

We Tell Makers

We Tell prefers to call the many people who worked on the media projects in this exhibition makers rather than filmmakers, video artists, or directors.

First, very few of these works were produced by one person, so the auteurist model is insufficient.

Second, most of these were produced by collaborative, collective, or cooperative teams where members had shifting roles and made different kinds of contributions.

Finally, we offer the proviso that this list is most likely not complete and will evolve as more research about each of these films and their participatory production process is uncovered. We provide this list to honor the people who contributed to these works.

BIOGRAPHIES OF MAKERS

Gary M. Brooks was a maker on *I'm NOT on the Menu* (Labor Beat, 2018) in Chicago, Illinois. He has been a member of Evanston Community Television (ECTV) for nearly seven years. A retired UPS employee, Brooks is serving his second term as president and has served as Programming and Operations Chair. He successfully led the negotiations for the current PEG service agreement with the City of Evanston and ended costly vendor contracts. He is a member of the Evanston Police Advisory Board and president of the Brummel Park Neighborhood Watch Program. Brooks produces several shows on ECTV: "Labor Beat," "The Reporters" and "Weekends with Whitney."