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Grossmont College Hosts “A Photographer’s Journey on the Border”

EL CAJON – Paul Turounet, an associate professor at Grossmont College, spent a decade photographing the migrant experience from the Mexico side of the border. On one occasion, he was involved in a motorcycle mishap and a group of migrants helped him as the U.S. Border Patrol watched from the other side.

Turounet will discuss his photographs and personal experiences from 2 to 3:15 p.m. May 2 in Building 26, Room 220 on the Grossmont College campus.

“Viewers are invited to reflect on the anxiety and uncertainty of the migrants, and contemplate that emotional place we all must face when we leave behind the known for the unknown,” said Turounet, chair of the college’s Visual Arts and Humanities Department.

“Under The Green Moon: A Photographer’s Journey on the Border” is free and open to the public.

Turounet’s work has been featured in various solo and group exhibitions in both the United States and Mexico, including the California Center for the Arts, University of San Diego, University of Arizona Museum of Art, University of Texas El Paso, West Chester University in Pennsylvania, Centro Cultural Tijuana, and the Museo de Arte El Chamizal in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, as well as a site-specific installation at various locations along the border wall in Tijuana, Mexico.

He was recently featured on KCET-TV’s *Artbound* series and upcoming exhibits of his work are scheduled for Mesa College in San Diego, the University of Texas Brownsville and Regis University in Denver, Colorado.

Turounet received his MFA in photography from the Yale University School of Art in 1995. He was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship in 1997 and grants from the Trans-Border Institute in 2003 and 2004 for his continued work on the U.S.-Mexico border.

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