

# Ron Tarver

## Personal Data:

- 1975-1979 BA Journalism and Graphic Arts, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma  
1984 Missouri Photographic Workshop, Forsythe, Missouri

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## Work Experience:

- 1993-Present Staff Photographer, The Philadelphia Inquirer, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
1996-Present Founder, Director, PhotoSession, annual photography conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
1981-1983 Photography Instructor, Drury College, Springfield, Missouri  
1980-1983 Staff Photographer, The Springfield News and Leader, Springfield, Missouri  
1978-1980 Staff Photographer, The Muskogee Daily Phoenix, Muskogee, Oklahoma

## Selected One Person Exhibitions:

- 1997 "A Retrospective" Beaver College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
The Long Ride Home: The African American Cowboy Experience in America"  
YWCA of Brooklyn, Brooklyn, New York
- 1996 "Photography: Contemporary Prospect '96", Historic Yellow Springs,  
Chester Springs, Pennsylvania  
"The Long Ride Home: The African American Cowboy Experience in America"  
African American Museum of Dallas, Texas  
Allens Lane Arts Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 1994 "The Long Ride Home: The African American Cowboy Experience in America"  
Connoco Gallery, Oklahoma State University, Okmulgee, Oklahoma  
Walt Whitman Center for Cultural Arts, Camden NJ

## Selected Group Exhibitions:

- 1997 "Photography 15" Perkins Center for the Arts, Moorestown, New Jersey
- 1996 "Hidden In Plain Sight", The Philadelphia Art Alliance, Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania (Three Person Exhibition)  
"National Black Arts Festival, Atlanta, Georgia  
Penn Charter Arts Festival, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

- 1994 Mt. Airy Art Jam, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 1993 "Philadelphia Photographs Philadelphia", Borders Bookstore, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
The Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- "Eye Witness 93" Exhibition featuring winning photographs from the annual World Press Photo Awards, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
(Traveling exhibition)
- 1992 "Photography Without Captions" Community Arts Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 1991 "Altered States- Alcohol And Other Drugs in America" Strong Museum, Rochester, New York (Traveling Exhibition, acquired by the Smithsonian Institution as part of their permanent collection)  
Visa Pour L" Image International Photojournalism Festival, Perpignan France

### **Recent Honors and Awards:**

- 1997 Jurors Award and Purchase award, Perkins Center for the Arts, Moorestown New Jersey  
Selected One of the 50 Artist to Watch, Seven Arts Magazine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 1996 Best of Show, Penn Charter Arts Festival Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 1995 National Newspaper Magazine Society Award for Documentary Photography
- 1994 National Geographic Magazine, Development Grant for Documentary Photography
- 1993 Pennsylvania Council on the Arts Fellowship
- 1992 National Society of Professional Journalist  
National Press Photographers Association/ University of Missouri Pictures of the Year  
Associated Press Managing Editors Award
- 1991 Artist-In-Residence, Children's Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania  
Sickle Cell Camp for Children

### **Works in Selected Books and Catalogs:**

- 1996 National Black Arts Festival catalog, Atlanta, Georgia  
"The Black Family", Deborah Willis author, Crown Publishing
- 1995 Article on The Long Ride Home ... exhibit, " The Search for Cultural Heroes "Portfolio Magazine", Northeastern State University, Tahlequah Oklahoma

- 1994 "Basic Media Writing", Melvin Mencher author, Brown & Benchmark  
1992 "Altered States: Alcohol and Other Drugs in America", Patricia M. Tice  
Curator, Strong Museum, Rochester, New York  
1993 "World Press Photo Yearbook", Thames & Hudson

**Works in Selected Collections:**

Johnson & Johnson corporate collection  
Mosby Yearbook, Philadelphia Pennsylvania  
Oklahoma State University, Okmulgee Oklahoma  
Philadelphia Public Library, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Temple University Urban Archives, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Numerous private collections

**Selected Speaking Engagements:**

- 1997 Beaver College Gallery Talk, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Afro-American Museum, Philadelphia, Lecture Series on Gordon Parks as part  
of a public program during a retrospective on Parks works  
1995 Keynote Speaker, 51st Temple Press Tournament, Temple University,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
1994 Atlanta Photojournalism Seminar, Atlanta Georgia  
1993 National Press Photographers Association Seminar on Photojournalism,  
Wilmington, Delaware  
University of Pennsylvania Photojournalism Seminar, Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania  
1989 Annual Journalism Seminar, Cheyney University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania