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# ***Photography Atelier Moves to the Griffin Museum***

December 13 (Winchester, MA) The Griffin Museum is pleased to announce that Photography Atelier is continuing at the Griffin Museum for the Winter/Spring 2012 season.

Photography Atelier, now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, is a portfolio-building course for emerging to advanced photographers taught by Karen Davis, photographer, book artist, with Meg Birnbaum, photographer and graphic designer. The Atelier was conceived by Holly Smith Pedlosky and previously offered at Radcliffe Seminars, Harvard University, and Lesley Seminars, and in the Seminar Series in the Arts, The Art Institute of Boston (AIB) at Lesley University.

Instruction in the Atelier includes presentations and discussions of contemporary trends in photography; assignments designed to encourage experimentation in both subject matter and approach; and group critiques to help each participant edit their work to create a strong portfolio. Students' work appears on the Photography Atelier website, [www.photographyatelier.org](http://www.photographyatelier.org), and in an annual exhibition.

Images are made with film or digital media; SLRs, plastic cameras, cell phones, and alternative methods are welcome. In addition to portfolios, other final formats such as photobooks and mixed and multi-media works are encouraged.

"As someone who participated in the Photography Atelier for three years, I am so pleased to offer this program at the Griffin Museum," said Paula Tognarelli, executive director of the Griffin Museum. "There is a dearth of photography programming that offers peer critique coupled with critical conversation. The Atelier gave me a new approach to drafting new ideas and motivated me to continually work on a project to completion."

The class will be offered at the museum 12 Wednesdays from 10 AM – 1:00 PM. The class will take place March 7 to June 13 (no class Wednesday April 4, May 9 and May 23). The fee will be \$475 for museum members or \$550 for non-members. The class will be limited to 15 students.

For more information about Photography Atelier contact the Griffin Museum at 781-729-1158.

Instructor: Karen Davis

Karen Davis is a photographer, book artist, and teacher. She has taught photo-based and word-image courses in the Seminar for the Arts Series, Art Institute of Boston/Lesley University, Lesley Seminars, Radcliffe Seminars, Tufts University, and Suffolk University,

She also has taught marketing for artists at Lesley Seminars and the Griffin Museum of Photography.

Her work is featured at the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art (MASS MoCA), the Boston Drawing Project/Caroll and Sons Gallery, the Clark Gallery, Lincoln, MA, and in the collections of the Center for Photography at Woodstock (CPW at the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art), Lishui Museum of Photography (China) and the Houghton Rare Books Library, Harvard University.

In 2009, she received the Artists Fellowship Award from the CPW and exhibited at the Lishui International Photography Festival, China, and the Bromfield Gallery, Boston, MA. In 2008, her series, "The McCann Family," was exhibited at the Griffin Museum of Photography." Her "Visual Memoir" project appeared in the 2006 inaugural issue of The Women's Review of Books. In 2005, three of her photographs were exhibited in "hrlm: pictures" at the Studio Museum in Harlem.

Davis is co-director of the Davis Orton Gallery, Hudson NY.

Course Assistant: Meg Birnbaum

Meg Birnbaum is a fine art photographer and graphic designer specializing in publication design. She has assisted Karen Davis in the Photography Atelier at Lesley University for four years. In 2009, they co-taught a class on how to make your own photography book online. Birnbaum has also taught illustration at Montserrat College of Art. Her work is in the permanent collection of the Museum of Fine Art, Houston, and the Lishui Museum of Photography.

She has had solo exhibitions at Gallery Tantotemo in Kobe, Japan, the Davis Orton Gallery, NY, Panopticon Gallery, Boston, Corden Potts Gallery San Francisco, the Griffin Museum of Photography and Lishui International Photography Festival, China. Her work has been juried into many national photography competitions. Birnbaum was an invited exhibitor at Flash Forward Festival 2011 in Boston.

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### **About the Griffin Museum**

The Griffin Museum of Photography was founded in 1992 to provide a forum for the exhibition of both historic and contemporary photography. The Museum houses three galleries dedicated solely to the exploration of photographic arts: the Main Gallery, which features rotating exhibits from some of the world's leading photographers; the Atelier Gallery dedicated to showcasing the works of prominent, up-and-coming artists; and the Griffin Gallery, home to the extensive archives of Museum founder and world-renowned photojournalist Arthur Griffin. For more on the Griffin Museum of Photography, visit [www.griffinmuseum.org](http://www.griffinmuseum.org).