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Education

- 2017 MFA, Photography, Tyler School of Art at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
Teaching in Higher Education Certificate, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
- 2013 BFA, Photography Concentration, University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL
BA, History, University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL

Current Creative Research

The Florida Barge Canal: Water, Progress, and a Slow Death investigates and photographs the long history of the defunct Florida Barge and Ship Canal. A trans-Florida canal would have theoretically saved merchants and the government time, money, and lives by avoiding the the southern tip of Florida. Throughout the canal's history, promoters and dissenters alike used the ideas of, progress, sustainability, and local interests to champion their cause. In the 1970's the canal was finally halted out of concern for Florida's aquifer. At 28% completion and a total cost 75 million dollars, it is the country's most expensive failed public works project and has left defunct dams, locks, reservoirs, and bridges all across the state of Florida.

Miniature Mysteries: Microphotographs, Encoding Methods and the Langenheim Brothers

This collaborative research project with Byron Wolfe investigates two rare 19th century microphotographs that depict a quarantine facility on Staten Island and shipping docks on Manhattan. Created by two 19th century photographers Frederick and William Langenheim, these peculiar microphotographs represent an early form of encoding but also establish links between the histories of immigration, mental health, photographic technology and the history of photography.

"Plain Ordinary Working People" a project featuring found Wal-Mart employee portraits from the 1980s. Using historical and social research methods a visual narrative is constructed from the found images. New pictures are made as a response to the found images, and certain individuals have been found and re-photographed, thirty years after the found images were taken.

Do Not Grow Weary is a three volume photobook which investigates the daily lives of three evangelical pastors through the lens of labor. This series also uses social research and statistics to show the struggle between pastoral responsibilities and their personal lives.

Academic Appointments

- 2022-now University of Houston-Clear Lake, Assistant Professor of Art & Design, Photography Area Head, Houston, TX.
- 2022 The College of New Jersey, Adjunct Art & Art History Faculty, Ewing, NJ.
- 2018-22 University of the Arts, Photo Faculty Coordinator, Continuing Education Certificate , Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017-23 Maine Media Workshops + College, Photography Instructor, Rockport, ME.
- 2017-22 Tyler School of Art & Architecture at Temple University, Adjunct Photography Faculty, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017-22 Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Adjunct Photography Faculty, Lancaster, PA.
- 2017-22 Delaware County Community College, Adjunct Photography Faculty, Media, PA.
- 2017 Instructor of Record, Tyler School of Art at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2027 (Forthcoming) *Plain, Ordinary, Working People*, BYU-Idaho, Jacob Spori Art Gallery, April 30-June 2, Rexburg, ID
- 2025 *Fractured Sublime*, Houston Center for Photography, HOU Gallery, November 20-December 14, Houston, TX
- Monoliths Among Palmettos*, Galveston Arts Center, Brown Foundation Gallery, August 9-November 4, Galveston, TX
[link to artist talk](#)

Juried Exhibitions

- 2025 *Surging Seas & Mounting Waves*, Webster Presbyterian Church, Webster, TX. Juror: India Allen
- 2024 *Family Ties*, Southeast Center for Photography, Greenville, SC. Juror: Lia Latty
Art & Design Faculty Exhibition, University of Houston-Clear Lake Art Gallery, Houston, TX.
Professors + Protégés, Johnnie Adolfo Civic Center, League City, TX.
Off-Topic Topographics, University of Houston-Clear Lake Art Gallery, Houston, TX.
- 2023 *7th Annual National Juried Exhibition*, Trinity Art Gallery, Sacramento, CA. Juror: Sandra Jean Ceas
- 2022 *Conversations with the Archive*, Southeast Center for Photography, Greenville, SC. Juror: Aline Smithson.
(Un)Natural Cycles: Air, Water, Land, Center for Fine Art Photography, Fort Collins, CO. [link](#) Juror: Elizabeth Cheng Wrist.
- 2021 *Light & Dark: September 2021*, Chestertown RiverArts, Chestertown, MD.
- 2019 *SPE Mid-Atlantic Members Exhibition*, Charles Demuth Museum, Lancaster, PA.
- 2018 *Pre[serve]: Works Inspired by Sawmill Preserve*, Lufrano Intercultural Gallery, University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL.
Reflections Through the Lens: An Exhibition of Landscape Photography, Wayne Art Center, Wanye, PA. (Juror's Award)
Pennsylvania College of Art & Design Faculty Biennial, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Lancaster, PA.
All the World's a Stage: Photographs from the Photography Department at the Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Pingyao International Photography Festival, Pingyao, China.
Members' Exhibition, Philadelphia Photo Arts Center, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 *Photography Re-Imagined VI: Visual Storytelling*, Tilt Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ. Juror: Cig Harvey
Of Memory, Bone & Myth 2017, Colonel Eugene Myers Gallery of Art, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND.
Plain Ordinary Working People, Temple Contemporary, Philadelphia, PA.
Art Through the Lens, Yeiser Art Center, Paducah, KY. Juror: Elliot Dudik
The Faculty Art Exhibition, Delaware County Community College, Media, PA.
International Exchange Exhibition, Creative Media Contents Program, Keimyung University, Daegu, South Korea
- 2015 *Expressions: LongFord Art Photography Portrait Exhibition and Competition*, Providers Building, Longford, Ireland
New Work, Southlight Gallery, Jacksonville, FL
- 2014 *Portraiture: Through the Lens*, Black Box Gallery, Portland, OR
Members' Choice, Southlight Gallery, Jacksonville, FL
XY: Masculinity in Photography, Darkroom Gallery, Essex, VT
The American South: An Exhibition by Aint-Bad Magazine, Atlanta Contemporary Arts Center, Atlanta, GA
The American South, Morris Museum, Augusta, GA
- 2013 *UNF Art and Design Student Juried Annual Exhibition*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Jacksonville, FL
The Territory of Light, CoRK Arts District, Jacksonville, FL
UNF Photography/Selected Works, Southlight Gallery, Jacksonville, FL
Light Sensitive IV, UNF Photography Portfolio Exhibition, Southlight Gallery, Jacksonville, FL
Annual Senior Show, Lufrano Gallery, Jacksonville, FL
Picturing Italy, Works From UNF's Study Abroad Program, Southlight Gallery, Jacksonville, FL
- 2012 *UNF Art and Design Student Juried Annual Exhibition*, UNF Gallery of Art, Jacksonville, FL (Honorable Mention)
Open Call: Your Greatest Hits, Photoplace Gallery, Middlebury, VT
Union Gallery, University of North Florida Student Union, Jacksonville, FL
(APP)erture Student Photo Exhibition, Since I was Twelve Gallery, Jacksonville, FL
- 2011 *UNF Art and Design Student Juried Annual Exhibition*, UNF Gallery of Art, Jacksonville, FL
From Film to Pixel, Gallery L, Jacksonville, FL

Web & Print Publications

- 2025 *Float Magazine*, Photograph Published, "Whispering Shadows" Online Juried Exhibition, January 2025
<https://www.floatmagazine.us/online-exhibitions/exhibitions/whispering-shadows#group-75>
- 2024 *Voyage Houston*, Interview and Project Publication: *Florida Barge Canal*, February 13, 2024
<https://voyagehouston.com/interview/meet-daniel-kraus-of-boulevard-oaks/>
The Photo Review, 2024 Photo Competition Web Gallery, Photograph Published, July 22nd, 2024
<https://photoreview.org/2024-competition-landscapes/>
Voyage Houston, Interview and Project Publication: *Plain, Ordinary, Working People*, July 24, 2024
<https://shoutouthtx.com/meet-daniel-kraus-artist-photography-professor/>
- 2022 *Lenscratch Photography Blog*, Interview and Project Publication: *Plain, Ordinary, Working People*, July 12, 2022
<http://lenscratch.com/2022/07/daniel-seth-kraus-plain-ordinary-working-people/>
- 2020 *Ruminate Magazine* issue 54, Photographic Project Published: *Plain, Ordinary, Working People*, March 2020
- 2019 *Rust Belt Biennial*, Sordoni Gallery at Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Top 50 Qualifier, August, 2019.
<https://www.rustbeltbiennial.com/#top-50>
Esquire Magazine Russia, Photographs Published, *Plain, Ordinary, Working People*, April 27th, 2019.
<https://esquire.ru/articles/95992-fotoistoriya-proekt-obyknovennye-rabotyagi-o-tom-kak-gipermarkety-stanovyatsya>
HUCK Magazine, Article written and photographs published, *Plain, Ordinary, Working People*, April 8th, 2019
www.huckmag.com/art-and-culture/photography-2/daniel-kraus-photography-walmart-plain-ordinary-working-people/
Lensculture Online Magazine, Interview and photographs published, *Plain, Ordinary, Working People*, April 1st, 2019
<https://www.lensculture.com/articles/daniel-seth-kraus-plain-ordinary-working-people>
Create Magazine, Interview and Photographs published, *Plain, Ordinary, Working People*, Issue 13, February 2019, p. 66-75.
- 2017 *Light Leaked Magazine*, Photographs Published, *Do Not Grow Weary*, Travel & Discovery Issue, August 2017
<http://www.lightleaked.com/exhibition-travel--discovery.html>
Edge of Humanity Magazine, Photographic Series Published, *Kentucky*, February 2017
<https://edgeofhumanity.com/2017/02/02/poverty/>
- 2016 *Fraction Magazine*, Photographic Series Published, *Do Not Grow Weary*, Issue 87, June 2016
<http://www.fractionmagazine.com/daniel-kraus>
Ignant Online Magazine, Photographic Series Published, *Do Not Grow Weary*.
<http://www.ignant.de/submissions/do-not-grow-weary/>
- 2015 The Photo Review 2014 Photo Competition Web Gallery, Photograph published, *Basil*.
<http://www.photoreview.org/wordpressindex/events/competition/2014-competition-shifting-identities/>
Ain't Bad Magazine, Photograph Published, *All Engines Running*, Issue 9, 2015
Oxford American Magazine: Eyes on the South, Photographic Series Published, *Do Not Grow Weary*.
<http://www.oxfordamerican.org/item/650-seeking-balance>
- 2014 *Aint-Bad Magazine*, Photograph Published, *Martha's Pictures*.
<http://aintbadmagazine.com/ACAC>
Aint-Bad Magazine, Photographic Series Published, *Kentucky*
<http://aintbadmagazine.com/Daniel-Kraus>
- 2013 *SEESAW Magazine*, Photographic Series Published, *Employees of the Months*, Issue 17
<http://seesawmagazine.com/krauspages/krausintro.html>
F-Stop Magazine, Photographs Published, *Arnold Welcomes* and *Bedtime*, Issue 59,
<http://www.fstopmagazine.com/grouperxhibition.html>
Saw Palm Magazine, Photograph Published, *I Remember*, University of South Florida, Issue 7, p.68, 2012.

Presentations and Writing Publications

- 2025 Artist Panel Discussion for *Fractured Sublime Exhibition*, Houston Center for Photography, Houston TX, November 20.
- 2024 Invited Guest Lecturer, St. Thomas High School, Houston, TX.
- 2023 SECAC 2023 National Conference, Panelist, *Photobooks in the Classroom*, Richmond, VA.
- 2022 Invited Guest Lecturer, Brigham Young University, Idaho, Rexburg, ID.
- Article Publication, *Pellicola Magazine*, "Picturing Jewish Generational Memory: Hannah Altman's Photobook *Kavana*," February 2nd, 2022. <https://www.pellicolamag.com/blog/hannah-altman/>
- Article Publication, *Pellicola Magazine*, "Magic in Materials: Caleb Charland's Photographs of Science," September 8th, 2022. <https://www.pellicolamag.com/blog/caleb-charland/>
- 2020 Society for Photographic Education, National Conference, Iimagemaker Presentation: *Miniature Mysteries: Decoding 19th Century Microphotographs*, University of Houston, Houston, TX.
- Beyond the Page at Temple University, *The History and Future of the Book*, Charles Library, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2019 Society for Photographic Education, Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, Artist Talk, *Miniature Mysteries: Decoding 19th Century Microphotographs*, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Lancaster, PA.
- New England College, Fellowship Talk, *One Foot In, One Foot Out: Participant Observation in Documentary Photography*, Manchester, NH, January 28th
- 2018 Library Company of Philadelphia, *William Birch and the Complexities of American Visual Culture: A Symposium*, Paper Presentation, "Tiny Mysteries: Decoding 19th-Century Microscopic Photographs from Philadelphia's Langenheim Brothers," October, 2018.
- SECAC 2018 National Conference, Panelist, *Bring Out Your Dead: Failed Attempts & Spectacular Disasters*, Birmingham, Alabama, October.
- The Wagner Free Institute of Science, Artist Presentation, *Tiny Mysteries: Decoding 19th-Century Microscopic Photographs Found at the Wagner*, Philadelphia, PA, May 17th.
- 2017 The Wagner Free Institute of Science, Fellowship Presentation, *Miniature Mysteries: Microscopic Photographs at the Wagner Free Institute of Science*, Philadelphia, PA, September 28th.
- 2016 International Conference of Photography and Theory, Paper Presentation, *Plain Ordinary Working People*, Nicosia, Cyprus, December.
- Society for Photographic Education Northeast Regional Conference, Artist Talk, *Plain Ordinary Working People*, New York City, NY, October.

Curatorial & Critic Work

- 2026 Featured Presenter, HCP Photobook Club, Hirsch Library, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Sept. 2026.
- 2025 Guest Critic, FLATS Photobook & Zine Critique, hosted at Basket Books and Art, June 20th.
- 2024 Curator, University of Houston-Clear Lake Art Gallery, *Off-Topic Topographics: A Contemporary Response to the New Topographics Exhibition*, March-April, [link](#).
- 2021 Curator, Charles Library at Temple University, *The Photobook: Making & Understanding*, October 2021, [link](#).
- 2015 Assistant to the Curators, University Gallery, University of North Florida, *Regarding Leisure: National Juried Exhibition*. Jurors: Alexander Diaz and Christopher Luhar-Trice.

Awards & Fellowships

- 2019 Teti Fellowship, The John Teti Rare Photography Book Collection, New Hampshire Institute of Art, Manchester.
- 2017 Temple University-Wagner Free Institute of Science Humanities & Arts Research Fellowship, Philadelphia, PA.
Dean's Student Grant, Tyler School of Art, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 College Arts Association, Professional-Development Fellowship in Visual Arts.
- 2013 Photography Student of the Year, University of North Florida, Jacksonville.
SAILS Scholarship, International Center, University of North Florida, Jacksonville.
Friends of Art and Design Scholarship, University of North Florida, Jacksonville.
Journey Scholarship, UNF Alumni Association, University of North Florida, Jacksonville.

Private and Public Collections

- 2019 John Teti Rare Photo Book Collection, Artist books, *Do Not Grow Weary* vol. 1-3, New Hampshire Institute of Art, Manchester, NH.
- 2017 The Wagner Free Institute of Science, 4 Print Portfolio from *Miniature Mysteries: Microphotographs, Encoding, and the Langenheim Brothers*, Philadelphia, PA.
Joseph Masheck Private Collection, "Martha's Bed", New York, NY.
- 2014 University of North Florida, Jacksonville, "Man Must Explore", Art on Campus Collection, FL.
- 2013 Kenneth Klein Private Collection, "Last Man Off Earth", Jacksonville, FL.

Professional Experience

- 2025 Program Development for Certificate in *Photography Foundations*, Houston Center for Photography, Houston TX.
My work with the Houston Center for Photography included curriculum development for their new *Photography Foundations* certificate program and creating a new introductory level course. I worked within a committee to sequence courses and set benchmark requirements for the certificate program. The course, entitled Visual Literacy, was developed to help students learn to make successful images by analyzing examples of successful photographs throughout history.
- 2022 Head of Photography Area, University of Houston-Clear Lake (BFA, Studio Art)
Redeveloping photo curricula (ie: updated course descriptions, developed new courses, converted photo classes from lecture to studio format, initiated inkjet printing to the photo classes), mentor BFA seniors, manage darkrooms, coordinate iMac lab and software with IT, schedule photo classes, manage adjunct faculty, coordinate TA's, handle course fees and budget, manage college-wide equipment checkout, order supplies and equipment.
- 2022 Writer, Pellicola Magazine, <https://www.pellicolamag.com/>
As a writer for Pellicola Magazine I produce monthly articles that are published on the magazine website. Recent articles have included interviews of photographers I have selected and photo-book reviews of more recent publications.
- 2019 Faculty Coordinator, University of the Arts, Digital Photo Certificate Program in Continuing Education, 2019-2020
Responsibilities include developing curriculum, recommending course offerings, and assisting in and recommending faculty hires to the Director of Continuing Education. Additionally, reviewing student applications for admittance to the program and writing promotional materials for brochures/blog posts supplemented responsibilities.
- Archive Assistant, Wiener Schiller Productions, Inc., Pineville, PA
Responsibilities included: Organizing prints from the Jacques Lowe archive (Chief Official Whitehouse Photographer for John F. Kennedy) in preparation for sale to the Brisco Center for American History at The University of Texas at Austin. Work included print selection, handling, and packing.
- 2017 Teaching Assistant, Maine Media Workshops + College.
Responsibilities included: Assisting Brenton Hamilton in teaching historic and alternative photographic processes like Tri-color Gum Printing, Cyanotypes, Brown Van Dyke, Wet-plate Collodion, Platinum/Palladium, Albumen.
- 2016 Teaching Assistant, Maine Media Workshops + College.
Responsibilities included: Assisting faculty during their workshop courses, coordinating logistics for students, and gathering equipment and materials. Selected instructors assisted were Amy Arbus, Greg Miller, Ron Haviv, Michael Wilson, Arthur Meyerson.
- 2013 Photography Lab Manager, University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL.
Responsibilities include: Maintaining facilities and equipment, ordering chemistry and equipment, assisting students in digital and analog labs, technical maintenance of lighting studios, and scheduling/coordinating student volunteer lab technicians.
- Periodicals Reference Assistant, Thomas G. Carpenter Library. University of North Florida, Jacksonville, 2013.
Responsibilities include: Assisting patrons in catalogue research, shelving and de-shelving periodicals and reference materials.
- 2012 Camp Photographer, Lifeway Christian Resources (FUGE Camps), Nashville, TN/ Williamsburg, KY, 2012.
Responsibilities include: Formal portraits of large student groups; Documentary photographs of mission-work for promotional materials.

2010 Photographer, Cady Studios, Jacksonville, FL.

Responsibilities include: Photographing formal and informal portraits of students on campus and in studio;
Monitoring and maintenance of studio equipment; Organizing and leading shoots on location.

Courses Taught

Studio Courses

Special Topics

Advanced Projects in Photography & Video, The College of New Jersey
Photo-Books: Making & Understanding, Tyler School of Art & Architecture
Web Arts, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design
The Shared Image: Photography & Social Media, Tyler School of Art & Architecture
Studio Lighting, University of the Arts
Portrait Photography, University of the Arts & University of Houston-Clear Lake
Documentary Photography, Maine Media Workshops + College
Advanced Digital Photography, University of Houston-Clear Lake

Digital Photography

Digital Photo 1, Tyler School of Art & Architecture & University of Houston-Clear Lake
Digital Photo 2, University of the Arts
Digital Photography 2, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design
Digital Darkroom, University of the Arts
Online Intro to Photography, Tyler School of Art & Architecture
Online Art Photo, Tyler School of Art & Architecture

Digital Media

Creative Digital Editing in Photoshop, University of the Arts
Digital Imaging, Delaware County Community College
Digital Fine Art Printing, University of the Arts
Digital Mixed Media, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design

Video & Sound

Introduction to Video, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design
Intermediate Video, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design
Sound Recording for Video, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design

Analogue Photography

Darkroom Photography 1, University of Houston-Clear Lake
Darkroom Photography 2, Delaware County Community College
Advanced Darkroom Photography, University of Houston-Clear Lake
Advanced Photo Workshop, Tyler School of Art & Architecture

Lecture and Mentorship Courses

Photo Dialogues: Issues and Introspection, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design
History and Theory of Photography, University of Houston-Clear Lake
History of Photography 2, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design
Landscape & Identity: Feminism and Environmentalism in Photography, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design
Professional Practices, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design
Capstone Photography Project, University of the Arts

In Class Guest Artists & Speakers

Hannah Altman - <https://www.hannahaltmanphoto.com/#1>
Keliy Anderson-Staley - <https://www.andersonstaley.com/>
Mark Chen - <https://www.markchenphotography.com/>
Ksenia Nouril - <https://www.linkedin.com/in/ksenianouril/>
Jessica Todd Harper - <https://www.jessicatodddharper.com/>
Jeffrey Stockbridge - <https://jeffreystockbridge.com/>
Byron Wolfe - <https://www.byronwolfe.com/>
Kyler Zeleny - <https://kylerzeleny.com/>

Professional Service

- 2025 Curriculum Committee representative, Dept. of Humanities & Fine Arts, University of Houston-Clear Lake
Faculty Advisor, Art Association at University of Houston-Clear Lake
- 2024 Blind reviewer for *Vernon Press*, Wilmington, DE.
Juror, *Deer Park High School Photography Exhibition*, UHCL Art Gallery, April-March, Houston, TX.
- 2021 Juror, Chestertown Riverarts Exhibition: *Light & Dark*, September, 2021, [link](#).
- 2019 Online Photo Curriculum Task Force, Tyler School of Art & Architecture at Temple University
- 2018 Society for Photographic Education, Local committee member, National Conference.
- 2016 Sustainability Committee of Temple University, Graduate Student Committee Member.
Juror, Tyler School of Art Fine Art Photography Club, Fundraising Print Sale.
Artist Talk & Interview, University of North Florida, Department of Art & Design, May 31st.
- 2013 Student Photography Lab Assistant, University of North Florida.
President, Photo Club, University of North Florida.
- 2012 Vice-President, Photo Club, University of North Florida, Jacksonville.

Professional Affiliations

Society for Photographic Education, Member
College Arts Association, Member
Southeast College of Art Conference, Member
Philadelphia Museum of Art, Artist Member
Houston Center for Photography, Member
New Orleans Photo Alliance, Member