Sam Yesko

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Education

2026 BFA in Photography & Video, Minors in Filmmaking and Art History & Visual Culture,
Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Lancaster, PA

Exhibition Record

Group Exhibitions

2026 *The National Juried Photography Exhibition*, The Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick, MD

Deep Shadows: Online Halloween Exhibition, Virtual, Lenscratch

Illusions of Autonomy, Virtual, Through The Lens Collective

The Cat Show, Virtual, Blue Sky, the Oregon Center for the Photographic Arts, Portland, OR

5th Annual PhotoLounge Student Show, PL130 Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

Through Our Eyes: A Community Celebration of Photography, Ware Center for the Arts, Lancaster, PA

Dog Days of Summer, Virtual, The Griffin Museum of Photography, Winchester, MA

The 2026 Fatherhood Exhibition, Virtual, Lenscratch

In Bloom, The Salzmann Photography Center, Philadelphia, PA

Senior Show & Celebration, Photography & Video Gallery,
Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Lancaster, PA

Fast Forward: Analog Photography as a Third Space, Los Angeles Center of Photography, Los Angeles, CA

Anarchy Black & White Photo Exhibition, Traveled to:
- Gallery Conceal, Shibuya, Tokyo
- Photomafia, Northampton, England
- Carré 59, Versailles, Yvelines
- Spazio Holo, Olbia, Sardinia

MY CUP OF TEA: LUX Photo Club Exhibition, Photography & Video Hallway Gallery,
Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Lancaster, PA

Presence, Lancaster Art Vault, Lancaster, PA

Folklore, CORE Gallery, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Lancaster, PA

The 2026 LOVE Exhibition, Virtual, Lenscratch

2025 *Self-Portrait*, A Photographer's Place, Raleigh, NC

Living Image 2025/2026, The Halide Project, Philadelphia, PA

Internet as Mood, Virtual and Hayden Student Gallery, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Lancaster, PA

Photography & Video Thesis Preview Exhibition, Photography & Video Hallway Gallery, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Lancaster, PA

Monochrome: A Black & White Photography Show, The Grotto Community Center, York, PA

Midwest Regional Conference: Juried Student Exhibition, Society of Photographic Education, College for Creative Studies, Detroit, MI

The Camera Has Its Shyness: 4th Annual Student Show, PL130 Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

THIS IS ME: LUX Photo Club Exhibition, Photography & Video Hallway Gallery, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Lancaster, PA

Self Portrait, Decode Gallery, Tucson, AZ

2024 *Advanced Digital Photography Exhibition*, Photography & Video Hallway Gallery, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Lancaster, PA

Home, Hayden Student Gallery, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Lancaster, PA

2023 *Foundation*, Main Gallery, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Lancaster, PA

Film Festivals

2026 *The Red Rose International Film Festiva*l, *Official Selection*, Lancaster, PA

Virtual Cultural Exchange

2023 - 2026 *Zayed University in Abu Dhabi/Pennsylvania College of Art & Design Photography Exchange*, *INTERACTIONS OF COLOR (2026), DESIGN IN THE EVERYDAY (2026)*, *THE FUTURE (2025)*, *THE PAST (2025)*, *SEARCHING (2025)*, *HARMONY (2025)*, *CONSTRUCTED REALITY (2024)*, *THE UNKNOWN (2024)*, *SUSPENDED TIME (2024)*, *THE COSMOS & ME (2023)*, *MANIPULATE, REVIVE & REMAKE (2023)*

Publications & Features

2026 *5th Annual PhotoLounge Student Show*, Exhibition Catalogue, PL130 Gallery

Photo Trouvée Magazine Issue 20, Group Photobook, Photo Trouvée Magazine

Color of Noise, International Group Photobook, Ephemere.Tokyo

Submissio Fati, Monograph

Life Between the Lines, Group Photobook/Zine, Fescue Gallery

Anarchy N°3, International Group Photobook, Ephemere.Tokyo

2025 *Living Image 2025/2026*, Exhibition Catalogue, The Halide Project

The Camera Has Its Shyness: 4th Annual Student Show, Exhibition Catalogue, PL130 Gallery

Self Portrait, Exhibition Catalogue, Decode Gallery

Collections/Archives

A Photographer's Place, Raleigh, NC

Professional Experience

2024 - Present Freelance Photographer

Creative advertising and assignment photography for portraiture, entertainment and business events, product, and gallery documentation.

2024 - 2026 Student Photo Lab Monitor, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Lancaster, PA

Lending a helping hand for students and staff with any questions with equipment, processes, and preparation for the day ahead. Knowledge of mixing chemicals for black and white and color to help in both film development and darkroom printmaking. Knowledge in cleaning and maintaining multiple Epson and Canon printers. Sanitary cleanings done daily to keep space neat and tidy. Organizing and distributing photography equipment for students and staff to rent. Teaching and training students how to use Epson and Canon printers. A guide for younger students and critique works.

Internships & Mentorships

2025 Mentorship with Fine Art Photography Professor Paul Rider, Lancaster, PA

Personal one-on-one critiques and discussions, creating more in-depth ideas in conceptual photography and technical processes. Development in learning more in depth photography techniques such as gelatin silver prints, digital negatives, alternative process, and experimentation in expired light sensitive papers. Advice given on entering into juried shows and competitions. Assisting in classes as a student assistant, giving critiques and feedback, advice on teaching in the future, and studio help such as set up, clean up, and modeling.

2024 - 2025 Internship with The Red Rose International Film Festival, Ryan Shank, Lancaster, PA

Involving local and international communities to come together to present and talk about the love of filmmaking and art creation. Co-hosting a podcast to help listeners learn more about local community artists and businesses. Editing audio of Podcast and releasing it onto the Pennsylvania College of Art & Design Youtube Channel. Creating content about my journey as an artist and how I help my community. Jury for Student Film and Short Film selection, examining and writing detailed explanations of why certain films should be selected into Film Festival.

Curatorial & Jurying Experience

2026 *MY CUP OF TEA: LUX Photo Club Exhibition*, Co-Curator, Photography & Video Hallway Gallery, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Lancaster, PA

2025 *Internet as Mood*, Co-Curator, Virtual and Hayden Student Gallery, Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Lancaster, PA

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2024 - Present *Best in Student* and *Shorts Category*, Juror, The Red Rose International Film Festival, Lancaster, PA

Awards & Grants

2026 Pennsylvania College of Art & Design's 2026 Department Award in Photography & Video

2022 - 2026 Pennsylvania College of Art & Design's Trustee Scholarship

Pennsylvania College of Art & Design's Institutional Grant

2023 & 2025 Pennsylvania College of Art & Designs's Dean's List Recipient, *Fall of 2023, Spring of 2025, Fall of 2025, Spring of 2026*

2022 Pennsylvania College of Art & Design's Portfolio Scholarship Award

Professional Affiliations

2025 - Present Member of the Society of Photographic Education (SPE), Mid-Atlantic Chapter, MD/PA

Member of the Washington County Arts Council, Washington County, MD