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**ASSOCIATE DEAN OF ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS  
PROFESSOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY**

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Professor of Photography

1998-Present

College of Arts & Media, University of Colorado Denver, Denver, CO.

Assistant Professor of Photography

August 1994-1998

School of Art & Design, State University of New York at Alfred University, Alfred, NY.

Photography Lecturer

September 1990-June 1994

Department of Art, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.

Visual Arts Instructor

August 1988-1990

Department of Art, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI.

**EDUCATION**

2013-present	University of Colorado Denver, Denver, CO.	
	Leadership in Educational Equity	Ed.D. (in progress)
1988	Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA.	
	Photography	M.F.A.
1986	Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA.	
	Photography	B.F.A.

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Fall 2010	International College of Fine Art Deans Fellows Program
March 2010	Smithsonian Artist Research Fellowship Award, Smithsonian Museum of American Art
Fall 2008-Spring 2009	Emerging Leaders Program Fellow, University of Colorado System
Spring 2004	Creative Research Award, College of Arts & Media, University of Colorado Denver
Spring 2003	Guggenheim Fellow
Spring 2003	Service Award, College of Arts & Media, University of Colorado Denver
Fall 2000	Teaching Award, College of Arts & Media, University of Colorado Denver
Spring 1997	Faculty Teaching Award-Honorable Mention, NYSCC at Alfred University, Alfred, NY.
Spring 1997	Commission Award, Miller Performing Arts Center, NYSCC at Alfred University, Alfred, NY.
March 1992	Purchase Award, Danforth Museum of Art, Framingham, MA.
May 1986	Arthur C. Billings Award for Outstanding Achievements in the Media and Performing Arts. Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA.

### SELECTED ONE AND TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

June 2010	Peggy Notebeart Nature Museum, Chicago, IL.
February 2008	"Managing Eden: The New Social Ecology" Weeks Gallery. Jamestown Community College, Jamestown, NY.
August 2006	"Brennan/Campbell" Martin Museum of Art, Baylor University, TX.
June 2005	Internationale Fototage-"Contemporary American Photography" Mannheim/Ludwigshafen Germany
June 2003	"Managing Eden" Gallery 140, The University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA.
November 2002	1708 Gallery, Richmond, VA.
November 2002	Hampden-Sydney College, VA.
September 2002	Art Gallery, Knox College, Galesburg, IL.
November 2001	Ironton Gallery and Studios, Denver, CO.
November 2001	Southern Light Gallery, Amarillo College, Amarillo, TX.
August-Sept. 2001	SRO Photo Gallery, Texas Tech University, School of Art, TX.
July 1998	Bausch and Lomb Gallery, Corporate Headquarters, Rochester, NY.
September 1998	Roy H. Parks, School of Communications, Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY.
October 1997	Robert C. May Gallery, University of Kentucky
April-June 1996	University of California, Berkeley Extension Center, Berkeley, CA.
October 1994	Elkins Hall Gallery, Tyler School of Art, Temple University, Elkins Park, PA.
October 1989	Art Department Gallery, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI.

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

April-October 2011	"Photography Now-American Photographers and the Environment" New Mexico Museum of Art, Santa Fe, NM. Includes online exhibition, gallery exhibition and published book with essay.
July-October 2006	"Perspectives of Death and Dying" (video documentary) Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Denver, CO.
October 2005	"Crossroads" Nichols State University, Thibodaux, LA.
April 2005	Painted Bride Center, Philadelphia, PA.
February 2004	"Managing Eden" University of North Texas Art Gallery, TX.
Summer 2003	"Managing Eden" Center for Photography at Woodstock, NY.
September 2002	"Animals in Art" Allegheny College, PA.
August 2002	"The Peter Bunnell Collection" Princeton Art Museum, Princeton University, NJ.
July 2001	"Joyce Elaine Grant Photography Exhibition" Texas Woman's University Fine Art Gallery, Denton, TX.
October 1999	"Photography and the Creative Process" Colorado Photographic Arts Center, Denver, CO.
May 3-June 25 1999	"A Sense of Place-Five Photographers" Vincent Price Gallery at East Los Angeles College
May 1999	"Bella Italia" Carol Keller Gallery, Denver, CO.
October 1997	"Harvesting Wilderness: Three Photographic Visions" Ball State University Museum of Art, Muncie, IN.
February 1997	Fosdick-Nelson Gallery, NYSCC at Alfred University, Alfred, NY.
January 1996	"Creation Recreation" Islep Museum of Art, Long Island, NY.

March 1996 Jamestown Community College, Olean, NY.  
 October 1993 "In Close Quarters, American Landscape Photography Since 1968"  
 The Art Museum Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.  
 September 1993 "Point and Shoot II" Center for Exploratory and Perceptual Art, Buffalo, NY.  
 May 1993 "Our Decaying Environment" Artsquad Contemporary Fine Art Gallery, Easton, PA.  
 March 1993 "The 4th Annual New Images Exhibition" James Madison University, VA.  
 February 1993 "Survey of Contemporary Color Photography" White Pines College, Chester, NH.  
 November 1992 "Impact of Photographs"  
 Art Gallery, Gansel Library Millersville University, Millersville, PA.  
 Summer 1992 University of Lima, Lima, Peru.  
 March 1992 "New England Photographers 1992" Danforth Museum of Art, Framingham, MA.  
 July 1991 "Environment Watch/40 Artists" Somerstown Gallery, Somerstown, NY.  
 Summer 1990 Main Gallery, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI.

**VISITING ARTIST**

April 8, 2008 Lecture titled "Agents of Change" Victoria H. Myhren Gallery, Denver University  
 March 20, 2008 Panel Presentation "Photojournalism and Politics"  
 Response to the exhibition "On the Road: Photography of the Soviet Union"  
 Victoria H. Myhren Gallery, Denver University  
 February 2008 Jamestown Community College, Jamestown NY.  
 April 2006 Jubilee, Nichols State University, Thibodaux, LA.  
 April 2003 New Mexico State University at Las Cruces.  
 November 2002 1708 Gallery, Richmond Virginia.  
 November 2002 Hampden-Sydney College, Virginia.  
 September 2002 Knox College, Galesburg, IL.  
 March 2001 University of Florida. Gainseville, FL.  
 October 2000 Knox College, Galesburg, IL.  
 February 2000 Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.  
 December 1997 Ball State University. Muncie, IN.  
 October 1994 Tyler School of Art. Temple University, Elkins Park, PA.  
 October 1991 University of Rhode Island, RI.  
 March 1991 Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.  
 Fall 1989 Wheelock College, Boston, MA.  
 Spring 1987 Salem State College, Salem, MA.

**CURATOR**

March 14-15, 2008 Film Festival Curator  
 Society for Photographic Education  
 Film Festival Showcase  
 Friday and Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Adam's Mark Hotel  
 Downtown Denver  
 Curated the following documentary films in the festival  
 "Thin" Directed by Lauren Greenfield  
 "Kids and Money" Directed by Lauren Greenfield  
 "Ghosts of Abu Ghraib" Directed by Rory Kennedy

“Manufactured Landscapes” Directed by Jennifer Baichwal  
 “War Photographer” Directed by Christian Frei  
 February 2008 “Kids with Cameras: Photographs from Calcutta’s Red Light District,  
 Cairo and Haiti” Emmanuel Gallery, University of Colorado Denver  
 February 28-April 5  
 March 2008 “Opus: Photography at the University of Colorado Denver”  
 Partnership Gallery Courtyard Marriott, Denver CO.  
 January 4<sup>th</sup>-March 29<sup>th</sup>  
 August 2007 “Botanica”, Paintings by Vivian George  
 Partnership Gallery Courtyard Marriott, Denver CO.  
 Dates August 1<sup>st</sup>-September 29<sup>th</sup>  
 December 2007 Senior BFA Thesis Exhibition  
 Partnership Gallery Courtyard Marriott, Denver CO.  
 December 3-7  
 October 2007 “Genesis”  
 Visual Arts Department Juried Student Exhibition  
 Juror-William Bietty  
 Partnership Gallery Courtyard Marriott, Denver CO.  
 October 5<sup>th</sup>-December 31<sup>st</sup>

**REVIEWS AND MEDIA RECOGNITIONS**

“Earth Now: American Photographers and the Environment”

New Mexico Museum of Art, Santa Fe, NM.

Exhibition and announcements below reference the exhibition or book as a whole, with some individual artists referenced or included with images. My photographic work was included in this exhibition and book.

April – July 2011

Exhibition Announcements

Santa Fe Reporter, July 15

Dallas Art News, Dallas Fort Worth (Dallasartnews.com)

([www.sfreporter.com/santafe/event-24705-earth-now-american-photographers-and-the-environment.html](http://www.sfreporter.com/santafe/event-24705-earth-now-american-photographers-and-the-environment.html))

Reviews

PhotoEye Magazine, Friday, April 1, 2011. Reviewer David Ondrik

Orion Magazine, May/June 2011 Issue. Reviewer, Jason Houston

High Country News, April 12, Reviewer, Sierra Carne-Mundoch

Examiner.com, Albuquerque NM. July 10, Reviewer, Carole Iangrall

Blogs

Rare Autumn, April 6, 2011

Finitefoto, David Ondrik, Review

PhotoEye Magazine Blog, Friday, April 1. Reviewer David Ondrik

Art Knowledge News

ArtSlant, April 03, posting by Abhilasha Singh

Blue Earth Alliance, posting by Bart J. Cannon Executive Director

Fraction Magazine, Issue 28, Review by David Taylor

Society for Photographic Education National Conference 2008

"Agents of Change: Art and Advocacy"

Denver, CO

Articles and reviews below reference the programming, exhibition and activities that took place at the conference or in the city at the time of the conference.

- March 15, 2008 "Focus on Photography"  
Rocky Mountain News  
Mary Voelz Chandler  
Spotlight Section/Entertainment  
Article highlights SPE National Conference
- March 13, 2008 "Digital Photography Pioneer Todd Walker"  
Denver Post  
Kyle Macmillan  
SPE mention
- March 13, 2008 "The F-Stop's Here"  
Westword  
Arts and Entertainment Section  
Michael Paglia  
Highlights Denver exhibitions and SPE
- March 2008 "Agents of Change SPE conference examines social  
issues through the lens"  
Denver Voice  
Morning Glory Farr  
Local Buzz Section  
Volume 12, Issue 2

Articles and Announcements of Guggenheim Fellowship Award

- April 2003 "John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation"  
New York Times  
Fellowship Announcements  
Page A7
- April 28, 2003 "CU Photographer a Winner in Competition"  
The Denver Post  
Page 2F, Written by Dick Kreck
- April 2003 "Environment Makes, Breaks-Winning Hands."  
Rocky Mountain News  
Spotlight page 22D, Written by Mary Voelz Chandler
- April 2003 "University of Colorado Denver's, Brennan Wins a 2003 Guggenheim Fellowship"  
Silver and Gold Record  
University of Colorado System

Reviews of artwork and exhibitions

- August 23, 2003 "Earth-Friendly Images"

	Phoughkeepsie Journal
	Life, Page 2D, Nicole Edwards
May 2003	Radio Interview
	Denver Press Club
April 2003	"Searching For Wilderness"
	The Advocate
	Page 10, Written by Sean Cronin and Lorien Nettleton
November 20, 2003	"Managing Eden"
	Style Weekly
	Arts Section Page 60
	1708 Gallery, Richmond, VA.
	Reviewed by Wayne Melton
December 2, 2001	"Give and Take, Southern Light Gallery"
	Amarillo Globe-News
	Arts and Leisure Section Page 17D
	Amarillo College, Amarillo, TX
	Reviewed by Hunter Ingalls
November 26, 2001	"The History of Landscape/The Myth of Wildness"
	Rocky Mountain News
	Spotlight Section, Page 6 D
	Ironton Studios and Gallery
	Reviewed by, Mary Voelz Chandler
May/June 2001	"SPE National Conference"
	Afterimage
	A Journal of Media Arts and Criticism
	Kitty Hubbard and Karen VanMeenen
July 1998	Democrat and Chronicle
	Bausch and Lomb Gallery Exhibition
	Corporate Headquarters, Rochester, NY.
October 1993	Popular Photography
	Volume 57, No.6,
	Review of Point and Shoot II Exhibition.

**PUBLICATIONS/CATALOGUES/BROCHURES THAT INCLUDE BRENNAN PHOTOGRAPHS**

September 27, 2011	"Land Matters: Landscape Photography, Culture and Identity"
	(International Library of Cultural Studies)
	Author and essays by Liz Wells
	Publisher: I.B. Tauris
	ISBN 1845118648
	352 pages
April 2011	"Earth Now: American Photographers and the Environment"
	Author and essay by Kate Ware
	Publisher: New Mexico Museum of Art Press
	ISBN 0890135282
	188 pages, 91 photographic images, hardcover
April 2011	"Managing Eden"

September 2009 Cooper Nickel 12  
University of Colorado Denver  
"Managing Eden"  
Cooper Nickel 12  
University of Colorado Denver

Fall/Winter 2008/2009 "Joann Brennan"  
Hayden's Ferry Review  
Arizona State University

February 2008 Managing Eden: The New Social Ecology  
Exhibition Catalogue, Weeks Gallery, Jamestown, NY

Spring 2005 Photo Review, "Paradise Paved" Exhibition Catalogue and mailing

Summer 2005 International Fototage Mannheim/Ludwigshafen  
Monat Der Fotografie im Rhein-Neckar-Dreieck  
Published by Das Bild Forum

Spring 2004 "Perfect Pictures for Scrapbooks"  
Author of 112 page "how to" photography book  
F&W Publishing

Summer 2000 European Photography Magazine  
Summer Issue #71  
7-page Portfolio Spread

May 1997 Creating a Zoo for the Twenty-First Century:  
The Seneca Park Zoo Society's Asian Forest Exhibit  
Capital Campaign Brochure.  
Images included in Brochure, Rochester, NY.

October 1996 Fun with Digital Photography  
By John Larish, Kodak Books. Images included in Book  
Catalogue Cover, Commissioned Art Work. Boston, MA.

October 1993 In Close Quarters, American Landscape  
Photography Since 1968.  
Exhibition Catalogue. Toby Jurovics, Assistant Curator of  
Photography, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.

October 1993 Point and Shoot II Catalogue  
Center for Exploratory and Perceptual Photography, Buffalo, NY.

#### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

October 2011 CAM's Portfolio Website Presentation  
International Council of Fine Arts Deans  
Co-presenters, David Dynak, Ph.D. Cindy Barringer and Guinevere Stephens

May 2010 "ArtsBridge-College of Arts & Media"  
Co-presenter, Michelle Carpenter  
ArtsBridge America Conference, Irvine, CA.

April 2003 Photo Americas artist presentation, Portland, OR.  
Conference Title: Photographing in a Difficult World

November 2006 "Four Teachers and the Students They Have Inspired"  
Society for Photographic Education-Regional Conference

Ogden, Utah.

March 2002 Society for Photographic Education National Conference Las Vegas, Nevada.  
Artist Presentation  
“The Myth of Nature Redefined”

February 17, 2000 Society for Photographic Education National Conference Savannah Georgia  
Panel Moderator, Paper Presented  
“From Theory to Practice; an Exploration of Teaching Strategies

October 1999 Photography and the Creative Process Symposium Auraria Campus, Denver, CO.  
Panel Member  
“Through the Class Darkly: Contemporary Issues in Photography”  
Public Lecture  
“From Silver to Silicon the Digital Image”

November 1997 Society of Photographic Education  
North East Regional Conference New York University.  
Panel Moderator, Presenter  
“A Cross-disciplinary Approach to Teaching Photography”

March 1996 Society of Photographic Education National Conference, Dallas, TX.  
Portfolio Reviewer

November 1995 Society of Photographic Education North East Regional Conference  
Panel Member  
“Resisting Theory, Rethinking and repackaging the Relevance of Theory” UMass. Amherst.

Spring 1995 Text and Image Conference  
Coordinator of conference including visiting artists and art historians working with image, text and new technology.  
Alfred University, Alfred, NY.

**COLLECTIONS**

Smithsonian American Art Museum  
Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art-State University of New York at New Paltz  
Center for Photography at Woodstock Permanent Collection  
New Mexico State University, Las Cruces  
Paine Webber Collection-John Szarkowski, Curator, New York, NY.  
Princeton Art Museum-Princeton University, Peter Bunnell, Curator, Princeton, NJ.  
Danforth Art Museum, Danforth, MA.

**UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER SERVICE**

2009-2013

College of Arts & Media

Executive Committee  
Chair-CAM Events Committee  
Chair- CAM By-Laws and Primary Unit Development Committee  
Chair-Associate Dean Search Committee  
Visual Arts Administrative Assistant Search



Chair-CAM Assistant Dean of Budget and Administration Search  
Chair-CAM Executive Assistant Search  
Chair-CAM Academic Advisor Search (two searches)  
CU Denver Live! Committee Chair  
Chair-Academic Policies Committee  
Dean's Advisory Board

University

Arts Core Chair General Education Assessment Project  
Budget Priorities Committee  
Maymester/Summer Initiatives Planning Group  
Undergraduate Working Group  
Associate Deans and Academic Support Group  
Assessment Advisory Committee

2008

College of Arts & Media

Executive Committee  
Primary Unit Committee Member  
CAM Ten-Year Anniversary Committee  
Associate Dean Search Committee  
Academic Policies Committee in the middle of the Fall 2008 semester.  
Dean's Advisory Board Meetings  
Administrative Assistant Search Committee  
Participant in Visual Arts Department Chair Faculty Search and  
Medical Illustrator Search

University

Associate Deans /Academic Support Group and Academic Support  
and Academic Leaders Group  
Undergraduate Working Group  
Budget Priorities Committee-Fall 2008 assignment.  
Maymester Planning Group  
Served on the EPPC Committee during the Spring 2008 semester

2007

College of Arts & Media

Chair-Electronic Design Search  
Committee Member-Art History Search  
Committee Member-Painting and Drawing Search  
Visual Arts Department Search Committee Member-Digital Animation  
Visual Arts Department Search Committee Member-Digital Design  
CAM RTP Primary Unit Committee  
CAM Executive Committee

University

Budget Priorities Committee  
Auraria Photography Lab Committee  
CAM Dean Search

2006  
(Sabbatical Fall 2006)  
College of Arts & Media

Chair-Electronic Design Search  
Primary Unit RTP  
Executive Committee  
Auraria Photography Lab Committee

2005  
College of Arts & Media

Auraria Center for Photography Faculty Committee  
Photography Area Head  
CAM Dean Search

University

University Budget Priorities Committee

2004  
College of Arts & Media

Auraria Center for Photography Faculty Committee  
Photography Area Head

University

CAM MFA Exploratory Committee

2003/2004  
Guggenheim Fellowship

2002  
College of Arts & Media

Photography Area Head  
Auraria Center for Photography Faculty Committee  
Search Committee Sculpture  
Search Committee Painting  
Search Committee MultiMedia  
Chair-Search Committee Photography

2001  
College of Arts & Media

Photography Area Head  
Auraria Center for Photography Faculty Committee

2000  
College of Arts & Media

Photography Area Head  
Auraria Center for Photography Faculty Committee

1999

College of Arts & Media

Budget Priorities Committee

University

Faculty Assembly Women's Issues Committee

1998

College of Arts & Media

Chair Committee for Collaborative Technology in the Arts

University

Faculty Assembly Women's Issues Committee

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

2011-2014

Regional Affairs Committee Chair

Organizational Advancement Committee Member

Society for Photographic Education

2008-2010

Executive Committee

Secretary

Atlanta 2011 National Conference Committee Member

Society for Photographic Education

March 2008

Museum of Contemporary Art Denver

Artists in Residence Selection Committee

March-December 2008

Dallas 2009 Conference Committee

Chair-Publications Committee

Society for Photographic Education

Spring 2006-2008

National Conference Chair

*Agents of Change: Art and Advocacy*

Denver 2008

Society for Photographic Education

Spring 2006-Present

National Board of Directors

Society for Photographic Education

Spring 2003-04

"The Educated Eye"

Regional Conference Co-Chair with Angie Buckley and Carol Golemboski

South West Region Society for Photographic Education

Auraria Campus

2001-2002

Portfolio Review Committee

National Conference

Society for Photographic Education, 2002 National Conference

Las Vegas, Nevada

2001-2002

National Conference Committee Member

Society for Photographic Education, 2002 National Conference

Las Vegas, Nevada

Spring 2000-2002

Chair, Southwest Region, Society for Photographic Education

Fall 1995-1998

Member, Institute for Electronic Arts

School of Art and Design NYSCC at Alfred University, NY.

1996-1998	Chair, Northeast Region Society for Photographic Education
1994-1996	Treasurer, Northeast Region Society for Photographic Education
1995-1996	Secretary, Northeast Region, Society for Photographic Education