

## GRETCHEN ADELE FERBER

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### EDUCATION

**University of Cincinnati**, Cincinnati, Ohio. Master of Fine Arts.

*Expected Graduation June 2011*

**Honors**, University Graduate Scholarship.

*Fall 2009-Spring 2010*

**Duke University**, Durham, North Carolina. AB Religion. Minor Visual Arts.

*May 2007*

**Honors**, Dean's List and Dean's List with Distinction.

*Fall 2006 and Spring 2007*

### FINE ARTS EXPERIENCE

**Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University**, Durham, North Carolina.

*August 2008-June 2009*

Lewis Hine Documentary Fellow placed at United South End Settlements, Boston, Massachusetts.

- Chosen as one of two fellows from a highly selective pool of 40 applicants to develop, implement, and execute year-long documentary projects in photography and audio; collaborated with staff and participants of United South End Settlements' (USES) programs and community members of South End/Lower Roxbury, Boston.
- Worked with art therapy program for at-risk adolescent girls to provide empowerment through photography workshop and to create large format portraits that represent how the participants view themselves in different environments.
- Interviewed and photographed students of adult basic education program to reveal struggles of adult learners including seniors, immigrants, working poor, and former substance abusers.
- Created staff project to honor and acknowledge the support provided by staff to the South End/Lower Roxbury communities.
- Photographed street scenes of the South End neighborhood and assembled installation.

**Museum of Fine Arts Boston**, Boston, Massachusetts. Volunteer museum tour guide in Access Program.

*September 2008-June 2009*

- Provided equitable museum experience to blind, low-vision, Alzheimer's, and disabled visitors through verbal description of art objects and tactile tours of touchable sculpture; developed art historical tour themes and provided comprehensive assistance.

**Vermilion Historical Society**, Vermilion, Ohio.

*Summer 2003, 2005, and 2008*

- Painted and donated bench, Adirondack chair, and trunk to benefit beautification project. Auctioned pieces for \$1000+ apiece.

### FINE ARTS PRODUCTION

#### Photography Documentaries

- *Identity in Transition*. Boston, Massachusetts. 2009
- *The Key is Education*. Boston, Massachusetts. 2009
- *What is USES to You?* Boston, Massachusetts. 2009
- *The Power and the Glory: Religious Icons in the Philippines*. Bacolod, Cebu City, and Manila, Philippines. 2008
- *Urban Poor Realities*. Manila, Philippines. 2008
- *The Diversity of Spirituality through Photography and Written Word: Ruminations on the Divine, Sacred Places, Communion of Souls, And the Search for Understanding*. Durham, North Carolina. 2006
- *Identity Forged Through Understanding Home: Photographs from the Trinity Park Neighborhood*. Durham, North Carolina. 2006
- *Normality and Destruction Meet Ironically: Photographs from the Gulf Coast, Post-Katrina*. Gulf Coast Mississippi and Louisiana. 2006

#### Solo Exhibitions

- *Where All Can Thrive*. Lewis Hine Fellowship culminating exhibition included *Identity in Transition*, *The Key is Education*, and *What is USES to You?* documentaries and *South End Street Scenes* photographic installation.

United South End Settlements, Boston, Massachusetts.

*May-December 2009*

- *The Diversity of Spirituality*. University Lutheran Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

*May-August 2009*

#### Group Exhibitions

- *Outside Myself: Recent Documentary Work*. President Richard Brodhead's Gallery, Durham, North Carolina. *September 2007-June 2008*
- *The Poverty of the Visual: An Interdisciplinary Student Exhibition*. Smith Arts Warehouse, Durham, North Carolina. *March 2007*
- *Our Half-Acre: Large Format Photography*. Center for Documentary Studies, Durham, North Carolina. *January-March 2007*

### INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**, Chicago, Illinois; Placed in Manila, Philippines.

*August 2007-May 2008*

- Young Adult in Global Mission placed as Ecumenical Intern in Mutual Mission at United Church of Christ in the Philippines.
- Worked as community organizer in grass-roots organization within urban poor community.
- Advocated for human rights through political activism and international awareness.
- Initiated children's program for creative expression through art.

**Universidad de las Americas, Puebla**, Cholula, Mexico.

*June-July 2006*

- Intensive immersion program in elementary Spanish.
- Volunteered in after-school program to benefit orphaned children.
- Participated in photography workshop on Mexican culture.

- Semester-long study abroad program.
- Coursework: Christian Ethics, Ecclesiastical History, and Scottish Ethnology.
- Served through Children's Holiday Venture, an after-school program for disadvantaged children.

### **VOLUNTEER AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

**Duke Durham Tennis Project**, Durham, North Carolina. Co-founder, President.

*January 2005, August 2006-May 2007*

- Founded after-school program in conjunction with Carter Elementary After-School Program to provide 30 underserved students in Durham with fun, safe, and instructive environment for weekly tennis lessons.
- Worked with the program coordinator of Carter Elementary, created weekly lesson plans, and organized student volunteers.

**Duke Lutherans**, Durham, North Carolina. President.

*August 2006-May 2007*

- Organized 30 students into fellowship opportunities and volunteer projects including Habitat for Humanity, Durham Soup Kitchen, and mission trips.
- Worked one week in Gulfport, Mississippi providing hurricane relief, 2006.
- Served one week in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands providing humanitarian aid, 2005.

### **SKILLS**

- Photography: Black and white and Color film in 35mm, 120, and 4x5 formats; Digital photography in raw format; High resolution negative scanning; Inkjet printing; Darkroom developing and printing in black and white; Toning and alternative processing including sepia and platinum/palladium.
- Audio: Digital audio recording and editing.
- Systems: Windows, Mac OS; Software: Adobe Photoshop CS3, iLife 2008 Suite including iMovie, Garage Band, and iWeb.