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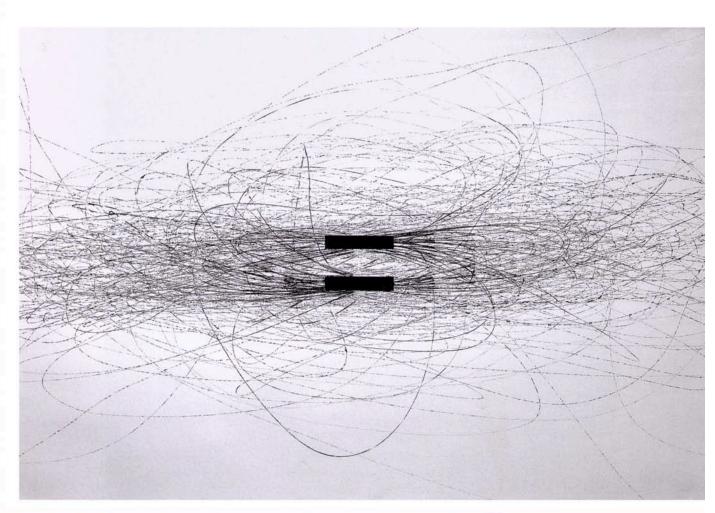
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Andrew Ginzel and Kristin Jones, "Bellagio Dialectic 16," 27.5" x 39.5", ink on paper.

Andrew Ginzel and Kristin Jones

The cross-disciplinary dialogue among the international community of scholars and peers at the Villa Serbelloni was challenging, stimulating, and inspiring for our work, giving our energies great focus. We found the extraordinary natural beauty of the place, high above the glistening waters of Lake Como, particularly compelling, and it has left an indelible mark on our imaginations. With its surrounding water and air, the vitality of the site itself suggested a new body of work that was the basis for a conversation about dialogue, about the two of us, and about the very nature of our own 20-year collaboration. The resulting drawings, responding to the moving surface of the lake, were experiments in line and form. Our series explored the limits of intent and control.

The diverse community of minds, the atmosphere of mutual respect, and the surreal beauty of the place formed a potent catalyst for work that we feel could not have been created anywhere else.