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RESENT EMPLOYMENT & VOLUNTEER WORK

MARLBORO COLLEGE, Marlboro, VT
Emeriti Faculty Tenured member of faculty who taught all levels of photography courses 1990 – 2020 when the college closed.
IN-SIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT, Brattleboro, VT. Founding Director, a volunteer program offering free classes to area youth www.insight-photography.org/
EXPOSURES PROJECT, Co-Founder & Co-Director, A Cross Cultural Based Photography Program for youth from Vermont, New York City, The Navajo Tribe, Arizona and The Oglala Lakota Sioux Tribe in Pine Ridge South Dakota www.exposures-program.org/
VERMONT COLLEGE MFA in Visual Arts, Frequent Visiting Critic and Artist Teacher since the early 1990's, Montpelier, Vermont
KHMER CHILDRENS EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION, Advisory Board Member for the non governmental school in the village of Ang, Kampong Chhnang Province, Cambodia

EDUCATION

1986	The Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI Master of Fine Arts Degree, Photography
1979	The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA Bachelor of Arts Degree in Photography and Psychology
1977	Franconia College, Franconia, NH Associate of Arts Degree

PERMANENT PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, DE
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA
The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Bibliotheque Nationale de France, Paris, France
Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton, NJ
The Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, Tokyo, Japan
The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
George Eastman House Museum, Rochester, NY
The Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
The Heard Museum, Phoenix, AZ
Yale University Gallery of Art, New Haven, CT
The Catskill Center for Photography, Woodstock, NY
The Houston Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Yale University, CT
The Photography Collection, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
The Rhode Island School of Design Art Museum, Providence, RI
Arizona State University, Northlight Gallery Collection, Tempe, AZ

Florida State University, Pensacola, FL
DeCordova Sculpture Park & Museum, Lincoln, MA
Meade Museum of Art, Amherst, MA
Center For Creative Photography, Phoenix, AZ
Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA
The Smith College Art Museum, Amherst, MA
The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, MO
Southeast Museum of Photography, Daytona Beach, FL
The New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, CT
Oglala Lakota Sioux Tribal Archive, Kyle, SD
Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, IL
Hallmark Museum of Contemporary Photography, Turners Falls, MA
The High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA
The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
The Amon Carter Museum, Fort Worth, TX
Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA
Boston Public Library, Boston, MA
Portland Museum of Art, Portland, OR
Currier Gallery of Art, Manchester, NH
Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, OH
Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME
Robert Hull Fleming Museum, Burlington, VT
Lowe Art Museum, University of Miami, FL
Palace of the Governors, NM Museum of History, Santa Fe, NM
Akron Museum of Art, Akron, OH
Bennington Museum, Bennington, VT
The Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College Hanover, NH
Museum of Photographic Arts, San Diego, CA
Mount Holyoke College Art Museum, Holyoke, MA
Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO
Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, WA
Museum of Photographic Arts, Tampa, FL
Anderson Gallery of American Art, Andover, MA
Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI
Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, NE
Fred Jones Museum of Art, Norman, OK
Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Cambridge, MA
Turchin Center for the Arts, Boone, NC
Fralin Museum of Art, Charlottesville, VA
New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA
Norwalk Community College, Norwalk, CT
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Archive, Eagle Butte, SD
Haverford College, Haverford, PA
Emerson College, Boston, MA
Sitting Bull College, Fort Yates, ND
Thorne Sagendorf Gallery, Keene State College, Keene, NH
Center for the Study of Place, Arthur, NE

AWARDS & SPONORS

2020 INDIES FORWARD Best Book of 2019 in the Regional Category for Mni
Wiconi, Honoring the Water Protectors and the Ongoing Indigenous
People's Struggle for Sovereignty.
2018 Ellen McCulloch-Lovell Award in Arts Education, Vermont Arts Council
2016 Artist Creation Grant recipient, Vermont Arts Council
2015 Artist's Development Grant recipient, Vermont Arts Council

- 2013 Photographer's Audience Engagement Grant, Open Society Institute
2011 John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship recipient
Vermont Arts Endowment Fund, Individual Artists Grant
2005 Artist's Fellowship, Vermont Arts Endowment recipient
Recipient Faculty Development Grant to work on digital processes
John Anson Kittredge Educational Fund recipient
2004 Vermont Arts Council on the Arts, Individual Artist's Grant Recipient
2003 Recipient Professional Development Grant to complete work on a book
2001 Recipient Professional Development Grant to return to Pine Ridge
Reservation and photograph the Lakota Sioux people
2000 Vermont Council on the Arts, Individual Project Grant recipient
Vermont Arts Endowment Fund, Individual Artists Grant
Vermont Council on the Arts, Incentive Grant recipient
Vermont Council on the Arts, Individual Artist's Project Grant recipient
1998 Recipient Faculty Professional Development Grant, to photograph Lakota
people on Pine Ridge Reservation, SD
1995 Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University
1994 Vermont Council on the Arts Fellowship Recipient
1993 Vermont Council on The Arts Individual Fellowship Grant recipient
Vermont Council on The Arts Project Grant for In-sight recipient
1992 Sponsored by Kodak Professional Services, to teach
photography in grades 1st through 6th at the Dover
Elementary School, Dover, VT
1987 1st Prize, Light Exposure, Williamsport, PA
1986 Polaroid International Collection, Equipment Grant
Polaroid Foundation, Equipment Grant, for teaching
photography in Linden Lodge Nursing Home
1985 Photo Spiva Award, Joplin, Missouri
Polaroid Foundation, Equipment Grant
Sponsored by the Elmwood Health Center Nursing Home,
Providence, RI
Purchase Award, Pensacola National, Pensacola, FL

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 Vision Project, online solo exhibition
SDN, Social Documentary Network online solo exhibition
2019 Feick Art Center, Green Mountain College, Poultney, VT
Robert Floyd Photography Gallery, Southampton, MA
2018 Spheris Contemporary Gallery, North Adams, MA
Daytona State College, Daytona Beach, FL
Tammy Cromer Gallery, Dallas TX
2017 Vermont Center For Photography, Brattleboro, VT
2016 Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, Brattleboro, VT
Norwalk Community College, Norwalk, CT
Northfield Mount Hermon School, Mount Hermon, MA
2015 South Gallery, Greenfield Community College, Greenfield, MA
2014 South Mountain High School, Chinle,
Estrella Mountain Community College, Avondale, AZ
2013 Northlight Gallery, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
Florida Museum of Photographic Arts, Tampa, FL
New School of Arts & Academics, Tempe, AZ
Santa Fe University of Art & Design, Santa Fe, NM
2011 Amherst College, Amherst, MA
Bennington Museum, Bennington, VT
2010 Union College, Schenectady, NY
2009 Rhode Island College, Providence, RI *

2008 The University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA *
The Williston School, East Hampton, MA
University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, MA
Putney School, Putney, Vermont

2007 Hallmark Museum of Contemporary Photography, Turners Falls, MA *
Loomis Chaffee School, Windsor, CT

2006 Nancy Price Gallery, Manchester, Vermont

2005 Oglala Lakota College, Kyle, SD
Nancy Price Gallery, Manchester, Vermont
School for International Training, Brattleboro, Vermont

2004 Vermont Center for Photography, Brattleboro, VT

2003 Robert V. Fullerton Art Museum, San Bernardino, CA
University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

2002 Southern Vermont Art Center, Manchester, VT
Visual Studies Workshop, Rochester, NY *
Paletti Photography Gallery, Louisville, KY
Light Factory, Charlotte, NC

2001 Hampshire College, Amherst, MA
Houston Center for Photography, Houston, TX
Palm Beach Community Photographic Center, Delray Beach, FL
Flat Street Photography Gallery, Brattleboro, VT

2000 Stark Gallery, Chelsea, NYC
Blue Sky Gallery, Portland, OR
Greenfield Community College, Greenfield, MA
Philadelphia Art Alliance, Philadelphia, PA
Photographic Resource Center, Boston, MA

1999 Community College of Rhode Island, Warwick, RI

1997 Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

1996 Drury Art Gallery, Marlboro, VT

1994 Governor's Gallery, Vermont State House, Montpelier, VT
Robert Hull Flemming Museum, Burlington, VT
Vermont State Craft Center, Windsor, VT

1993 Tulsa Photo Collective, Tulsa, OK

1992 Zone VI Workshop, Putney, VT

1991 Catskill Center for Photography, Woodstock, NY
Vermont State Craft Center, Middlebury, VT

1990 Camp D'Osservazione, Gubbio, Italy
University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI
Lycoming College, Williamsport, PA

1989 Midtown Y Gallery, New York, NY
State University of Idaho, Pocatello, ID

1988 Colby-Sawyer College, New London, NH
Pittsburgh Filmmakers, Pittsburgh, PA
Massachusetts College of Art, A Floor Gallery, Boston, MA
Griffith Gallery, Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, TX

1987 Cornerstone/Clearlight Gallery, Waltham, MA
The Putney School, Putney, VT
McKillop Gallery, Regina College, Newport, RI

1986 Historic Windsor House, Windsor, VT
Linden Lodge Nursing Home, Brattleboro, VT
Red Eye Gallery, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
Artspace, Franklin County Arts Council, Greenfield, MA
Loomis Chaffee School, Windsor, CT
Granite Hills Photo Gallery, Hardwick, VT

1985 Clinton Arts Council, Plattsburgh, VT

1984 Brattleboro Museum and Arts Center, Brattleboro, VT

- 1981 Tyler Gallery, Marlboro College, VT
Zephyr Designs, Brattleboro, VT
The Common Ground, Brattleboro, VT
1980 Blue Sky Gallery, Outer Space, Portland, OR
1979 The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA
Franconia College, Franconia, NH
(* denotes a Two Person Recycled Realities exhibit)

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 Northlight Gallery, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
2019 Dorsky Gallery Curatorial Programs in Long Island City
Pingyao International Photography Festival, Pingyao, China
Works On Paper, Bennington Art Museum, Bennington, VT
Body Politic, Thorne Sagendorph Gallery, Keene State College, Keene, NH
Smith College Art Museum, Amherst, MA
2018 Eye On The West, Beinecke Library, Yale University, New Haven, CT
Landscapes, Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, MA
2017 Group Exhibit, Yale Gallery, Yale University, New Haven, CT
2016 New Acquisitions, Mount Holyoke College Art Museum, Holyoke, MA
Smith College Art Museum, Northampton, MA
2015 Eyes On The Land, Shelburne Museum, Shelburne, VT
Paradise, Curated by the Fallen Fruit Collective, Portland Art Museum, OR
2014 So Little Time, Dianich Gallery, Brattleboro, VT
2013 Yale University Gallery of Art, New Haven, CT
High Trash, Fleming Museum, Burlington, VT
Moving Walls Exhibition 19, Open Society Institute, Washington, D.C.
2012 A New Vision: Modernist Photography, Currier Gallery of Art,
2011 Manchester, NH
Creative Continuum, Center for Creative Photography, Tucson, AZ
Moving Walls Exhibition 19, Open society Foundation, NY, NY
2010 Four Eyes, Brattleboro Museum and Art Center, Brattleboro, VT
Paletti Photography Gallery, Louisville, KY
Masterworks of American Photo: Popular Culture, Amon Carter
Museum, Fort Worth, TX
2009 Anthology Recent Works/Acquisitions, Southeast Museum of
Photography, Daytona Beach, FL
2008 In The Absence, Spheris Gallery, Hanover, NH
Hallmark Museum of Contemporary Photography
2006 Foster Gallery, Dedham, MA
Southern Vermont Arts Center, Manchester, Vermont
2005 Relationships/A Ten Year Bond, Center for Photography Woodstock,
NY
Mark Wooley Gallery, Portland Oregon
2004 Vermont Arts Council "Exposures" Montpelier, VT
International Center for Photography, The Point, Bronx, NY
Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, Brattleboro, VT
Gallery Kayafas, Boston, MA
Gallery A3 Arts Alliance Association, Amherst, MA
2002 Silver Eye Photography Center, Pittsburgh, PA
Flat Street Photography, Brattleboro, VT
2000 Hampshire College Invitational, Amherst, MA
Newton Art Center, Newton MA
Karen Lepold Gallery, Metairie, LA
Woods Gerry Gallery, R.I.S.D., Providence, RI
"The Director's Choice" Photo Americas , AR, and Portland, OR
1999 Photographers Photograph Themselves, Flat Street Photography,

- Brattleboro, VT
R.I.S.D. on the Road, Traveling Juried Exhibition
Stratton Mountain Arts Festival, Stratton, VT
1998 Post Pastoral, Photographs of the New England Landscape
Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, Dartmouth, NH
1997 Greenfield Community College Faculty Exhibit, Greenfield, MA
Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, Brattleboro, VT
1996 "Nature & History - Five Artists Photography in the Land"
Linfield College, McMinnville, OR
Gustufson Gallery of Photography, London, England
1995 "Flesh & Blood, Photographers Photograph Their Families"
Friends of Photography, San Francisco, CA
Stichting Foto Manifestate Eindhoven Festival, Eindhoven,
Netherlands
1994 Brattleboro Museum & Arts Center, Brattleboro, VT
Inside Out, Teacher As Artist T. Woods Gallery, Montpelier, VT
1993 "Flesh & Blood, Photographers Photograph Their Families"
Traveling Exhibit, Kirkcaldy Museum, Kirkcaldy, Scotland
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
Greenfield Community College Faculty Exhibit, Greenfield, MA
Stratton Mountain Arts Festival, Stratton, VT
Thorne Sagendorph Gallery, Keene, NH
1992 "Ways & Means" Springfield Art Museum, Springfield, MO
Three Photographers, Woodstock Gallery, Woodstock, VT
"The American Dream" Catskill Center of Photography,
Woodstock, NY
1991 "New Acquisitions" Houston Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX
"Shadow Catchers" Windham Art Gallery, Brattleboro, VT
1990 "Figuring The Body" Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
"Flesh & Blood" The Light Factory, Charlotte, NC

PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 Requiem for the Innocents, For El Paso & Beyond, Photographs by John
Willis, Poetry by Robin Behn & Music By Matan Rubinstein, to be
published by George F. Thompson Press
New Observations Art Journal #135, The Pine Ridge Reservation
Prisoner of War Camp #344
2019 MNI WICONI, Water Is Life, Honoring the Water Protectors at Standing
Rock and Everywhere in the Ongoing Struggle for Indigenous
Sovereignty, George F. Thompson Press
Views From The Reservation, Revised Edition, George F. Thompson
Press
2018 Eye On The West, Beinecke Library, Yale University, New Haven, CT
2014 So Little Time, Word's and Images for a World in Climate Crisis, Green
Writer's Press
2013 Undermining, by Lucy Lippard, published by the New Press
2012 Rhode Island School of Design, XYZ, Spring/Summer Issue
2011 Photo District News, Education Fall 2011 issue
Pasatiempo, New Mexico's Arts & Culture Magazine
Esquire Russia On-Line Edition
South Dakota Magazine
Vermont Public Radio Interview
2010 Monograph Publication "A View From The Reservation" w/ CD of music,
published by The Center for American Places & Columbia College
Sacred Fire Magazine
2006 Publication of "Recycled Realities" collaborative book with Tom Young.

- published by The Center for American Places & Columbia College
Watershed Magazine, February/March issue featured photographer
- 2004 Place, Art, and Self, By Yi-Fu Tuan
- 2003 Adbusters Magazine
Hunger Mountain Literary Magazine, Vermont College
University of Tampa Literary Magazine, Tampa, FL
Edgar, Literary Magazine, Texas
- 2002 The Spirit of Family, edited by Al & Tipper Gore
- 2001 Hasselblad Forum International Artist Portfolio
Potash Hill Magazine featured artist
“SPECK A Curious Collection of Uncommon Things”
Princeton Architectural Press
- 2000 Lenswork Quarterly #30, Featured Artist
Orion Magazine, featured artist portfolio

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Schools and programs where John Willis has taught photography:

Marlboro College - Marlboro, VT
Exposures Project – Pine Ridge Reservation, SD
School of the Museum of Fine Arts - Boston, MA
Princeton University - Princeton, New Jersey
Rhode Island School of Design – Providence, RI
Harvard University - Carpenter Center – Cambridge, MA
Vermont College MFA Program - Montpelier, VT
Little Singer School, Navajo Reservation, AZ
Lycoming College - Williamsport, PA
Southeastern Massachusetts University - Dartmouth, MA
Zone VI Workshops - Putney, VT
Salve Regina College – Newport, RI
University of Connecticut – Storrs, CT
Linden Lodge Nursing Home - Brattleboro, VT
Greenfield Community College - Greenfield, MA
Community College of Vermont - Brattleboro, VT
Green Mountain Camp – Teachers Camp
In-Sight Photography Project - Brattleboro, VT

Courses taught by John Willis at the above institutions:

Photo I,II,III,IV
Photography As Observation Versus Constructed Realities
Color
Advanced Printing Techniques
Documentary Photography
Zone System
Advanced Seminar Critique
Constructed Realities
Antique and Alternate Processes
Photography As Art
Lighting Techniques
Portrait Photography
History of Photography and Photographic Methods
Topics in Social Reform Photography of the U.S.
Photographic Methods – 19th – 21st century
Collaborative Service Learning In Cambodia With A Focus In The Arts
Cross Cultural Service With a Focus On The Dine’ and Oglala Lakota
Imaging Water
More Than One A Visual Narrative

Photography And The Book
History Of Japanese Photography
Installation Art
Art & Social Commentary
Social Justice & Visual Ethnography
Observation, Collaboration & Communication Photographic Community
Engagement Through Documentary Practice or Education

LECTURES

- 2020 Whom Represents Whom, Webinar Panel Discussion online co-sponsored by Focus On The Story and Social Documentary Network
- 2019 From 6 Feet Apart, Photography Group, online presentation
Bryant University, Smithfield, RI
- 2018 Society for Photographic Education Northeast Regional Conference, RI
- 2017 Green Mountain College, Poultney, VT
Keene State College, Keene, NH
Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY
- 2016 Society For Photographic Education, NE Conference, Honored Educator
Presentation, Brattleboro, VT
Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
- 2015 Society For Photographic Education National Conference, Orlando, FL
Northfield Mount Hermon, Northfield, MA
- 2014 Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, Brattleboro, VT
- 2013 The Putney School, Putney, VT
Charlemont Academy, Charlemont, MA
- 2012 Franklin County Jail & House of Correction, Think Tank, Greenfield, MA
Greenfield Community College, Greenfield, MA
- 2011 Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA
- 2010 Gallery Talk, Northlight Gallery, Tempe, AZ
- 2008 New School of Arts & Academics, Tempe, AZ
- 2007 Santa Fe University of Art & Design, Santa Fe, NM
- 2005 Academy at Charlemont, Charlemont, MA
Landmark College, Putney, VT
- 2004 Chester College, Chester, NH
Amherst College, Amherst, MA
Union College, Schenectady, NY
The Williston School, East Hampton, MA
Putney School, Putney, MA
Hallmark Institute of Photography, Turners Falls, MA
International Partnership for Service Learning National Conference
Vermont Center for Photography, Brattleboro, VT
Putney Library, Putney, VT
School for International Training, Brattleboro, VT
Monadnock Photography Guild, Keene, NH
- 2003 University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
Oglala Lakota College, Pine Ridge Reservation, Kyle, SD
Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT
- 2002 Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
Lightwork, Charlotte, NC (gallery talk)
- 2001 Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT
Hampshire College, Amherst, MA
Houston Center for Photography, Houston, TX (gallery talk)
- 2000 Massachusetts College of Art, visit critic for Graduate and Senior
Reviews