

# Conference Activities and Resources

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## THURSDAY-11/7

Registration  
3 - 10 pm

Gallery Conversation at the GRAM  
(Grand Rapids Art Museum) 7 pm

Featured Speaker -  
Maggie Taylor 7:30 pm

Reception at Kendall College of  
Art and Design (after Maggie)

## FRIDAY-11/8

Registration  
7 am - 5 pm

Panels, Presentations,  
Workshops 8:30 - 4 pm

Student Exhibit Reception at  
UICA 5 - 7 pm

Banquet with  
Honored Educator -  
Phil Davis

Honored Imagemaker &  
Lifetime Achievement -  
David Plowden

## SATURDAY-11/9

Registration

Exhibit Fair

Panels, Presentations, Workshops  
8:30 - 4 pm

Keynote Speaker - Arthur Tress

Reception

Silent Auction

## SUNDAY-11/10

Portfolio Reviews

Portfolio Sharing

Business Meeting

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### GRAM Printroom Hours and Special Exhibitions/Gallery Talks

The Grand Rapids Art Museum has generously offered to open the museum's printroom where conference participants can spend some quiet time viewing original photographic prints in the GRAM collection. The printroom will be open to conference participants on Friday morning from 10:00-12:00 and on Saturday afternoon from 1:00-3:00. Please check the bullet on the conference registration form to help anticipate how many people plan to visit the printroom.

Concurrent with the conference, the GRAM will be hosting several exhibitions of photographs, including Eye of the Beholder: A History of Photography featuring photographs from the LaSalle Bank Collection in Chicago. The Museum will also be host to Mirror Image: Daguerre and the Invention of Photography, and Father to Son: Portrait Photography by Maurice and David LaClaire, featuring photographs in vintage and contemporary media by two masters of the art in Grand Rapids. These exhibitions will be open to conference participants before the Featured Speaker presentation by Maggie Taylor at GRAM on Thursday evening along with walking gallery talks lead by local scholars and museum staff.

### Exhibitors Fair

Corporate sponsors and vendors will be on hand Saturday to provide information on products and services of interest to conference participants. If you would like to participate as an exhibitor, please email one of the conference co-chairs by Oct. 18th.

### Student Volunteers

A limited number of SPE conference fee waivers will be available for students who wish to volunteer at the conference for a 6 hour work block. Volunteers will assist in room staffing, registration, and general conference support. Volunteers will be required to arrive in Grand Rapids no later than Noon on Thursday, November 7th for a training session. Students interested in volunteering should contact a conference co-chair by Oct. 18th.

Mid America College Art Association  
panel features past President

in Lincoln, Nebraska this October

"Another Dimension: Photography -  
Sculpture and Installation"

Panelists: **Steven Benson**, College for  
Creative Studies, Detroit

Larry Gaweł, Metropolitan Community  
College - Omaha

Erika Leppmann, Ohio University, Athens

Kati Toivanen, University of Missouri -  
Kansas City

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### Portfolio Reviewing / Portfolio Sharing / Photo Education Fair

In keeping with the education theme, we would like to make a special effort to make the Portfolio session an important part of the conference. We are soliciting reviewers for the following categories: professional/academic artists, college students (grad and undergrad), and high school students. If you would like to be a reviewer, please email the conference chairpersons by October 18th. Participants wanting to have work reviewed will have an opportunity to register on Saturday for a review session.

We are also encouraging everyone to bring work to share in an informal and supportive environment. Portfolio reviews and sharing will take place after breakfast in the sunlit courtyard of GVSU's DeVos Center on Sunday morning. We are also inviting participating institutions to have materials on their programs available and to meet with local high school students who will be invited to bring portfolios and talk to program representatives. Graduate programs are also invited to have materials on hand for their programs and to be available to speak with undergraduates looking toward graduate education opportunities.