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**Rip Smith Photography Exhibit Now Open**

The Bing Stanford in Washington Program Art Gallery is currently hosting an exhibit of photographs by Sterling "Rip" Smith of Martinsburg, West Virginia.

The exhibit consists of 33 black and white prints that trace Smith's evolution as a photographer over a 45 year period from 1962 through 2007.

Smith earned wide recognition in the past year with images exhibited at the Center for Fine Art Photography in Fort Collins, Colorado and awards in the 2007 and 2008 Cumberland Valley Photographic Salon at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown, Maryland.

*Please join us for a reception with the artist on Sunday, March 9 from 1pm to 4pm in the Art Gallery at the Bing Stanford in Washington Program, located in the Sant Building at 2655 Connecticut Avenue, NW, in Washington, DC.*

Regular gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm and Saturday from 11am to 6pm. This exhibit will run through April 11, 2008.

The Bing Stanford in Washington (SIW) Program, part of the Stanford University Public Policy Program, offers qualified undergraduate students an opportunity to study and learn in a rigorous program in the nation's capital.