

Dennis Church, Photographer

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EDUCATION

1975-1977 **University of Wisconsin, Madison**; graduate studies, Psychology

1973 **Iowa State University**, Ames; graduate studies, Sociology

1972 **Iowa State University**, B. S. Sociology, minor Psychology

INDEPENDENT STUDIES

1979-1980 **Apeiron Workshops**, Millerton, NY, Studied with Paul Vanderbilt

1979-1980 **The Long Island Project**, Project Assistant, funded by the National Endowment for the Arts and Olympus Camera Corp.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025 **DIRT FRESH: Works from my AMERICOLOR book**: Pompano Beach (Florida) Cultural Center

2024 **AMERICOLOR: Exploring Urban Color Fields** Palm Beach Atlantic University

2021 **COLOR FORMS**, Garage Gallery, Beacon, New York

2016 **AMERICOLOR**, Marco Island (FL) Center for the Arts

2014 **AMERICOLOR**, Kaori Gallery, Canberra, Australia

2013 **FLORIDA MOMENTS**, Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center, Fort Myers, FL

1986 **Photographs by Dennis Church**, Wisconsin Academy of Arts and Sciences

1984 **Our Land-Our Lives**, Gonstead Clinic, Community Room Gallery, Mt. Horeb, WI

1981 **DOWNTOWN MADISON**, The State Historical Society of Wisconsin Museum

1981 **DOWNTOWN MADISON**, Madison, Wisconsin Art Center

1981 **DOWNTOWN MADISON: Works from "A Photographic Survey of the Physical and Social Environment of Downtown Madison, Wisconsin"**, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Department of Iconography

SELECTED JURIED AND INVITATIONAL GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024 **Stonehenge Gallery**, Montgomery, Alabama, Juror, Tom Rankin

2024 **Troy University**, Huo Bao Zhu Gallery, Montgomery, Alabama

2023 **Urban Landscape**, NY Photo Curator

2023 **Photographs of Architecture**, Boca Raton Museum of Art at BRIC Walls

2023 **Thresholds, Street Photography Now**. The Los Angeles Center of Photography
Juror, Angela Bryant

2023 **Storytelling**, The Atlanta Photography Group. Juror: Alyssa Coppelman

2023 **The Language of Color**, Atlanta Photography Group. Juror: Blue Mitchell

2020 **All Florida Juried Competition**, Lee County Alliance for the Arts, Ft. Myers, FL

2019 **Portfolio Review Exhibition**, Bronx Documentary Center

2019 **1st Annual Slide Slam** in conjunction with FOAM Amsterdam exhibit, "Talent"; Red Hook
Labs, Brooklyn NY,

2018 **Camera USA**, National Juried Competition, Von Liebig Art Center, Naples, FL

2017 **City of Palms: Four Visions, One Icon**; Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center, Fort Myers, FL

2017 **Camera USA**, national juried competition, Von Liebig Art Center, Naples, FL

2017 **Where are We? What Does the South Look Like Today?** Atlanta Photography Group

2016 **All Florida Juried Competition**, Lee County Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers, FL

2016 **RED**, A Smith Gallery, Johnson City TX

2015 **Stand Before US, Compositional Relationships Between Contemporary Photography and Contemporary Painting**: Invitational. Wasmer Gallery, Florida Gulf Coast University, Veron Ennis, Curator

2015 **Broadsides: Poetry off the Shelf**, Invitational; Lee County Alliance of the Arts, Fort Myers,

2014 **Portfolio Exhibition**, Atlanta Photography Group: Portfolio Exhibition
Juror: Richard McCabe, Ogden Museum of Southern Art

2014 **All Florida Juried Exhibition**: Boca Raton Museum of Art

2014 **Downtown**, A. Smith Gallery, Johnson City, TX

2014 **Abstraction**, Marco Island (FL) Art Center

2014 **All Florida Juried Competition**, Lee County Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers, FL

2014 **Layers, Fabric, and Assemblage**, Lee County Alliance for the Arts

2014 **Camera USA**, National Juried Exhibition, Von Liebig Art Center, Naples, FL

2013 **Invitational Anniversary Exhibition**: Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center, Fort Myers, FL

2013 **All Florida Juried Competition**: Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers, FL

2013 **Annual Group Photography Exhibition**, Sweet Art Gallery, Naples, FL

2013 **How We Play**, Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Fort Myers, FL

2013 **Camera USA**, National Juried Exhibition, Von Liebig Art Center, Naples, FL

2012 **Juried Group Exhibition**, Barrett Art Center, Poughkeepsie, NY

2012 **Juried Group Show**, In One Instant Gallery, Fort Myers, FL

2011 **ART?**, Altered Aesthetics Gallery, Minneapolis, MN

2010 **Works from the Collection**, Madison Museum of Contemporary Art

2010 **All About Color**, Center for the Arts, Bonita Springs, FL

2009 **Annual Juried Exhibition**, The Center for Photography at Madison

1984 **State Historical Society of Wisconsin**, Old World Wisconsin, Eagle, WI

1983 **Works from the Permanent Collection**, Madison Art Center

AWARDS, HONORS, GRANTS

2013 **Best Portfolios for 2013**, LensCulture

2012 **Michael P. Smith Fund for Documentary Photography**, Short List, New Orleans Photo Alliance

1982 **Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission**, Art Grant Award, "Our Land-Our Lives",

1981 **City of Madison, Wisconsin Cultural Affairs Commission**, Art Grant Award
"A Photographic Survey of the Physical and Social Environment of Downtown Madison"

BOOKS

2026 **DIRT FRESH**, Forthcoming from Fall Line press, Atlanta

2026 **BECOMING: AMERICA at 250**, Forthcoming from Art Farm Iowa

2024 **AMERICOLOR: Exploring Urban Color Fields**. Palm Beach Atlantic University and Jade Forest Press. ISBN 978-0-9793795-1-2

2024 **City of Palms and Beyond, Photographs from Early 21st Century Southwest Florida** Jade Forest Press, ISBN 978-0-9793795-0-5

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Books, Articles, Interviews

2022 **UP Photographers** Interview and publication of images: <https://bit.ly/3UXQ7o4>

2020 **Eye-Shot-Magazine**: web and Instagram feature on my work.

2020 **Arts SW Florida**: Articles reviewing my work: <https://bit.ly/3yJjhjh>

2018 **Il Post**, Milan, Italy: Il caos che vediamo ogni giorno, fotografato <https://bit.ly/3yRaUSF>

2017 **Bystander, A History of Street Photography**, Book by Lawrence King Publishing, by Colin Westerbeck and Joel Meyerowitz. <http://amzn.to/2AbIW3Q>2017

2017 **It's Nice That**, Dennis Church's 12-year project sees him capture the visual noise of America's streets, London, England. <http://bit.ly/2Bc2gep>

2017 **Lenscratch**: "Dennis Church: Americolor", <http://lenscratch.com/2017/11/dennis-church/>

2016 **VASA Journal on Images and Culture**, Some Americans <https://bit.ly/3ySYZDV>

2015 **Naples Daily News**, Alone Together, Donald Miller, "Stand Before US, Compositional Aspects of Photography and Painting, Wasmer Art Gallery, Florida Gulf Coast Univ.

2014 **The Southern Photographer** <https://bit.ly/45mZfYl>

2014 **Wonderzine Magazine**, Moscow, Russia 2014. <http://bit.ly/2Fjyo5B>

2014 **Oxford American**, Eyes on the South, Southern Magazine of Good Writing
Editor Jeff Rich

2014 **Naples Daily News**, Natural Subjects Win the Day", Donald Miller, critic, August.

2014 **Art Photography Magazine**, Prague, Czech Republic, March.

2014 **Image in Progress**, print magazine, Rome, Italy. February.

2014 **LensCulture**: Dennis Church, Lens Culture Best Portfolios 2013; January

2013 **Photographer's Forum Magazine**, A book: *Best of Photography 2013*

2012 **World Photography Gala Awards**, Street Photography 2013

2012 **Lenscratch**: <http://bit.ly/2tfhEYz>

2012 **Art Opportunities Monthly**: Cover photograph

1986 **Wisconsin Academy Review**, Wisconsin Academy of Arts and Sciences, Fall 1984

1982 **The Wisconsin State Journal**, "Our Land-Our Lives"

1979 **American Association for State and Local History**, Evaluating Historical Photographs: Paul Vanderbilt, author

LECTURES, TALKS and INTERVIEWS

2025 **The St. Ansgar, Iowa Enterprise print newspaper**: My home county newspaper; Interview about my photography career

2025 **The Trauma Therapist podcast**: Discussing how photography has helped me in recovery from complex PTSD

2025 ***VASA Journal of Images and Culture***, European based online journal: Online video Interview about street photography. https://vjic.org/vjic2/?page_id=8742
2024 ***Atlanta Photography Group, Atlanta, Georgia***
2024 **Tauni de Lesseps Gallery of Art, Palm Beach Atlantic University**
2021 ***Florida Museum of Photographic Arts***, Tampa, Florida
2016 ***Marco Island Center for the Arts***, Marco Island, FL
2015 ***Wasmer Gallery, Florida Gulf Coast University***, Fort Myers, FL
2013 ***Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center***, Fort Myers, FL
2013 ***Pelican Landing Photography Club***, Bonita Springs, FL
2012 ***Southwest Florida Photo Salon***, Fort Myers, FL
2012 **Radio Interview: “The Arts in Southwest Florida”**, WGCU-FM Radio, Fort Myers, FL

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Museum of Contemporary Art, Madison, WI.
The Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison, WI
The Wasmer Gallery, Florida Gulf Coast University, Fort Myers, FL