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RE: PROFESSOR JOYCE NEIMANAS NOMINATION LETTER FOR HONORED EDUCATOR AWARD

Dear Committee Members,

As an active member of the Society for Photographic Education, I am delighted to nominate Professor Joyce Neimanas for the 2011 Honored Educator Award. This spring, having devoted thirty-eight years to teaching photographic practices to scores of emerging artists, Professor Neimanas retired from the University of New Mexico, where she spent the last six years of her career largely dedicated to The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Clearly, this well-deserved retirement provides a perfect opportunity to recognize her many professional accomplishments by presenting her with the Honored Educator Award.

A long-time supporter of the Society for Photographic Education, Professor Neimanas served on the national board of directors from 1977 to 1982. She also generously contributed to SPE's Fine Print Collector's Program by donating *Fragil* (1996), an exquisite inkjet print produced by Nash Editions.

A native of Chicago, Joyce Neimanas completed both her undergraduate and graduate education at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where she blossomed under the mentorship of Ken Josephson. In 1969, she became the first photography student at SAIC to be awarded a Master of Fine Arts degree. Three years later, she began teaching at the school, rising to the rank of associate professor in 1977 and full professor by 1986. Her evolving career as an artist and educator proved immensely successful and it was upon the strength of her national visibility that the College of Fine Arts at The University of New Mexico recruited her.

Evidence of her prominence within the field is reflected in the many grants and fellowships that she received over the years. These include, to name only the most prestigious, three Visual Arts Fellowships granted by the National Endowment for Arts in 1979, 1983, and 1990, two Illinois

