

# Acclaimed Photographer Thomas Roma to Speak at MCCC Feb. 1



(WEST WINDSOR, NJ) -- Acclaimed photographer Thomas Roma, a professor and director of photography at Columbia University, will present an overview of his work at Mercer County Community College on Thursday, Feb. 1 at 12 noon. His presentation is free to the public as part of Mercer's Distinguished Lecture Series. It will be held on the college's West Windsor campus in the Communications Building, CM109, 1200 Old Trenton Road.

Twice the recipient of Guggenheim Fellowships, Roma's work has appeared in one-person and group exhibitions internationally, including one-person shows with accompanying books at the Museum of Modern Art and the International Center of Photography (NY). He has photographed extensively in his native Brooklyn, capturing scenes from churches, subways, and everyday life. His latest publication, *In Prison Air, The Cells of Holmesburg Prison* (2005), with an introduction by John Szarkowski, was released last year by Powerhouse Books, Inc. His monographs include: *Found in Brooklyn*, with an introduction by Dr. Robert Coles (1996); *Come Sunday*, with an introduction by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (1996); *Sunset Park* (1998), *Higher Ground*, with an introduction by Ian Frazier (1999); *Enduring Justice*, with an introduction by Norman Mailer (2001); *Show & Tell* (2002); *Sanctuary* (2002); and *Sicilian Passage* (2003).

In addition to Columbia University's School for the Arts, Roma has also taught photography at Yale, Fordham, Cooper Union, and The School of Visual Arts. His work is featured in numerous collections, including The Museum of Modern Art (NY), The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, The Art Institute of Chicago, The Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and The Canadian Center for Architecture (Montreal). He is a founding contributing photographer for "DoubleTake" Magazine. Mr. Roma lives in Brooklyn with his wife Anna and their son Giancarlo.

For more information on this or other lectures, call 609-570-3324 or email: [burgessw@mccc.edu](mailto:burgessw@mccc.edu).

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*Photo from "Come Sunday: Photographs by Thomas Roma," a collection including more than 150 services in 52 African-American churches. The book accompanied an exhibition of the photographs at The Museum of Modern Art (NY) in April, 1996. Roma will present an overview of his work at Mercer County Community College on Feb. 1.*