
MCC FACULTY MEMBER NAMED CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF THE SOCIETY FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC EDUCATION

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Liz Allen, a Mesa Community College adjunct faculty member, was recently named Chair of the Board for the Society for Photographic Education.

Allen has taught photography at MCC, GCC and CGCC during her more than 20 years as contingent faculty. Allen has been a Society for Photographic Education (SPE) member since 2001 and served as the chair of the SPE's Women's Caucus for more than 10 years.

Liz Allen. Photo courtesy Mesa Community College

Allen earned an MFA from Rochester Institute of Technology in 1995 and has been curator of Northlight Gallery at the ASU Herberger Institute's School of Art since 1999. Northlight exhibits a broad spectrum of photo-based work by internationally known, emerging and underrepresented artists.

“As contingent faculty traveling around the valley to teach at different places, I am challenged to feel part of the academic community at any one institution,” said Allen. “SPE has provided me with a professional community where my work is supported, valued and respected.”

According to SPE, the exhibitions she curates “demonstrate her profound interest in understanding, interpreting, and teaching the richness of photography as an evolving medium to an expanding community. The mission of the gallery under her direction has developed a dialog between established, emerging, and underrepresented artists working in a broad spectrum of photo-based media in collaboration with scholars also interested in challenging our perceptions of the human experience.”

Kali by Liz Allen. Photo courtesy Mesa Community College

SPE is considered the leading forum for fostering understanding of photography in all its forms and strives to foster the development of its practice, teaching, scholarship, and critical analysis. The organization engages its 1,800 worldwide membership and affiliated communities through conferences, events, and publications.

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Mesa Community College is nationally recognized as an Aspen Prize Top 150 U.S. Community College and is known for service learning, career and technical programs, civic engagement and innovative approaches to education. The college serves as a resource for career readiness, transfer education, workforce development and lifelong learning.

Host to more than 30,000 students annually, MCC offers degree and certificate programs online, at its two campuses, the Mesa Downtown Center and additional locations. Through the implementation of Guided Pathways with Integrated Support Services, MCC is transforming ways it champions student success; college completion, university transfer and career attainment for all students.

MCC is a Hispanic Serving Institution. The diverse student body includes more than 400 international students representing over 60 countries. Award-winning faculty are dedicated to student success, providing the education and training to empower MCC students to compete locally and globally. Located in the East Valley of Phoenix, Arizona, MCC is one of the 10 colleges in the Maricopa County Community College District. Learn more at mesacc.edu.

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