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Visual Storytelling with Photojournalist Erika Schultz

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Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah: As the old adage goes, "A picture is worth a thousand words", such is the case with Erika Schultz, a photojournalist and video storyteller for The Seattle Times. SUU's Department of Art & Design welcomes Schultz as an Art Insights speaker Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA). She will share experiences on community storytelling and finding creativity. Admission is free and open to the public.

Schultz's work centers on real life stories and human experience. Her images create a storyboard that is honest, eye opening, and leaves the viewer with a sense of renewed awareness and knowledge.

When asked about her work at The Seattle Times, Schultz said, "At our publication, we work to document community stories with universal themes to help people better understand one another. We believe documentary photography provides a proof of history, and records some of our society's most challenging issues and beautiful moments."

Pictures of the Year International presented Schultz an award of excellence for Newspaper Photographer of the Year. Her video work with Corinne Chin won second place for Individual Multimedia Portfolio in NPPA's 2017 Best of Photojournalism Awards, as well as an honorable mention for Cliff Edom's New America Award. Her work has also been recognized by the Casey Medals for Meritorious Journalism, National Edward R. Murrow Awards, The Alexia Foundation, Society of Professional Journalists, as well as being a finalist for the 2010 and 2013 ASNE Community Service Photojournalism award.

"Erika is one of the most talented and hard-working photographers I know. Her passion for telling stories runs deep and drives her to follow a story wherever it leads - even if that is some far-flung foreign land," said Benjamin Kirkby, SUU Assistant Professor of Graphic Design. "On the outside, Erika is as down-to-earth as it gets. Inside, however, she is a driven, consummate professional whose incredible talents come as a direct result from her never settling for 'good enough'. In addition to her amazing photography- which has earned her numerous awards, including a pulitzer - Erika's raw love of her craft is inspiring to witness."

Beyond her work with The Seattle Times, Schultz works as a part-time faculty member at the University of Washington. She serves on the Western Washington Board of the Society of Professional Journalists and is the co-founder of NW Photojournalism.

Join us in looking at the world through the eyes of a visual storyteller. For more information, please visit www.suu.edu/pva.

About the College of Performing and Visual Arts

The College of Performing and Visual Arts (CPVA) at Southern Utah University comprises 26 academic programs including liberal arts (BA/BS) and professional (BFA, BM) degrees in art, design, dance, music and theatre. It offers graduate programs in the fields of arts administration, music education, and music technology. More than 60 full- and part-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring over 600 majors in the College. CPVA presents over 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year and is affiliated with the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA), Utah Shakespeare Festival, and the Center for Shakespeare Studies. Southern Utah University is an accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Art & Design (NASAD), National Association of Schools of Dance (NASD), and the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM). For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, visit www.suu.edu/pva.

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Art Insights is hosted during the fall and spring semesters by SUU's Art & Design faculty. Students and community members meet to partake in presentations and discussions by visiting artists and art educators from around the nation who share their work and insights.

Who: Art Insights, Department of Art & Design, Southern Utah University

When: Thursday, March 1, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S 300 W, Cedar City, Utah

Tickets: Free admission, General Public invited to attend

Info: For more information, please visit www.suu.edu/pva.

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