

2010 Summer Photography
DOCUMENTARY WORKSHOP
Coney Island: Different Perspectives
with KEVIN C. DOWNS

14 Sessions, Sat. afternoons, evenings Total-\$300
June 5, 12, 19, 26; July 3(opt), 10, 17, 24, 31; August 7, 14, 21, 28, September 4

Throughout its history, Coney Island has drawn many famous photographers: from Walker Evans to Weegee; Lou Stettner to Bruce Gilden. All have come to document this part of Brooklyn that is full of energy and creativity.

During this workshop, students will be documenting the changing conditions of this historic and magical place. Students will be shooting during the day and night, the icons of Coney Island: the Cyclone, Deno's Wonder Wheel, the Mermaid Parade, and the personalities that inhabit the boardwalk and surrounding areas, from the water to Mermaid Avenue, developing their powers of observation and their techniques.



Students will be asked to think of a specific documentary theme to focus on for the entire 14 sessions. Some examples could include: "The People of Coney Island", "Architecture of Coney Island", etc. The documentary theme can be anything that tells a story and documents the people, architecture and/or landscape of Coney Island. The theme you choose will need to be approved by the instructor.

Students will present their work every week, (only in-class participation will be allowed) where the instructor and students will review it for guidance and feedback. Students will gain insights into staying focused on the theme and how to improve upon the body of work. Although some technical support will be offered, this is neither a technical nor darkroom course. Students should have a working knowledge of their equipment and a willingness to engage in discussion.

All Session except June 19 (Mermaid Parade) and Siren Festival (TBA) begin with a review at noon in the Coney Island Museum (1208 Surf Avenue). Come and document what is left of the real New York! The Real Brooklyn!

**To Register, go to [Coney Island.com](http://ConeyIsland.com) and visit their Gift Shop.
Click on the Sideshow School**

Registration will be ongoing!

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