

BIOGRAPHY

Kevin O'Connell was born in Hammond, Indiana amongst slowly decaying steel mills and oil refineries. The postindustrial landscape fostered an early fascination with large machines, energy, and temporality. During cross-country road trips in the late 1970's and early 1980's, Kevin discovered the vastness and isolation of the West. After moving to Denver in 1981, the horizon and the theme of water (as well as the lack thereof) became a significant factor in his work. His most recent series of still photographs and videos, "Inundation" (2016), present a visual departure from the images of the arid landscapes of Colorado.

Kevin's work is held in numerous public and private collections and he has exhibited extensively, including numerous solo exhibits such as "Everything Comes Broken" at the Museum of Contemporary Art Denver (2009) and Santa Fe University of Art and Design (2014), "Inundation" (2016), "Memories of Water" (2014), and "Moments of Inertia" (2011) at the Robischon Gallery in Denver. He has been interviewed on Colorado Public Radio and has received two fellowship grants at the Ucross Foundation.

SELECTED  
COLLECTIONS

Center for Creative Photography, Tucson  
Museum of Fine Arts Houston  
Los Angeles County Museum of Art  
Denver Art Museum  
Bibliotheque Nationale de France, Paris  
Museu de Arte Moderna, Rio de Janeiro  
Brigham Young University Museum of Art  
Ross Art Museum, Wesleyan University  
Qwest Communications, Inc.  
Kaiser Permanente, Inc.  
Fidelity Investments, Inc.  
Captiva Resources, Inc.  
Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce  
Born Hotel, Denver  
Crawford Hotel, Denver

PUBLIC ART

Denver Convention Center Hotel - Four short 35mm films (2005).

REPRESENTATION

Robischon Gallery, Denver, Co.  
photoeye Gallery, Santa Fe, N.M.

MEDIA

Colorado Public Radio Interview, 8/09  
<http://www.cpr.org/article/legacy-archive-5074#>

## PUBLICATIONS

Inundation, artist's book, edition of 50 (2017)  
High Desert Journal, No. 13, (Spring 2011)  
Shooting the West, Contemporary Colorado Photographers (2009)  
Landscapes of Colorado (2007)  
21<sup>st</sup>, The Journal of Contemporary Photography (Volume V)  
La Fotografia No. 96, April 2003 (Spain)  
Orion, January/February 2003  
LensWork No. 41, June/July 2002

## PERSONAL

Born Hammond, Indiana.  
Purdue University, B.S. Hydraulic Engineering  
University of Denver, J.D.  
2010 & 2007 Fellowships, Ucross Foundation  
Nominee: 2008 Aperture West Book Award  
Nominee: 2009 Baum Award  
2012-2013 Board of Directors: Colorado Photographic Arts Center

## SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

4/19 Robischon Gallery, Denver  
*Petrichor*

7/18 photoeye Gallery, Santa Fe, NM  
*Light + Metal*

5/17 516 Arts, Albuquerque, NM  
*Landscapes of Life and Death*

6/16 Center for Creative Photography, Tucson  
*New Acquisitions*

6/16 Robischon Gallery, Denver  
*Inundation*

9/14 Robischon Gallery, Denver  
*Memories of Water*

5/14 Fort Collins Museum of Art  
*Kevin O'Connell, The New West*

2/14 photoeye Gallery, Santa Fe, NM  
*Conventional Entropy*

2/14 Santa Fe University of Art and Design, NM  
*Everything Comes Broken*

4/13 Byers-Evans House Museum, Denver  
*The Denver Salon: Then and Now*

9/11 Robischon Gallery, Denver  
*Kevin O'Connell: Moments of Inertia*

7/11 Museu de Arte Moderna, Rio de Janeiro  
*Joaquim Paiva Collection*

10/10 Nicolaysen Art Museum, Casper, WY  
*Ucross: Twenty-Seven Years of Visual Art Residencies*

4/10 Denver Art Museum  
*Exposure*

7/09 Museum of Contemporary Art Denver  
*Kevin O'Connell: Everything Comes Broken*

6/09 Robischon Gallery, Denver  
*Kevin O'Connell: Conventional Entropy*

1/09 Arvada Center for the Arts, Arvada, CO  
*Shooting the West, Colorado Photographers*

12/07 Platform Gallery, Seattle  
*Adam Satushek and Kevin O'Connell: In Between Days*

9/07 Colorado History Museum, Denver  
*Contested Lands: Photographs Around the Picket Wire*

8/07 Regis University, Denver  
*Kevin O'Connell and Richard VanPelt*

11/06 Aspen Art Museum  
*Colorado Biennial*

6/06 Museum of Contemporary Art, Denver  
*Decades of Influence*

2/06 Robischon Gallery, Denver  
*Kevin O'Connell*

2/05 Jennifer Kostuik Gallery, Vancouver, B.C.  
*Kevin O'Connell: Sublime*

1/05 Museum of Fine Arts Houston  
*Out of the Ordinary*

5/04 Denver Art Museum  
*scene Colorado/sin Colorado*

7/02 Gallery Sink, Denver  
*Platinum, A Rare Passion*

10/02 Los Angeles County Museum of Art  
*New Acquisitions*

12/01 Denver Art Museum  
*Photography from the Denver Salon*

12/01 Brigham Young University Museum of Art, Provo  
*Exploring the Western Landscape*

9/00 Center for Photography at Woodstock, NY  
*Grace*

3/00 Houston Fotofest  
*Floral Visions*

#### EARLY EXHIBITIONS

11/00 Ron Judish Fine Art, Denver

9/00 Galeria Ojo Ajeno, Lima Peru

12/99 Photo Eye Gallery, Santa Fe

11/99 Denver Art Museum

10/99 Gallery SOAP, Kitakyushu City, Japan

2/99 Ron Judish Fine Art, Denver

1/99 Museum of Contemporary Art Denver

12/97 Rule Modern & Contemporary, Denver

11/97 Emanuel Gallery, University of Colorado

9/97 Photo Eye Gallery, Santa Fe

7/97 Scott Nichols Gallery, San Francisco

1/96 Artopia, New York, NY

1/95 Grant Gallery, Denver

12/93 Center for Photographic Art, Carmel