

# Michael Wessel

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## Savannah College of Art and Design

Savannah, GA  
MFA: November 2007  
Major: Photography  
GPA 3.95

## Columbia College

Columbia, MO  
Bachelor of Fine Arts: June, 1990  
Major: Photography  
Minor: Painting  
GPA 3.79, Magna Cum Laude

## *Adjunct Curator and Studio Technician*—South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, SC

### Fall 2013

ARTH 315 - Exhibition Techniques

Duties include: overseeing and managing the FAB Gallery, selecting and working with incoming artists, maintaining all studio equipment and darkroom equipment in the art department, coordinating events for the gallery and with the I. P. Stanback Museum, coordinating the campus Arts Festival, writing press releases and upkeep of all internet driven blogs and sites, serving on committees as needed, teaching, grading, using Blackboard and Banner, creating assignments, ordering and directing services for maintenance.

## *Instructor II* - Virginia Western Community College, Roanoke, VA

### Summer 2013

Photography I

### Spring 2013

Photography I

Fundamentals of Design I

### Fall 2012

Photography I

Fundamentals of Design I

### Summer 2012

Photography I

Photography I

### Spring 2012

Photography I

Drawing I

Fundamentals of Design I

### Fall 2011

Photography I

Photography I

Drawing I

Fundamentals of Design I

### Summer 2011

Photography I

Photography I

### Spring 2011

Photography I

Introduction to Digital

Photography

Drawing II

Fundamentals of Design I

### Fall 2010

Photography I

Photography I

Drawing I

Fundamentals of Design I

### Summer 2010

Photography I

Fundamentals of Design I

Fundamentals of Design II

### Spring 2010

Digital Photography II

Introduction to Digital

Photography

Drawing II

### Fall 2009

Drawing I

Drawing II

Fundamentals of Design I

Duties included; teaching 2-4 classes per semester; working closely with students; maintaining office hours; taking care of the permanent collection; helping with student art show; maintaining and inventorying photography equipment; juror of art for a local elementary school; grading and using Blackboard; creating assignments.

## *Instructor* –ITT Technical Institute, Salem, VA

### Spring 2013

Rapid Visualization and Drawing Techniques

### Fall 2012

Basic Design Theory and Method (Photoshop and Illustrator)

Physical Networking (substitute ½ quarter)

### Spring 2012

Rapid Visualization and Drawing Techniques

Duties included: Teaching 1-2 classes per quarter; substitute teaching when faculty were absent; tutoring students; photographing graduation ceremonies; advising students.

## ***Teaching Assistant or Internship - Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA***

### **Summer 2007**

TA - SSS high school program

### **Spring Quarter 2007**

TA - Photography Foundations I

### **Winter Quarter 2007**

TA - Advanced Digital &  
Digital Craft (Graduate Level)

### **Summer Quarter 2006**

TA - Lighting of Provence

TA - Travel Photography

Duties included: Teaching and lecturing undergraduates and graduate students; assisting with grading; maintaining both the digital darkroom and darkroom in France; administering tests; creating assignments.

## **Adult Education**

**April 2010 – August 2013**

**City of Roanoke - Parks and Recreation, Roanoke, VA**

- Courses Taught: Lightroom 4, Beginning Digital Camera, Advanced Digital Camera, Beginning Studio Lighting, Photoshop Elements, Night Photography and Advanced Photoshop Elements.
- Conceived and presented classes in the usage of digital cameras, studio lighting, Photoshop Elements.

**Oct. 2009 – June 2012**

**Digital Camera Instructor and Photo Technician: Photo USA, Roanoke, VA**

- Digital Cameras for Beginners and Advanced Digital Camera
- Conceived and presented classes in the usage of digital cameras, printing and downloading.
- Processing film, digital and RA-4 printing, Photoshop retouching.

**2004 - 2013**

**Photoshop Tutoring, Columbia, MO; Savannah, GA; Roanoke, VA**

- Teaching Photoshop CS 1-5, 7 and Elements to clients and students.
- Lessons on Dreamweaver CS3
- Clients have included Professor Zig Jackson and artist Sandra Colquitt

## **Other University Work Experience**

**2000 - 2001**

**University of Missouri – Columbia, MU News Bureau**

- Office Support Staff IV

**1997 - 2000**

**University of Missouri – Columbia, Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory**

- Office Support Staff II-IV

**1995 – 1997**

**University of Missouri – Columbia, University Hospital and Clinics**

- Clerk II

## **Related Work Experience**

**2009 – 2012**

**Photo USA; Photo Lab Technician and Class Instructor**

**2005 – 2009**

**Rite Aid/Eckerd; Assistant Store Manager/Photo Lab Technician**

**2005 – 2008**

**Independent B/W Technician; Contractor for Bay Camera**

**2000 – 2005**

**Columbia Photo; Digital Imaging/Large Format Printing & Framing Manager**

**1995**

**Picture Corporation of America; Studio Manager**

**1991 – 1994**

**Columbia Photo; Interim Studio Manager/Studio Photographer**

**1990**

**National Fisheries Contaminant Research Center (USD): Artist**

## **Artist and Guest Speaker Lectures**

**Oct. 24, 2013**

**How We Got From There To Here**

- Artist Lecture at SCSU FAB Gallery.
- Lecture based on my bodies of work *Direction* and *Tops, Bottoms & Middles*.

**Nov. 11, 2010**

**Gathering in the Galleries**

- Artist Lecture at Viridian Gallery, Roanoke, VA.
- Hour lecture based on my body of work *Aquasulis*.

- Oct. 29, 2010      **Speaking Light Series: *The Loving Family***
  - Artist Lecture at Pointe Park University, Pittsburgh, PA.
  - Hour lecture based on my body of work *The Loving Family*.
- Feb. 2008      **Digital Camera Instructor: Bay Camera, Savannah, GA**
  - Digital Camera Classes
  - Conceived and presented classes in the usage of digital cameras, printing and downloading.
- Nov. 2007      ***Scanners: Flatbed, Nikon Cool Scan, & Imacon Flextight Drum Scanners, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA***
  - Guest Lecturer for Allison Knight's *Black and White Techniques* class.
  - Lectured undergraduate students on scanning and digital imaging.
- Oct. 2007      ***Outside Lighting and Onboard Flash Techniques, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA***
  - Guest Lecturer for Allison Knight's *Foundations I* classes, Savannah College of Art and Design.
  - Lectured undergraduate students on flash photography and lighting techniques.
- Oct. 2007      ***Using the Rip Software and Large Format Printers, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA***
  - Guest Lecturer for Larry Dixon's *Digital Craft I* class, Savannah College of Art and Design.
  - Lectured graduate students on Large Format Printing using Image Print Software and Epson 7800 and 9800 printers.
- Oct. 2007      ***Savannah College of Art and Design in Lacoste, France, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA***
  - Society of Photographic Education Southeast (SPeSe)
  - Presentation on Savannah College of Art & Design's programs in France.
- Sept. 2007      ***How to use a Zone VI enlarger, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA***
  - Guest Lecturer for Meryl Truett's *Black and White Craft* class.
  - Lectured graduate students about the use of Black and White Zone XI enlargers.
- July 2007      ***Cyanotypes: Processes and History, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA***
  - Taught Girl Scouts the history and process of cyanotypes.
  - Students made their own cyanotypes.

### Gallery Representation

- 2012-13      **Second Helpings**, Regional Exhibit, Invitational, Roanoke, VA
- 2010      **Viridian Gallery**, Featured Artist Exhibit, Invitational, Roanoke, VA
- 2008-10      **Somerhill Art Gallery**, Regional Exhibit, Invitational, Durham, NC
- 2000      **HippoGallery**, Regional Exhibit, Invitational, Columbia, MO

### Juror

- 2010      **Art Heals**, Regional Exhibit, Invitational, Hidden Valley High School, Roanoke, VA
- **Student Art Competition**, Regional Exhibit, Invitational, local grade schools, Roanoke, VA
- **Hot Time, Summer in the City**, Regional Exhibit, Invitational, Mooresville Artist Guild, Mooresville, NC

### Solo and Group Exhibitions

- 2013      **How We Got From There to Here**, South Carolina State University, FAB Gallery, Orangeburg, SC

- 8x8 Photo Party**, Silver Eye Center for Photography, Pittsburgh, PA
  - The Loving Family**, South Carolina State University, FAB Gallery, Orangeburg, SC
  - Art Faculty Exhibition**, Virginia Western Community College, Roanoke, VA
- **2012**
  - Roanoke Exposure Group Show**, Second Helpings Gallery, Roanoke, VA
  - Roanoke Exposure Group Show**, Frank's Restaurant, Vinton, VA
  - Mark Cline: Blue Ridge Barnum**, Invitational, Taubman Museum of Art, Roanoke, VA
  - Art Faculty Exhibition**, Virginia Western Community College, Roanoke, VA
- **2011**
  - Tops Bottoms and Middles**, Solo Show, Torinos, Roanoke, VA
  - The Last Minute Art Show**, Invitational, Jefferson Center, Roanoke, VA
  - Art Faculty Exhibition**, Virginia Western Community College, Roanoke, VA
- **2010**
  - Self, Family and Landscapes**, WUTF Gallery, Three Person Exhibit, Roanoke, VA
  - I Shot the Serif**, Faculty Art Exhibition, Virginia Western Community College, Roanoke, VA
- **2007**
  - The Loving Family**, Hall Street Gallery, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA
  - Third Times the Charm**, Regional Photography Exhibit, Invitational, B. Matthews Gallery, Savannah, GA
- **2007**
  - Lacoste Exhibition/ Vernissage: Aquae Sulis and Wrapped Figures** an installation inside *Chimerres* installation by Mimi Hoang and Eric Bunge of nArchitects, New York, NY; Lacoste, France
  - Agree to Disagree**, Regional Photography Exhibit, Invitational, Starlander Gallery, Savannah, GA
- **2004**
  - Nature-AntiNature and Form**, Solar Gallery, Unity Center of Columbia, Columbia, MO
  - All in Life's Work**, Ninth Street Deli, Columbia, MO
- **2003**
  - All in Life's Work**, Solar Gallery, Unity Center of Columbia, Columbia, MO
- **1986**
  - Images in Light**, Columbia College, Columbia, MO

### Juried Exhibitions

- **2013**
  - Civil Rights Show**, South Carolina State University, I. P. Stanback Museum, Orangeburg, SC
- **2011**
  - Land + Link**, Regional Art Exhibit, Juried by: Pete Eshelman, Nancy Gray and Mark Taylor; O. Winston Link Museum, Roanoke, VA
  - 2011 Biennial Juried Exhibition**, Regional Art Exhibit, Juried by: Carter Foster, Whitney Museum of American Art, NY; Roanoke College, Salem, VA
  - HOME...is where the camera is**, Regional Art Exhibit, Online Gallery; Juried by: Julie Blackmon, Photoplace Gallery, Middlebury, VT
- **2010**
  - WUTF Art Show**, Regional Art Exhibit, Juried by: Della Watkins, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts; WUTF Radio, Roanoke, VA
  - 2010 John Faber Memorial Photography Contest and Show**, Regional Photography Exhibit, Juried, Smith Mountain Lake, VA
- **2008**
  - Tis the Season**, Desoto Row Gallery, Juried Show, Savannah, GA
- **2007**
  - National Juried Exhibition 2007**, National Photography Exhibit, Juried by: Nandini Makrandi Jestice, Arts & Culture Alliance; First Place, Knoxville, TN
  - Atlanta Open Studio Exhibition**, Regional Photography Exhibit, Juried by: Jenny Kuhla, Savannah College of Art and Design; Atlanta, GA
  - Growing Up and Looking Back**, National Art Exhibit, Juried by: Craig Burkhalter, Director of Contemporary Art Exchange; RFD Gallery, Swainsboro, GA
  - Silverworks Open Exhibition**, Regional Photography Exhibit, Juried, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA
- **2006**
  - Atlanta Open Studio Exhibition**, Regional Photography Exhibit, Juried by: Craig Stevens, Tom Fischer, and Jaclyn Cori-Norman; Atlanta, GA
  - Lacoste Exhibition/ Vernissage: Aquae Sulis and Wrapped Figures** an installation inside *Chimerres* installation by Mimi Hoang and Eric Bunge of nArchitects, New York, NY; Lacoste, France
  - Agree to Disagree**, Regional Photography Exhibit, Invitational, Starlander Gallery, Savannah, GA
- **2004**
  - Visions**, Regional Photography Exhibit, Juried, First National Bank, Columbia, MO
- **2003**
  - Visions**, Regional Photography Exhibit, Juried, First National Bank, Columbia, MO
  - Boone County National Bank Art Show**, Regional Art Exhibit, Juried, Drawing, Boone County Bank, Columbia, MO

- **2002** **Visions**, Regional Photography Exhibit, Juried, First National Bank, Columbia, MO  
**Canon Digital Creators Contest**, International Exhibit, Juried, Exhibition held in New York, NY, and Tokyo, Japan
- **2001** **Visions**, Regional Photography Exhibit, Juried, First National Bank, Columbia, MO  
**Boone County National Bank Art Show**, Regional Art Exhibit, Juried, Drawing, Boone County Bank, Columbia, MO
- **2000** **Visions**, Regional Photography Exhibit, Juried, First National Bank, Honorable Mention: Photography, Columbia, MO
- **1990** **Boone County National Bank Show**, Regional Art Exhibit, Juried, Boone County Bank, Honorable Mention: Painting, Columbia, MO  
**Columbia College Student Art Show**, Regional Art Exhibit, Juried, First Place: Photography and Drawing, Columbia College, Columbia, MO
- **1989** **Alpha Chi Honor Society Art Exhibit**, National Art Exhibit, Invitational, New Orleans, LA  
**Columbia Art League Art Exhibit**, Regional Art Exhibit, Juried, Honorable Mention: Photography, Columbia Art League, Columbia, MO

### Awards, Publications and Designs

- **2014** I. P. Stanback Museum catalog and upcoming book on African Art.
- **2010** "A Critique," Articles critiquing the work of local photographers for the Roanoke Camera Club Newsletter; 3 newsletters
- **2007** Winner of Fall Thesis Grant, Savannah College of Art and Design  
Photograph published in "Silverworks," Savannah College of Art & Design  
Published in the 2007 SCAD Calendar and Website.
- **2006** "Festival de Lacoste", Poster for Pierre Cardin, Lacoste, France  
Travel Scholarship, Savannah College of Art and Design
- **2005-7** Academic Fellowship, Recipient, Savannah College of Art and Design
- **2005** "Salt Solutions" Poster and flyers produced for *A Call to Serve International*, to be viewed in Georgia of Eastern Europe.
- **1989** Photograph published on cover of Alpha Chi Honor Society national magazine "The Recorder."

### Professional Experience and Skills

- Expert skills with analog 4x5 & 11x14 cameras, Hasselblad 1D digital, Mamiya Pro 645 and RB67, various SLR and DSLR cameras, and a vast amount of studio equipment.
- Expert in studio lighting.
- Extensive professional experience using and teaching Adobe Photoshop 4 –CS6, Illustrator and Lightroom 1-4.
- Experience in web site creation using Dreamweaver and Flash.
- Movies and slide presentations using Adobe Première and PowerPoint. This has included using capture devices, software conversion, 8mm, Super 8, Digital 8, 16mm and digital media.
- PC and Macintosh environments.
- Extensive software experience including: Microsoft Office, DVD architecture software and much more.
- Color profiling and use of color monitor profiling, image capturing devices (Imacon Flextight Drum Scanner; Nikon, Canon, and Minolta film scanners; Epson and Agfa flatbed scanners), and various imaging software.
- Expert in use of various substrates, framing, mounting and over laminates.
- Digital printing using Epson 9600, 9800, 7800; Roland Sol-Jet, Colorspan X-12, Colorspan 6000, plus various rip software including Image Print.
- Durst Theta and Noritsu film and paper processors, E-6 processors.
- Experience with historical Platinum-Palladium, Gum Bi-chromate, and Cyanotypes printing processes.

## Organizations

- College Arts Association
- Society for Photographic Education
- Digital Imaging Marketing Association
- Roanoke Camera Club
- Exposure Roanoke