## Photography and why it's important



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## "We are alive"

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## TYPES OF PHOTOGRAPHY

## 1. Professional

- Flexible, you'll get the best images tailored to your needs
- Expensive, but you get what you pay for
- Proper planning makes the most of your hired time
- University Resources:
>> University Communications SmugMug
> Student Affairs SmugMug
>> UB Portrait Studio

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## Search by Topic

Teaching

Research
Campus: North, South, Downtown

Campus Life

## Athletics

Public Service

Archives

## featured galleries



## Top 50 Photo Keywords

alumni arena * buffalo * campus tife * campus shot * cas * cfa * classroom * college of arts and sciences * college of arts and sciences cas * construction * downtown campus * environmental portrait * event * exterior * faculty * graduate student * group * interior * lab * north CampuS * ny * obrian hall * portrait * presentation * president's office * research * research lab * satish k tripathi * school of architecture and planning * school of dental medicine * school of engineering applied sciences * school of medicine biomedical sciences * school of medicine biomedical sciences smbs * seas * smbs - south campus * staff * Student * students * teaching * undergraduate student * 2005 * 2006 = 2007 * 2008 * 2009 * 2010 * 2011 * 2012 * 2013

## TYPES OF PHOTOGRAPHY

## 2. Amateur

- Ideal for social events, meetings, lectures, short lived content
- These days, everyone has a camera, use it!
- We'll discuss guidelines for amateur photography in a bit



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## 3. Found Imagery

- If it's from a source outside UB, get permission to use it.
- Free sources:
>> UB Archives
>> Wiki Commons
>> Library of Congress
>> Smithsonian Collections
$\gg$ CDC
>> Faculty/Staff files



## TYPES OF PHOTOGRAPHY

## 4. Stock

- Professional imagery that meets all budgets
- Credit based accounts
- Best for topical or conceptual needs
- Sources:
>> istockphoto.com
>> 123 rf.com
>> shutterstock.com
>> gettyimages.com
>> sciencephoto.com



## TIPS FOR GREAT PHOTOGRAPHY

## 1. Captions = Content

- It's a great image that has caught the viewers eye, now they want to know more.
- If you show someone in a setting, why not say who and where they are?


Students in front of Davis Hall, The School of Engineering's new state of the art building

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## 2. Guidelines for amateur shooting

- Capture emotion and interaction
- Hugging, smiling, laughing, etc.
- Avoid repetitive, staged, drink in hand photos
- Capture unusual angles and details
- Feet Dancing
- Detail of class rings
- View from second floor looking down at crowd



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## 3. Rule of thirds

- Important compositional elements and leading lines are placed on or near the imaginary lines and where the lines intersect.



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- Portraits:

Eyes are lined up with the upper horizontal line and each eye is where the upper horizontal line intersects with a vertical line.


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## 4. Less is more

- The smaller the image, the simpler the visual information should be (and vice versa)
- If an image does not translate well to a small size, it should be used larger or left out if space doesn't allow



## TIPS FOR GREAT PHOTOGRAPHY

## 5. Portraits and headshots

- When using portraits or headshots, especially in a gallery setting, they should all be cropped and displayed at roughly the same size.


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## 6. Photoshop!

- If you have access to Adobe Photoshop or other photo editing software, use it to improve amateur photos.
- Correct light and dark levels
- Boost color saturation
- Crop for better composition
- Even professionals tweak their images so they look their best.


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Boost color saturation

## TIPS FOR GREAT PHOTOGRAPHY



Crop for better compostion

- Remove extra space
- Rule of thirds!

