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About me

• From Charlotte, NC
• Began in newspapers and worked as a photojournalist for 10 years
• Shooting at Georgia since 2007
• Started shooting video in January 2017
• I can’t hear. Huh?!!
• Wife, 3 kids, and a mortgage
Want to Make Better Photos??

Overview
• Approach
  • Use your Head
  • Use your Feet
  • Use your Eye

• Lighting Techniques
• Popular Practices
• Mobile Transmission
• Gear & Software
Use Your Head

Do your prep work. You want to put yourself in the best situation to shoot this subject.

Scout, Scout, Scout!
- Find a location.
- Think about time of day for your location. Go scout the location at that time.

Communicate to your subject beforehand if you can.
- Talk to your subject if you can. – Try and shoot them at good time of day for them.
- Clothing – solid colors that are NOT white or black. Avoid crazy patterns and designs and other college logos.
- Tell you subject what you want. Most folks want direction on what to wear. Give it to them.

Coordinate your Talent
- For students in the background know and mix up diversity of gender and ethnicity

Collaboration
- Bring people in your office that can help you out. Folks are always looking for a reason to leave their desks. And photo shoots are fun!
- Bring your designer with you. We bring ours We do our best work together.
Data Mining Video
Approach
Use your feet - The best zoom is your feet

• Get closer & pull further back.
**Use your feet – Move, Move, Move – be active**

- If something isn’t working - change your perspective – be active, keep moving.
Use your feet – Climb, climb, climb
Use your feet - Don’t be afraid to get down and dirty
Use your eye

Tell the story
• Shoot wide, medium, tight photos

Moments
• Watch your subjects and try and anticipate moments

Background, background, background
• Clean it up - watch for distracting elements
• Pull your subject away form the background

Don’t forget the details
• Shot tight details of important or just pretty parts of the story
• Will give your designer elements to work with in layout and web design

Horizontal, horizontal, horizontal
• In most emails, webpages, and digital communications - photos will appear horizontally
• Again a shoot a few verticals will appeal to your designer for layout elements
Use your eye - Tell the Story – Shoot Wide
Use your eye - Tell the Story – Shoot Medium
Use your eye - Tell the Story – Shoot Tight
Use your eye – Shoot Wide, Medium, and Tight
Use your eye - Moments
Use your eye – Graphic
Use your eye – Chase the Light
Use your eye - Background, background, background

• Clean it up - watch for distracting elements
• Pull your subject away from the background
Use your eye - Don’t forget the details
Use your eye - Horizontal, horizontal, horizontal

- In most emails, webpages, and digital communications - photos will appear horizontally
Use your eye – Don’t forget the verticals

- Shoot a few verticals will appeal to your designer for layout elements
Use your eye – Get your safe bread and butter photo and then make a picture
Lighting Techniques
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Studio Headshot Setup

- Three lights
- Reflector
- Boom
- Background
- Stool
Lighting Techniques
Scrims with lights
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Scrims with Reflectors
Lighting Techniques
Available Light with reflector
Lighting Techniques

Multiple Lights
Lighting Techniques

Soft Box with Reflector
Popular Practices
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Layering
Popular Practices

Framing
Popular Practices
Bokeh – Shallow Depth of Field

Long Lens Compression

Low Aperature 85mm f/1.8
Popular Practices

- Solar Flare-f16 and heavy imaging
Mobile Transmission

Apple Corded Download

Wi-fi Download with Canon App

Photogene – Adjustments, Captioning, Dropbox to Widen
**Gear**

Cameras: Canon 5D Mark IV

Lenses: 16-35mm f2.8, 24-70mm f2.8, 70-200mm f2.8

Flashes: Yongnuo Speedlites YN600EX-RT and YN-E3-RT Transmitters

**Software**

iPad Mobile Transmission: Canon Camera Connect App
Photogene App

Desktop: Adobe Creative Suite
   90% Adobe Bridge
   10% Adobe Photoshop
The best help I can give you is answering individual questions.

PLEASE ASK THEM

Email me with any additional questions that you may have!

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