

## Kay Westhues

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## Education

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Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY, MA in Folk Studies, 2017

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, MS in Instructional Systems Technology, 1998

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, BS in the Individualized Major Program, 1995

Rhode Island School of Design, Photography Major, 1980-82

## Academic Positions

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### **Department of Communication & Creative Arts, Purdue Northwest, Hammond, IN**

*Visiting Instructor, 2022 – 2023*

Taught Web Design, Typography, Photography, Art Appreciation, Visual Communication Design I, II, III, IV

### **University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, IN**

*Adjunct Faculty, 2020-2021*

Taught Web Design, Advanced Web Design, and Web Design and Multimedia

### **Ernestine M. Raclin School of the Arts, Indiana University South Bend, South Bend, IN**

*Associate Faculty, 2012-2021*

Taught Point and Shoot Photography

## Solo and 2-Person Exhibitions

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**Mostly Indiana**, Roti Roti Art Center of Buchanan (Buchanan, MI) upcoming in August 2025

**Journey Through Indiana: The Photographs of Kay Westhues & John Bower**, Midwest Museum of American Art (Elkhart, IN) 2022

**The Specialness of Springs**, Moreau Art Galleries, Moreau Center for the Arts, Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame, IN) 2021

**The Portage Path: Returning to Our History**, Snite Museum of Art, University of Notre Dame (Notre Dame, IN) 2016

*This exhibition consisted of a portfolio of twelve images and a limited edition artist book commissioned by the Snite Museum of Art to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City of South Bend, IN.*

**Well Stories**, South Bend Museum of Art (South Bend, IN) 2011

**A Sense of Place: Rural Indiana Narratives**, Noyes Cultural Arts Center (Evanston, IL) 2010

**Fourteen Places to Eat: A Narrative**, Pictura Gallery (Bloomington, IN) 2010

**Fourteen Places to Eat: A Narrative**, Snite Museum of Art, University of Notre Dame (Notre Dame, IN) 2009

**Everyday Mysteries: Photographs by Kay Westhues**, Lubeznik Center for the Arts (Michigan City, IN) 2008

## Invitational and Juried Exhibitions

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**Verde Variants**, Union Street Gallery (Chicago Heights, IL) 2024

**30th Annual Juried Art Exhibition**, Art Barn School of Art (Valparaiso, IN) 2024

**Elkhart Juried Regional**, Midwest Museum of American Art (Elkhart, IN) 2021-24, 2019, 2018, 2006-04

**American Portraits: Identity, Persona, & Power**, Midwest Museum of American Art (Elkhart, IN) 2023

**Mark My Words**, Chesterton Art Center (Chesterton, IN) 2022

**Reciprocity**, Woman Made Gallery (Chicago, IL) 2021

**Alone Together: Visual Stories of the Pandemic**, South Haven Center for the Arts (South Haven, MI) 2021

**Politics and Religion**, Midwest Museum of American Art (Elkhart, IN) 2020

**Gaia Weeps: Featuring Frederica Armstrong, Isabella La Rocca González, Carolyn Monastra and Kay Westhues**, Aegon Gallery, Centre College (Danville, KY) 2019

**Laundry Days**, Colfax Cultural Center (South Bend, IN) 2018

**Stephen Takics and Kay Westhues**, Krempp Gallery (Jasper, IN) 2016

**MAN + LAND + WATER**, Rutledge Gallery, Winthrop University (Rock Hill, SC) 2015

**South Bend Selfie**, South Bend Museum of Art (South Bend, IN) 2015

**The Blue Library**, Press Street's Antenna Gallery (New Orleans, LA) 2014

*An exhibition of photozines held as part of PhotoNOLA | New Orleans Festival of Photography.*

**Portfolio Showcase: Rural Culture**, Davis Orton Gallery (Hudson, NY) 2014

**Water: A Universal Human Right**, Robert Morris State Street Gallery (Chicago, IL) 2014

**Surface Tension: The Future of Water**, Science Gallery, Trinity College (Dublin, Ireland), Eyebeam Art + Technology Center (New York, NY), and THE MUSEUM (Kitchener, Canada) 2011-2014

**Salon Show**, South Shore Arts (Munster, IN) 2012, 2009, 2007

**The Project**, Woman Made Gallery (Chicago, IL) 2011

**Water / Rock / Wood**, 2739 Edwin (Hamtramck, MI) 2011

**Take a Look: A Selection of Recent Photography Acquisitions**, Snite Museum of Art (Notre Dame, IN) 2010

**Grand Prix Fotofestival 2009, Eighth International Festival of Photography**, (Lodz, Poland) 2009

**Focus: Midwest**, Midwest Museum of Contemporary Art (Indianapolis, IN) 2008

**The Rockford Midwestern**, Rockford Art Museum (Rockford, IL) 2008

## Oral History Projects

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**The Spring at Small Farms**, Schurz Library Archives & Special Collections, Indiana University South Bend, (South Bend, IN) 2022

<https://iusbarchives.omeka.net/exhibits/show/spring-at-small-farms/>

**Kentucky Springs: Narratives on Localized Water Knowledge, Community and Stewardship**, Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History, University of Kentucky Libraries, (Lexington, KY) 2017

<https://kentuckyoralhistory.org/ark:/16417/xt72ng4gqd7b>

## Grants and Awards

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**Merit Award**, 30th Annual Juried Art Exhibition, Art Barn School of Art, Valparaiso, IN 2024

**Merit Award, Photography**, 45th Elkhart Juried Regional Exhibition, Midwest Museum of American Art, Elkhart, IN, 2023

**Women of IU South Bend Grant**, 2021

**Indiana University South Bend's Center for a Sustainable Future Sustainability Fellow**, 2019-20

**Indiana Arts Commission Arts in the Parks Grant**, 2019, 2020

**Indiana Humanities Action Grant**, 2019

**Associate Faculty Merit Status**, Indiana University South Bend, 2019

**Kentucky Oral History Commission Project Grant**, 2016

**Puffin Foundation West Project Grant**, 2013

**Indiana Arts Commission Individual Artist Project Grant**, 2013, 2010, 2007

**Helen V. Surovek Memorial Award**, Salon Show, South Shore Arts, Munster, IN, 2012

**Past President's Award**, Salon Show, South Shore Arts, Munster, IN, 2009

**Best 2-D**, The Rockford Midwestern, Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, IL, 2008

## Publications

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Westhues, Kay, "Six Pieces." *The Glacier*, edited by David Dodd Lee and Austin Veldman, Indiana University South Bend, 2023, <https://theglacierjournal.com/issue-two/>

Westhues, Kay. "The Spring at Small Farms." *The Gary Anthology*, edited by Samuel Love, Belt Publishing, 2020, pp. 86-94.

Westhues, Kay. "Flowing Well Park: Localized Water Knowledge, Community, and Stewardship as Expressed in Community Springs." *Southeastern Geographer*, vol. 57 no. 2, 2017, pp. 107-109.

Westhues, Kay, *Family Faith Food*, edited by Shaun H. Kelly, STRANT, 2016, pp 11, 30.

## Professional Presentations

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**Communal Places and Neglected Spaces: Exploring Indiana's Roadside Springs**, Indiana Humanities *Unearthed* Speakers Bureau, 2021-22

**The Specialness of Springs**, artist talk, Moreau Center for the Arts, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN, 2021

**Everyone's Water: Exploring Indiana's Roadside Springs**, Indiana Humanities *INseparable* Speakers Bureau, 2020

**The Spring at Small Farms**, a virtual presentation for the Calumet Heritage Partnership's Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, 2020

**Beliefs and Practices Related to Community Water Sources: "The Specialness of Springs."** Paper presented at the International Oral History Association Congress, Jyväskylä, Finland, 2018

**Photography and Fieldwork: Creativity and Reciprocity in Visual Documentation.** Paper presented at the annual conference of the University of Kentucky's Political Ecology Working Group, Lexington, KY, 2017

**The Portage Path: Returning to Our History**, artist talk, Snite Museum of Art, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, 2016

**Well Stories: Practices Related to Localized Water Knowledge, Community, and Stewardship.** Paper presented at the 2016 American Folklore Society and International Society for Folk Narrative Research Annual Meeting, Miami, FL, 2016

**Surface Tension: The Future of Water**, artist panel, Science Gallery, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, 2011

**Visiting artist**, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY, 2011

**Well Stories**, artist talk, South Bend Museum of Art, South Bend, IN, 2011

**Fourteen Places to Eat**, artist talk, Snite Museum of Art, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, 2009

## Permanent Collections

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Snite Museum of Art, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

Midwest Museum of American Art, Elkhart, IN

City of Bloomington, Bloomington, IN

Press Street's Antenna Gallery Reading Room, New Orleans, LA

Indie Photobook Library, Washington, DC

## Press

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*PAN-O-PLY, Story & Art Michiana*, Winter Release 2022, <https://www.flipsnack.com/panoplymichiana/pan-o-plywinter-22.html>

Westhues, Kay. *Art on The Air*, interview by Larry Brechner and Ester Golden, Lakeshore Public Radio, Valparaiso, IN, 30 October, 2020.

Westhues, Kay. "Kay Westhues | The Portage Path, Returning to Our History." *YIELD Magazine*, Issue 02, April 2016, <http://002.yieldmagazine.org/>

O'Keefe, Peter, director. *Dreaming in Public*. *Vimeo*, produced by Grass Roots Media, 26 June, 2015, <https://vimeo.com/119558418>.

Kelly, Shaun H. "Featured Work: Family Album by Kay Westhues," *STRANT Magazine*, Volume 004, Issue 001, 19 February, 2015.

Kelly, Shaun H. "Featured Work: Fourteen Places to Eat by Kay Westhues," *STRANT Magazine*, Volume 003, Issue 005, 28 August, 2014.

Hariman, Robert. "Photographer's Showcase: A Sense of Place," *No Caption Needed*, 3 September 2010, <http://www.nocaptionneeded.com/?p=6502>.

Eckholm, Erik. "Bubbling Up From the Earth, A Cool, Clear Gift," *New York Times*, 7 June 2010, A10, <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/07/us/07indiana.html>.

Westhues, Kay. *Up All Night*, interview by Rhod Sharp, BBC Radio 5 Live, London, United Kingdom, 7 June 2010.

## Professional Memberships

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Ecoartspace

Women's Caucus for Art

## Community Service

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**Board Member**, Fire Arts Inc., South Bend, IN, 2018-2025, 2009-2015

**Juror**, Scholastic Art Awards, South Bend Museum of Art, South Bend, IN, 2021-2020, 2014-2011, 2009

**Advisory Panelist**, Indiana Art Commission Individual Artist Project Grants, 2012, 2010, 2007

**Advisory Panelist**, Indiana Art Commission Arts Operating Support Grants, 2013, 2012