies, decorated with objects bought from Good Will, the Salvation Army, or second-hand vendors on the streets. Hough, Cleveland, 1985.

40'5 x 51 cm

Interiors

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Almost blind, hands and fingers like claws, feet covered by thick wool socks, Leola Robinson, age ninety-three, sits in her kitchen in Robbins, Illinois, 1994.

40'5 x 51 cm

Interiors

Manuel, Confesion, and Maria in their living room, a wallpaper river running behind them, South Bronx, New York, 1990.

40'5 x 51 cm

Interiors

Drug-addicted woman sleeping on the roof landing of a South Bronx building, Mott Haven, 1989.

40'5 x 51 cm

Interiors

Room in the Lincoln Motel, downtown Newark, 1987.

40'5 x 51 cm

Interiors

Dominican family, Washington Heights, Manhattan, 1996.

40'5 x 51 cm

Interiors

South Bronx family, New York, 1998.

40'5 x 51 cm

Interiors

Michael and his dog Max in the subway, East New York, Brooklyn, 1996.

40'5 x 51 cm

Interiors

Pastor Forrest Nowell, Chicago, September, 1998

40'5 x 51 cm

Interiors