

Vaughn Sills

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Honors and Grants

- 2011 Gold Award, Best Photography, Garden Writers Association, Media Awards
- 2009 Artist Fellowship in Photography from Massachusetts Cultural Council
- 2009 President's Fund for Faculty Excellence, Simmons College
- 2008 Polaroid Foundation Grant awarded to Trinity University Press to support publication of *Places for the Spirit*
- 2007 Grant, Finalist, awarded by Artadia, The Fund for Art and Dialogue
- 2005 Gold, Best Photography for Vaughn Sills' "Beyond Words," The Magazine Association of the Southeast, Georgia Review
- 2002-2006, 1999, 1989, 1986
Polaroid Grant to Artists
- 2002-2005, 2009
Simmons Faculty Grant for Research
- 2001 One of Ten Best Local Photographic Exhibitions 2001 (American Univ. Watkins Gallery), Louis Jacobson, *Washington City Paper*, Dec. 21, 2001
- Southern Library Association 2000 Awards for Book Design "Award of Excellence" for *One Family*
- 1993 Polaroid Foundation Domestic Life Interpreted, awarded by The New England Foundation for the Arts/National Endowment for the Arts Regional Fellowship Panel
- 1985 Artist Fellowship awarded by The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, Artists Fellowship Program
- 1983, 1980
Finalist, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, Artists Fellowship Program

Education

Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI, M.F.A. (Photography)

The American University, Washington, D.C., B.A. (English Literature)

Books

- 2010 *Places for the Spirit: Traditional African American Gardens*, Trinity University Press
- 2001 *One Family*, University of Georgia Press

Exhibitions

Solo or Featured Artist

- 2023 Kingston Gallery, Boston, MA
Hunnewell Exhibition Space, The Arnold Arboretum, Boston, MA
- 2022 Art Center, Anna Maria College, Paxton, MA
Davis Orton Gallery, Hudson, NY
The Art Gallery at North Hill, Needham
- 2021 Kingston Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2020 Kingston Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2019 Griffin Museum of Photography, Winchester, MA
- 2018 Trustman Art Gallery, Simmons College, Boston, NY
Davis Orton Gallery, Hudson, NY
- 2017 Circle Gallery, College of Environment + Design, University of Georgia, Athens GA
- 2015 Church Exhibition Gallery, Smith College Botanic Garden, Northampton, MA
Room 83 Spring, Watertown, MA

- 2013 Matthaei Botanical Gardens, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Cleveland Botanic Garden, Cleveland OH
Five churches and libraries, Flint, MI, sponsored by the Ruth Mott Foundation
- 2012 Gibbes Museum of Art, Charleston, SC
DuSable Museum of African American History, Chicago, IL
Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL
- 2011 Trustman Gallery, Simmons College, Boston MA
North Carolina Museum of the Coastal Plain
- 2010 Davis Orton Gallery, Hudson NY
- 2009 US Botanic Garden, West Orangerie Gallery, Washington DC
Weeks Gallery, Jamestown Community College, Jamestown, NY
Gamill Gallery, Center for the Study of Southern Culture, University of Mississippi
- 2008 Miller Block Gallery, Boston, MA
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- 2005 Baldwin Photographic Gallery, Middle TN State Univ., Nashville, TN
- 2004 Salt Institute for Documentary Studies, Portland, ME
Georgia State Botanical Gardens, Athens, GA
Lenore Gray Gallery, Providence, RI (two person show)
- 2003 The Columbus Museum Uptown, Columbus, GA
Nesto Gallery at Milton Academy, Milton, MA (two person show)
The Photographic Resource Center at Boston University (two person show)
Flatfile Photography Gallery, Chicago, IL (three person show)
- 2002 The Carroll Reece Museum/Center for Appalachian Studies and Services, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN
The Center for the Study of Southern Culture, Barnard Observatory, Univ. Mississippi, Oxford, MS
The Cushing-Martin Gallery, Stonehill College, Easton, MA
- 2001 The Watkins Gallery, American University, Washington, DC
Red Eye Gallery, RISD, Providence, RI
Trustman Art Gallery, Simmons College, Boston, MA
Viridian Gallery, New York, NY
The Carpenter Center, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 2000 Cambridge Multi-Cultural Arts Center, Cambridge, MA (two person show)
The Carpenter Center, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 1995 Buckingham Browne and Nichols School, Cambridge, MA
Greenfield Community College, Greenfield, MA
- 1994 Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana
Atlanta Photography Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- 1991 O.K. Harris Gallery of Art, New York, NY
Brodigan Gallery, Groton School, Groton, MA
- 1991 Hera Gallery, Wakefield, RI (four person show)
- 1990 Bridgewater State College Gallery, Bridgewater, MA (four person show)
- 1988 Trustman Art Gallery, Simmons College, Boston, MA
- 1986 The Fogg Museum, Print Room, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Somerville Hospital, Somerville, MA
Midtown Y, New York, NY
- 1986 Bromfield Gallery, Boston, MA
- 1983 Hera Cooperative Gallery, Wakefield, RI (four person show)
Bromfield Gallery, Boston, MA
Project Community Arts Center, Cambridge, MA (two person show)
- 1982 Wessell Library, Tufts University, Medford, MA
- 1981 Photography Gallery, The Memphis Academy of the Arts, Memphis, TN

Woods-Gerry Gallery, Rhode Island School of Design (two person show)

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2018 Goldfarb and Farber Libraries, "Stillness and Transformation," Brandeis University, Waltham MA
- 2014 Longhouse Projects, Artadia 15th Anniversary Exhibit, New York, NY
- 2010 MCC Artist Grants Photography, Arsenal Center for the Arts, Watertown, MA
Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile AL, "Shoot'n Southern: Past and Present"
- 2008 Artadia Boston 2007, Mills Gallery, Boston, MA
"Photographs of Children from the DeCordova Permanent Collection," DeCordova Museum, Lincoln, MA
- 2005 Small Works Show '05, Sacramento Street Gallery, Cambridge, MA
- 2004 Trustman Gallery, Simmons College, Boston, MA
Northlight Gallery, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- 2003 Rice/Polack Gallery, Provincetown, MA
"New England Photographers 03," Danforth Museum of Art, Framingham, MA
- 2002 Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art, Marietta, GA
Cate Fraser Gallery, Bethesda, MD
Flatfile Photography Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2000 Sakai City Museum, Sakai, Japan
DeCordova Museum, Lincoln, MA, "Photography in Boston: 1955-1985"
- 1998 Art Complex Museum, Duxbury, MA
- 1997 Bernard Toale Gallery, Boston, MA
Gallery 57, Cambridge, MA
Marshall Reade Gallery, Charlestown, MA
Breneau University, Gainesville, Georgia
- 1992 Whitney Museum of American Art at Equitable Center, New York, NY
Montserrat College of Art, Beverly, MA
The Art Institute of Boston, Boston, MA
- 1991 The Art Institute of Boston, Boston, MA
- 1990 Woods Gerry Gallery, Providence, RI
- 1989 Jacob's Pillow, Beckett, MA (invitational)
- 1988 Brockton Art Museum, Brockton, MA (juried)
- 1987 Houston Foto Fest, Video Display (invitational)
- 1986 Clarence Kennedy Gallery, Polaroid Corporation, Cambridge, MA
- 1984 Nesto Gallery, Milton Academy, Milton, MA (invitational)
Bromfield Gallery, Boston, MA
- 1984 Nesto Gallery, Milton Academy, Milton, MA (juried)
Viridian Gallery, New York, NY
- 1983 Bromfield Gallery, Boston, MA
East Wing Gallery, Mt. Wachusett Community College, Gardner, MA
Arles Photography Workshop, Arles, France
- 1982 Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design
Project Community Arts Center, Cambridge, MA (invitational)
Bromfield Gallery, Boston, MA
- 1981 The Rose Gallery, Boston (invitational)
Red Eye Gallery, Rhode Island School of Design
The Gallery, The Memphis Academy of the Arts (juried)
Colby College Museum of Art, Waterville, ME (juried)
The Gallery School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (juried)
Museum of Science, Springfield, MA
The New England School of Photography, Boston (invitational)
Photography Gallery, San Francisco Art Institute

1979 Kansas City Art Institute (juried)

Publications (monographs in bold)

- 2021 New York Review of Books, February 25, 2021, Cover Photograph
- 2021 Lee, Abra, "The Influencers," Wildflower, 2021. Volume 38, No.1,
Wildflower Center University of Texas at Austin
- 2019 Wells, Liz, The Photography Reader: History and Theory,
Routledge, England, 2nd edition, 2019
- 2018 Allen, James and McNear Sarah Anne, The Photographer in the Garden,
Aperture, New York, 2018
- 2010 **Sills, Vaughn, Places for the Spirit: Traditional African American Gardens, Trinity University Press,
San Antonio, 2010**
- 2006 Sills, Vaughn, "Places for the Spirit," Entelechy International, A Journal of Contemporary Ideas, Number 4,
2006
- 2004 Sills, Vaughn, "Beyond Words," The Georgia Review, "Poetry and Poiesis," Vol. LVIII, No. 2, University of
Georgia, Athens, GA, Summer, 2004
- 2003 Brown, Leslie, "Vaughn Sills and Pelle Cass," In the Loupe, Photographic Resource Center,
Boston University, Vol 27, No. 6, Nov.-Dec. 2003
- 2000 Lafo, Rachel Rosenfield, Photography in Boston, MIT Press, 2000, Cambridge, MA
- 2001 **Sills, Vaughn, One Family, University of Georgia Press, Athens, Georgia, 2001**
- 2003 Sills, Vaughn, "One Family, in Words and Pictures," The Chronicle of Higher Education,
January 26, 2001, Washington, D.C
- 1994 Greenberg, Lisa Weber and Mayes, Catherine, Immortalized, November 1998, Art
Complex Museum, Duxbury, MA
- 1997 Sills, Vaughn, "A Family I Know in Georgia," Nieman Reports, Spring 1997, Vol. 51 No. 1,
Nieman Foundation at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- 1992 Whitney Museum of American Art, Dirt & Domesticity, June 1992, ISP Papers No. 2,
Whitney Museum of American Art at Equitable Center, NY, NY
- 1989 Jussim, Estelle, "The Psychological Portrait," Karsh, The Art of the Portrait, The National Gallery of Canada,
Ottawa, Canada, 1989, pp. 87-110
- 1989 Jussim, Estelle, "The Eternal Moment," Aperture, New York, NY, 1989, pp. 49-60

Collections

Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington DC
DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Lincoln, MA
Eaton Vance Collection
Fidelity Corporation
Harvard Art Museums, Cambridge, MA
Millennium Hotels
Baldwin Photographic Archive, MTSU, Murfreesboro, TN
Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, AL
The Polaroid Collection (now distributed)
Simmons University

Lectures/Presentations, Selected

- 2021 Griffin Museum, Winchester, MA
- 2019 University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
- 2018 Simmons University, Boston, MA
- 2017 Brandeis University, Women's Studies Research Center
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- 2015 Smith College, Northhampton, MA
- 2013 Matthaei Botanical Gardens, University of Michigan, MI
Five complimentary exhibits in churches and libraries, Flint, MI
- 2012 Gibbes Museum, Charleston, SC
- 2011 Trinity Church & Arnold Arboretum, Boston MA
North Carolina Museum of the Coastal Plain, Wilson, NC
- 2009 United States Botanic Garden, Washington, DC
- 2007 Royall House, Medford, MA
- 2005 Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA
Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN
New England Women in Photography, Simmons College, Boston, MA
- 2004 Salt Institute for Documentary Studies, Portland, ME
- 2003 The Columbus Museum Uptown, Columbus, GA
Nesto Gallery at Milton Academy, Milton, MA
The Photographic Resource Center, Boston University, MA
Flatfile Photography Gallery, Chicago, IL
The Photography Institute, Columbia University, NY
- 2002 The Carroll Reece Museum/Center for Appalachian Studies and Services, East Tennessee State University,
Johnson City, TN
Frazier Gallery, Bethesda, MD
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
- 2001 Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
Stonehill College, Easton, MA
Photographic Resource Center, Boston, MA
Simmons Alumnae: Washington DC Regional Conference, Simmons College
- 1995 Buckingham Browne and Nichols School, Cambridge, MA
Greenfield Community College, Greenfield, MA
- 1991 Hamilton College, Clinton, NY
- 1989 Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA

Professional Positions

- 2016-2020 Visiting Scholar, Brandeis University Women's Studies Research Center
- 2013-Present Simmons College, Associate Professor of Photography Emerita
- 1987-2013 Simmons College, Associate Professor of Photography
- 1997-2014 Leadership Council of New England Women in Photography