

Counterpoints:
Photography
Through the Lens of
Toronto Collections
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Photographs
from local private
collections brought
into public view



LaToya Ruby Frazier,
Huxtables, Mom and Me,
2008. Gelatin silver print,
61 x 71 cm. Courtesy of
the artist and Michel Rein,
Paris/Brussels. Dr. Kenneth
Montague | The Wedge
Collection.

Arnaud Maggs, *After Nadar:
Pierrot the Photographer*,
2012. Chromira print, 90
x 68.5 cm. Hart House
Collection, University of
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Inspired by the remarkable scope and depth of private collections in Toronto, this exhibition brings together a selection of images from private collections that traces heterogeneous lineages in the history of photography and contemporary art. Spanning nearly two centuries, *Counterpoints* acknowledges the continuously transforming status of photography as it developed in step with technological change, in light of increasingly pervasive consumer imagery, and through its global digital reach. The exhibition focuses

on some of photography's most enduring concerns, including self-reflexive musings on the nature of the medium, a dominant interest in portraiture and its composition, as well as the framing of the urban and natural landscape from points of view that make and remake the world.



Lee Friedlander, *New York City, 1999*. Gelatin silver print, 61 x 61 cm framed.
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Christopher Williams, *Cutaway model Switar 25mm f1.4 AR. Glass, wood and brass. Photography by the Douglas M. Parker Studio, Glendale, California, November, 17, 2007–November 30, 2007, 2008. Gelatin silver print, 50.8 x 61 cm. Courtesy David Zwirner, New York/London, and Galerie Gisela Capitain, Cologne. Photography by the Douglas M. Parker Studio. Collection of Phil Lind.*

Selected from a remarkable volume and variety of photographs in private Toronto collections, *Counterpoints* establishes identifiable patterns, and inevitably tells more than one story. Histories of photography and of contemporary art are interwoven through lineages, genres, and recurring subject matter inherent to the medium. This exhibition also reflects the work of local curators and private galleries who introduced and engaged interest in the medium. The exhibition's title acknowledges the continuously transforming status of

photography as a medium developed in step with technological change, as well as in light of increasingly pervasive consumer imagery and global exchange through digital capture. Presenting a selection of works made as early as the mid 19th century, and as recently as 2015, *Counterpoints* proposes an experience of looking at photography that is ultimately heterogeneous and non-linear.

Commercial photographer E. J. Bellocq's early 20th century portraits of New Orleans prostitutes exemplify changing cultural and aesthetic values accorded to the photographic image. More than a half-century after they were first made, Lee Friedlander acquired the glass negatives found posthumously in a drawer in Bellocq's house, and made the prints that comprised the Museum of Modern Art's 1970 exhibition *E.J. Bellocq: Storyville Portraits*. In another instance, Nicholas Nixon, a portrait photographer known for championing the 8 x 10 view camera, started an annual ritual of taking a portrait of his wife with her three sisters in 1975, which he continues today. Recently, *The Brown Sisters* has been featured in contemporary art exhibitions where this compelling record of time and heredity straddles genres of portraiture and social documentary, and is seen to employ a programmatic approach typical of conceptual art.

Reflecting its presence throughout photography, portraiture in *Counterpoints* spans nearly a century-and-a-half, from Noah

Sarah Charlesworth, *Still Life with Camera*, 1995.
Cibachrome prints with mahogany frames, 127 x 202 cm. Collection of Sandra Simpson.



Smiths's 19th century daguerreotype, an evanescent image of the photographer posing with his camera in a self-conscious affirmation of his craft rare for the time, to, among others, a larger-than-life and purposively expressionless image of a young man's face by Thomas Ruff. The once-marvelled ability of the camera to record human likeness with greater acuity than realist painting was always accompanied by an awkward truth: the awareness registered by both subject and viewer of posing that still prevails even, or especially, in selfies on Instagram. It is against this background that one may consider Lee Friedlander's extraordinary self-portraits of the 1990s, mostly taken when alone in hotel rooms during his travels. Contorting himself in order to fit into the scope of his camera's viewfinder, Friedlander casts an unblinking eye at his aging self.

LaToya Ruby Frazier also worked with traditional black-and-white photography for her self-portraits in the series *The Notion of Family*, and collaborated with her mother to make this body of work reflecting contemporary African American life in Pennsylvania's Rust Belt. Tracey Moffatt adopts the layout style of 1960s *Life* magazine in her on-going examination of relations between Australian Aborigines and white settlers in a 1994 portrait of a downcast young woman from the series *Scarred for Life*. Other images of people as various as Lewis Hine's and Dorothea Lange's early 20th century social documentary photographs of child labour

and Depression era sharecroppers, or, in the 1980s, Jim Goldberg's arresting *Rich and Poor* project, Richard Billingham's dysfunctional domestic scenes, Nan Goldin's pictures of her friends and their relationships in the drug-infused demimonde of New York club life (first shown as a slide show entitled *The Ballad of Sexual Dependency*), and in contrast, Stephen Waddell's idyllic image of families relaxing in a Berlin lakeside park—are witness to the profound ways in which photography continues to relay the social realities of lives lived in different circumstances and eras.

A counterpoint to the realism of photographic portraiture, Pictures Generation artists such as Cindy Sherman deconstructed and appropriated the imagery of consumer culture, bringing debates about subjectivity and representation to the forefront of contemporary art discourse in the 1980s. Sherman is represented in this exhibition by two early, gender-bending, black-and-white portraits, and a later, large-scale colour work that typically skews stereotypes of femininity and fashion. Also among this first generation of artists born into a media culture of movies, television, and magazines, Laurie Simmons imbues her *Walking Objects* with a retro charm that coats biting commentary, as seen here in the image of a designer purse literally engulfing the woman whose legs support it. While Suzy Lake's work was among the earliest to address constricted female roles directly, as in her 1976 *Choreographed Puppet #4.5*, more recently artists such as Rebecca Belmore have



Althea Thauberger, *Ecce Homo*, 2011. Laminated digital chromogenic print, 78.7 x 190 cm. Courtesy of Susan Hobbs Gallery. Collection of Marwan H. Osseiran.

come to inscribe wider historical, cultural, and racial frames of oppression on the female body. Large, photo-based works remain prevalent in contemporary art, as witnessed here in constructed images by Tim Lee, Rodney Graham, and Althea Thauberger. Lee and Graham respectively enact send-ups inspired by pop music as different as Public Enemy's 1990 racially incisive Hip Hop number "Fear of a Black Planet," and the doppelgänger Dutch piano duo from a 1962 album cover that is the basis for Graham's portrayal of the artist as both extroverted performer and introspective creator. Thauberger's *Ecce Homo* (2011) re-stages Jacques Louis David's painting of the French revolutionary Jean-Marie Marat in extremis (*The Death of Marat*, 1793), with Nicholas Campbell, known for his leading role as Vancouver's chief coroner on the television show *Da Vinci's Inquest*, playing the part of a contemporary Marat laid out on a gurney.

Turning to the built environment, Bernd and Hilla Becher, the influential teachers of the Düsseldorf School of Photography, first showed their austere, black-and-white photographs of decommissioned, industrial structures arranged in typological grids. By the late 1960s, critical attention came to their work when it was included in exhibitions of minimal and conceptual art, though their project was primarily archaeological, about disappearing forms. By the 1970s, the man-made landscape had become a subject for many American and European photographers, a movement referred to as the New Topographics. In another

direction, Vancouver's preeminent artists Jeff Wall and Ian Wallace explored new formats to address modernity and the city, influencing a generation of Vancouver artists. Wall's lightbox *River Road* (1994), and Wallace's early assemblage *Pan Am Scan* (1970), exemplify their fundamental interest in the relationship between cinema, photography, and painting as representational modes. Whereas works by 20th century photographers such as Andreas Feininger and Harry Callahan celebrated a new industrialized urban America, Thomas Struth set a level gaze at the post-war remaking of European cities in his early architectural work of the 1970s. The late-1980s urban, infrared photographs by his peer Thomas Ruff project the eerie presence of surveillance. These works stand apart from more recent North American images of place such as Scott Conarroe's *Canal, Cleveland, OH* or Alec Soth's outsider desert habitats, both 2008, where alienation is found in signs of urban social and physical decline or alternatively, in a utopian freedom found in isolation.

Whether a steel factory in China by Ed Burtynsky or a hand-coloured, arctic landscape by Sarah Anne Johnson, these Canadian photographers join others in *Counterpoints* whose images recall the fragile complexity of the environment, notably Spanish artist Daniel Steegmann Mangrané, whose colour and black-and-white images explore the cycle of lush fecundity and decay in the Amazon rainforest. In contrast, Hiroshi Sugimoto's almost abstract images of the sea meeting the sky are an

Daniel Steegmann
Mangrané, *Spiral Forest*
(*Kingdom of all the animals
and all the beasts is
my name*) (detail), 2015.
Gelatin silver prints and
Cibachrome prints, 56.9 x
77 cm each. Courtesy of the
artist and Esther Schipper,
Berlin. Collection of Elisa
Nuyten and David Dime.



uncannily still and serene meditation on the mythic dimensions of the natural world.

Artists and self-defined photographers alike work with the contradictions and oppositions inherent in a plethora of photographic methods, materials, and conceptual frameworks. Collectors—whether amateur enthusiasts or engaged in relentless searches and major acquisitions—also demonstrate a polymorphous interest in the medium, and are inspired by different motives. The categories of documentary, professional, amateur or fine art photography have long proven to be porous, dependent on context and interpretation. The veracity of the photograph as an indexical measure of the world has been destabilized both by theory and in practice. The sheer variety of images, and the importance accorded to some over others by viewers with interests in fields as distant as current events and the latest trends in the art world, render impossible any unitary definition of photography, if ever there was one.

Michael Snow's *Door* (1979), a pivotal work in *Counterpoints*, draws the viewer's attention to photography's specificity as a reproductive and representational medium by bringing painting and photography together in a perceptual conundrum that is a characteristically condensed, and witty visual deconstruction of what it means to look and to see. Robert Burley's timely elegiac project *The Disappearance of Darkness* records the end of analogue photography. But it has not

ended, any more than vinyl records have disappeared, for as they explore the most recent technologies artists also adopt and revive obsolete technologies with new vision, reminding us that photography in its multiple forms exists to be reinvented in time and place, surprising us with new images of ourselves, and new ways of seeing the world.

Jessica Bradley
Guest Curator

List of Works

The works in *Counterpoints* are drawn from several private collections in addition to the Art Gallery of Ontario, Hart House, National Gallery of Canada, and University of Toronto art collections. We acknowledge the extraordinary richness of these collections and the contribution of the following lenders: Carol and David Appel, The Bailey Collection, Fred W. Budnik, Debra and Barry Campbell, Shelli Cassidy-McIntosh and Mike McIntosh, Beverly and Jack Creed, Sarah Dinnick and Colin Webster, Yvonne and David Fleck, Kate and Steve Foley, Gluskin Sheff + Associates Inc., Brenda Hebert and Brent Lisowski, Ydessa Hendeles, Phil Lind, Ann and Harry Malcolmson, Dr. Paul Marks, Liza Mauer and Andrew Sheiner, Nancy McCain and Bill Morneau, Pamela Meredith and Jamie McDonald, Michael Mitchell, Robert Mitchell and York Lethbridge, Dr. Kenneth Montague | The Wedge Collection, Elisa Nuyten and David Dime, Marwan H. Osseiran, Julia and Gilles Ouellette, Carol and Morton Rapp, Laura Rapp and Jay Smith, Peter Ross, Alison and Alan Schwartz, Gerald Sheff and Shanitha Kachan, the Shlesinger-Walbohm Family, Sandra Simpson, Carole and Howard Tanenbaum, Timothy Thompson, Ann and Marshall Webb, Steven Wilson and Michael Simmonds, and other private collections.

Berenice Abbott

Night view, New York 1932

Gelatin silver print

University of Toronto Art Collection

Gift of Prof. Jonathan Freedman, 1992

Iain Baxter&

Wallace c. late 1960s/2007

Colour transparency in lightbox

Private Collection

Bernd and Hilla Becher

Wasserturm, Kirkhamgate, Leeds, England 1975

Gelatin silver print

Collection of Yvonne and David Fleck

E.J. Bellocq

Storyville Portraits c.1912

Gelatin silver prints

Collection of Carole and Howard Tanenbaum

Rebecca Belmore

Surrender 2003

Bloodless 2003

Inkjet on watercolour paper

Private Collections

Richard Billingham

Untitled (RAL 6) 1995

From *Ray's a Laugh* (1990–1996)

Chromogenic print

Collection of Carol and Morton Rapp

Stephen Waddell, *Lakeside*, 2011. Colour photograph, 111.7 x 139.7 cm. Courtesy of the artist and Monte Clark, Vancouver. Collection of Ann and Harry Malcolmson.



Bill Brandt

Dinner is served / Madame est servie 1933

Gelatin silver print

Collection of Beverly and Jack Creed

Brassaï

"Bijou" of Montmartre 1932

La Fille au Billard Russe / Boulevard de Rochechouart 1932

Gelatin silver prints

Collection of Carole and Howard Tanenbaum

Robert Burley

Implosions of Buildings 65 and 69, Kodak Park, Rochester, New York [#1], October 6, 2007

Implosions of Buildings 65 and 69, Kodak Park, Rochester, New York [#2], October 6, 2007

From *The Disappearance of Darkness* (2005–2010)

Colour photographs

Collection of Carole and Howard Tanenbaum

Edward Burtynsky

Bao Steel #8, Shanghai, China 2005

Digital dye coupler print

Collection of the Shlesinger-Walbohm Family

Harry Callahan

Chicago, Daley Plaza c.1970

Gelatin silver print

Collection of Debra and Barry Campbell

Sarah Charlesworth

Still Life with Camera 1995

Cibachrome prints with mahogany frames

Collection of Sandra Simpson

Lynne Cohen

Classroom in a Nursing School 1980

Conditioning Console 1983

Gelatin silver prints

Hart House Collection, University of Toronto

Gift of Norman Morcos, 2013

Anne Collier

Open Book #11 (Sea) 2014

Chromogenic print

Collection of Nancy McCain and Bill Morneau

Scott Conarroe

Picnic Table In Thames, London 2005

Colour photograph

Canal, Cleveland, OH 2008/2009

Pigment print on archival paper

Collection of Fred W. Budnik

Philip-Lorca diCorcia

Los Angeles 1994

Ektacolour print

Collection of Laura Rapp and Jay Smith

New York 1997

Ektacolour print

Collection of Sarah Dinnick and Colin Webster

Rineke Dijkstra

Hilton Head Island, SC, USA, June 26, 1992

Kołobrzeg, Poland, July 26, 1992

Coney Island, NY, June 20, 1993

Odessa Ukraine, August 4, 1993

From *Beach Portraits* (1992–2002)

Chromogenic prints

Collection of Alison and Alan Schwartz



Robert Burley, *Implosions of Buildings 65 and 69, Kodak Park, Rochester, New York [#1], October 6, 2007, 2007*. From *The Disappearance of Darkness* (2005–2010). Colour photographs, 75 x 99 cm. Courtesy of the artist and Stephen Bulger Gallery. Collection of Carole and Howard Tanenbaum.

Rineke Dijkstra

Tiergarten, Berlin, July 22, 1998 1998

Chromogenic print

Collection of the Art Gallery of Ontario

Gift of Thomas H. Bjarnason, 2015

A.K. Dolven

2 am south 2003

Chromogenic print

Collection of Debra and Barry Campbell

Stan Douglas

View of Uns genugt's from the Nutsche Schnellstrasse 1994

Chromogenic print

Collection of Ann and Marshall Webb

William Eggleston

Untitled 1969–1970

Chromogenic print

Collection of Phil Lind

Andreas Feininger

Brooklyn Bridge, New York 1940

Chrysler Building Centre, Daily News Building, New York 1940

Gelatin silver prints

Collection of Beverly and Jack Creed

LaToya Ruby Frazier

Huxtables, Mom and Me 2008

From *The Notion of Family* (2002–ongoing)

Gelatin silver print

Dr. Kenneth Montague | The Wedge Collection

Lee Friedlander

Count Basie Band 1956

Gelatin silver print

Dr. Kenneth Montague | The Wedge Collection

Tokyo (Self-portrait in square of light) 1994

Tokyo (Self-portrait in chair) 1994

Wyoming (Self-portrait against headboard with lamp) 1996

Ayers Cliff, Canada (Self-portrait in grass) 1997

California (Self-portrait against headboard) 1997

Paris (Self-portrait with alarm clock) 1997

New City, NY (Self-portrait in branches) 1997

New City, NY (Self-portrait with magnifying glass) 1997

New City, NY (Self-portrait with bulletin board) 1997

New York City (Self-portrait with chain link fence) 1997

Oregon (Self-portrait in front of rocks) 1997

New York City (Self-portrait with Ava) 1999

Gelatin silver prints

Collection of Ydessa Hendeles.

Courtesy of Ydessa Hendeles Art Foundation.

Jim Goldberg

From *Rich and Poor* (1977–1985)

Gelatin silver prints with handwritten annotations

Collection of Carole and Howard Tanenbaum

Nan Goldin

Trixie on the cot, NYC 1979

Silver dye bleach print

Collection of Laura Rapp and Jay Smith

Douglas Gordon

Self-portrait as Kurt Cobain, as Andy Warhol, as Myra Hindley, as Marilyn Monroe 1996

Hand-coloured photographic print

Collection of Dr. Paul Marks

Rodney Graham

Fantasia for Four Hands 2002

Colour photographs, diptych

Collection of Gerald Sheff and Shanitha Kachan

Angela Grauerholz

Chambre d'hotel 1997

Black-and-white photograph

Private Collection

Andreas Gursky

Neujahrsschwimmen (New Year's Day Swimmers) 1988

Colour photograph

Collection of Ann and Marshall Webb

Dave Heath

June Leaf and Robert Frank / New York City / 15 May 2002 for Michael Mitchell 2002

Inkjet print

Collection of Michael Mitchell

Fred Herzog

New Pontiac 1957

Archival pigment print

Private Collection

Lewis Wickes Hine

Bowery Boot, New York 1910

Gelatin silver print

Collection of Beverly and Jack Creed

Candida Höfer

Zoologischer Garten Köln 1992

Chromogenic print

Collection of Pamela Meredith and Jamie McDonald

Kristan Horton

Broadcast 2007

Colour photograph on archival paper

Collection of Peter Ross

Spring Hurlbut

Deuil I: Mary #3 2006

Ultrachrome digital print

Collection of Robert Mitchell and York Lethbridge

Goffrey James

Aboriginal [or Sacred] Ground 2013

From *Inside Kingston Penitentiary 1835–2013*

Colour archival inkjet print

University of Toronto Art Collection

Gift of the Artist, 2015

Rashid Johnson

The Reader 2008

Colour photograph

Dr. Kenneth Montague | The Wedge Collection

Sarah Anne Johnson

Waterfall 2005

Chromogenic print

Collection of Brenda Hebert and Brent Lisowski

Party's Over 2011

Unique chromogenic print, hand painted with acrylic ink

Collection of Brenda Hebert and Brent Lisowski

Seydou Keïta

Untitled 2000

Gelatin silver print

Dr. Kenneth Montague | The Wedge Collection

André Kertész

August 17, 1981 1981

SX-70 Polaroid

Collection of Carole and Howard Tanenbaum

Owen Kydd

Victoria Drive 2010

Silent HD video loop

Private Collection

Marie-Jo Lafontaine

La Vie... Une hésitation 1990

Black-and-white photograph, metal type text on board, diptych

Private Collection

Suzu Lake

Choreographed Puppet #4.5 1976/2000

Black-and-white photograph

Private Collection

Dorothea Lange

Squatters along Highway near Bakersfield, California 1935

Gelatin silver print

Collection of Beverly and Jack Creed

Tim Lee

Black Planet, Public Enemy 1990/2006

Colour photograph

Private Collection

Zun Lee

Untitled 2014–2015

From *Father Figure*

Black-and-white photograph

Collection of Ann Malcolmson

Vera Lutter

Grace Building: March 2, 2005 2005

Unique gelatin silver print

Collection of Debra and Barry Campbell

Peter MacCallum

Toronto-Dominion Centre, Toronto, Sept. 26, 1988, 8:00pm 1988

Gelatin silver print

Collection of Timothy Thompson

Arnaud Maggs

André Kertész, 144 Views, 8 December 1980 1980

Gelatin silver contact prints

Collection of Gerald Sheff and Shanitha Kachan

Scott Conarroe, *Picnic Table In Thames*, London, 2005.
Colour photograph, 78 x 99 cm. © Scott Conarroe, Courtesy of Stephen Bulger Gallery. Collection of Fred W. Budnik.



After Nadar: Pierrot the Archivist 2012

Chromira print

Private Collection

After Nadar: Pierrot the Photographer 2012

Chromira print

Hart House Collection, University of Toronto

Purchased by the Hart House Art Committee with the support of the Canada Council for the Arts Acquisitions Assistance Program, 2012

Vivian Maier

Los Angeles (Self Portrait, Tiled Mirror Reflection), August 1955 1955/2013

Wilmetter, IL (Self-Portrait, Full-Length Shadow) 1968/2013

Gelatin silver prints

Collection of Shelli Cassidy-McIntosh and Mike McIntosh

Iñigo Manglano-Ovalle

Climate – White Noise 2000

Colour photograph and noise-cancelling earphones

Collection of Debra and Barry Campbell

Daniel Steegmann Mangrané

Spiral Forest (kingdom of all the animals and all the beasts is my name) 2015

Fibre-based gelatin silver prints and analogue Cibachrome prints

Collection of Elisa Nuyten and David Dime

Scott McFarland

Mr. Bell on His Property 1999

Colour photograph

Collection of Phil Lind

Meryl McMaster

Murmur #2 2013

Inkjet print

Hart House Collection, University of Toronto

Purchased by the Hart House Art Committee with the support of the Canada Council for the Arts Acquisitions Assistance Program, 2014

Michael Mitchell

Michael Snow 1994

Chromogenic print

Private Collection

Lisette Model

Fashion Show, Hotel Pierre, New York 1940–1946

Woman with Veil, San Francisco 1949

Gelatin silver prints

Collection of Carole and Howard Tanenbaum

Tracey Moffatt

Birth Certificate, 1962 1994

Photogravure

Collection of Laura Rapp and Jay Smith

Jonathan Monk

Jonathan Monk without his Collection of Sol LeWitt Books (After Ed Ruscha 1971) 2002

Black-and-white photograph

Collection of Liza Mauer and Andrew Sheiner

Nicholas Nixon

The Brown Sisters 1975–ongoing

41 gelatin silver contact prints

Collection of Kate and Steve Foley



Meera Margaret Singh,
Bound, 2012. Colour
photograph, 76.2 x 114.3
cm. Courtesy the artist. Dr.
Kenneth Montague | The
Wedge Collection.

Gordon Parks

*Husband and Wife, Sunday Morning,
Detroit, Michigan* 1950

Gelatin silver print

Dr. Kenneth Montague | The Wedge Collection

Barbara Probst

*Exposure #6: N.Y.C., 5th Avenue & 82nd Street,
06.04.01, 1:21p.m.* 2001

Ultrachrome ink on cotton paper

Collection of Sarah Dinnick and Colin Webster

Thomas Ruff

Portrait 1986

Nacht 10 I 1993

Nacht 12 III 1993

Chromogenic prints

Collection of Ann and Marshall Webb

w.h.s. 06 2001

Chromogenic print

Collection of Yvonne and David Fleck

Ed Ruscha

Gazzarri's Supper Club 1981/1995

Liquor Locker 1976/1995

Schwab's Pharmacy 1976/1995

Filthy McNasty's 1976/1995

From the *Sunset Strip* (1966/95)

Gelatin silver prints

Collection of Carol and David Appel

Mark Ruwedel

*The Witnesses, Nevada Test Site
(Viewing area for 14 atmospheric tests at
Frenchman Flat, 1951–1962)* 1995/2007

Western Pacific (Siding) #4 2001

Gelatin silver prints

Private Collection

Steven Shearer

Huddles 2007

Inkjet print

Collection of Julia and Gilles Ouellette

Cindy Sherman

Untitled 1980/2002

Untitled 1980/2002

Sepia toned black-and-white prints

Collection of Carole and Howard Tanenbaum

Untitled 1994

Colour photograph

Collection of Alison and Alan Schwartz

Laurie Simmons

First Bathroom/Woman Standing 1978

Woman/Red Couch/Newspaper 1978

New Bathroom/Woman Kneeling/Second View 1979

Walking Purse 1989

Silver dye bleach prints

Collection of Sandra Simpson

Meera Margaret Singh

Bound 2012

Colour photograph

Dr. Kenneth Montague | The Wedge Collection

Noah Smith

Untitled [Man with Camera] c. 1880s

Daguerreotype

Collection of Carole and Howard Tanenbaum

Michael Snow

Door 1979

Colour photograph

The Bailey Collection

Alec Soth

2008_08z10031 2008

2008_08z10238 2008

Pigment prints

Collection of Gluskin Sheff + Associates Inc.

Thomas Struth

Veddeler Brückenstrasse, Hamburg 1986

Via Medina, Naples 1988

Viale Eritrea, Rome 1988

Chemin des Coudriers, Geneva 1989

Rue des Moulins-Raichlen, Geneva 1989

Gelatin silver prints

Collection of Ann and Marshall Webb

The Richter Family 2, Köln 2002

Chromogenic print

Collection of Nancy McCain and Bill Morneau

Hiroshi Sugimoto

Sea of Japan, Oki I 1987

Black Sea, Ozuluze 1991

From *Seascapes*

Gelatin silver prints

Collection of Carol and Morton Rapp

World Trade Centre – Minoru Yamasaki 1997

Seagram Building – Ludwig Mies van der Rohe 2007

Gelatin silver prints

Collection of Gluskin Sheff + Associates Inc.

Althea Thauberger

Ecce Homo 2011

Laminated digital chromogenic print

Collection of Marwan H. Osseiran

James VanDerZee

Couple in Raccoon Coats 1932

Gelatin silver print

Dr. Kenneth Montague | The Wedge Collection

Stephen Waddell

Coal Carrier 2004

Colour photograph

Collection of Steven Wilson and Michael Simmonds

Lakeside 2011

Colour photograph

Collection of Ann and Harry Malcolmson

Jeff Wall

River Road 1994

Cibachrome transparency in a lightbox

Collection of Phil Lind

Ian Wallace

Pan Am Scan 1970

Gelatin silver prints

Collection of Sandra Simpson

Ian Wallace

Intersection 1970/2008

Black-and-white photograph

Private Collection

Hotel de Nice, Paris (La Table) 2006

Photolaminate and acrylic on canvas

Private Collection

Weegee

Untitled c. 1930s

Gelatin silver print

Collection of Carole and Howard Tanenbaum

James Welling

Drapes I, II, III 2000

Chromogenic prints

Collection of Sandra Simpson

Christopher Williams

Cutaway model Switar 25mm f1.4 AR. Glass, wood and brass. Photography by the Douglas M. Parker Studio, Glendale, California, November, 17, 2007–November 30, 2007 2008

Gelatin silver print

Collection of Phil Lind

Fig. 4: Changing the shutter speed Exakta Varex Ila 35 mm film SLR camera Manufactured by Ihagee Kamerawerk Steenberg & Co, Dresden, German Democratic Republic Body serial no. 979625 (Production period: 1960–1963) Carl Zeiss Jena Tessar 50mm f/2.8 lens Manufactured by VEB Carl Zeiss Jena, Jena, German Democratic Republic Serial no. 8034351 (Production period: 1967–1970) Model: Christoph Boland Studio Thomas Borho, Oberkasseler Str. 39, Düsseldorf, Germany June 19th, 2012 2012

Inkjet print on cotton rag paper

Collection of Phil Lind

Garry Winogrand

Albuquerque, New Mexico 1958

Gelatin silver print

Private Collection

Young & Giroux

Every Building, or Site, that a Building Permit was Issued for a New Building in Toronto in 2006 2008

Silent HD video, 13 min

Exhibition copy courtesy the artists

Collection of the National Gallery of Canada

Akram Zaatari

A Photographer's Window 2013

Silent HD video loop

Collection of Liza Mauer and Andrew Sheiner

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Barbara Fischer
Executive Director/Chief Curator

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Jessica Bradley
Guest Curator

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Curator's tour with Jessica Bradley

Saturday, May 14, 2016, 2pm

Meet at the University of Toronto Art Centre

Artists on Photography

Wednesday, May 18, 2016, 7pm

Debates Room, Hart House

Panel discussion featuring Kotama Bouabane,
Robert Burley, and Meera Margaret Singh
Moderated by Sarah Parsons

Collectors and Photography

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Music Room, Hart House

Panel discussion featuring Debra Campbell,
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Maia-Mari Sutnik
Moderated by Sara Angel

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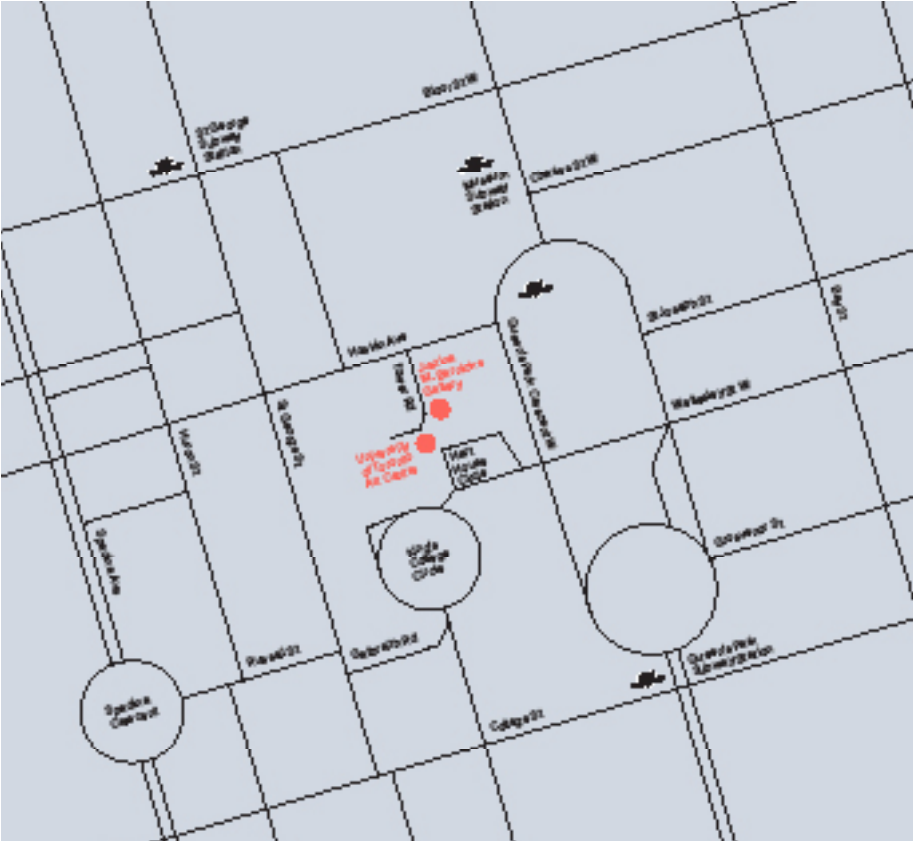
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