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OC photography students, faculty to display works at annual 'High and Dry' exhibition at Texas Tech University

ODESSA (Dec. 7, 2011) – Odessa College photography student and faculty works will be on display in the 11th annual “High and Dry: A Photographic Exhibition of Peoples and Places of the World’s Dry Lands” at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

OC photography majors Ashley Harris, Gerardo Vasquez, Stephanie Lares and De’Andra Tanksley each have one photograph in the competition along with OC adjunct faculty member Beckwith Thompson and OC photography chair Steve Goff. Goff was awarded 3rd place in the competition.

All accepted participants were part of the OC photography program’s summer landscape trip to northern New Mexico this past August. All of the accepted works were created during the weeklong trip to photograph the landscape and visit photography museums and galleries in Santa Fe. Students and faculty will attend the opening reception in Lubbock on Friday, Dec. 9 and to hear juror O. Rufus Lovett talk about photography and the exhibit.

Photographers from across the United States and Canada submitted a total of 495 images to “High and Dry: A Photographic Exhibition of Peoples and Places of the World’s Dry Lands” of which only 80 were chosen. The annual juried photo competition is sponsored by The CH Foundation and Texas Tech’s Office of International Affairs and International Center for Arid and Semiarid Land Studies.

The exhibition is on display from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed during TTU holidays) now through Friday, Jan. 13, 2012, at Texas Tech’s International Cultural Center, 601 Indiana, Lubbock, Texas.

The opening reception will be from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 at the International Cultural Center. For more information, call OC photography chair Steve Goff at 335-6497 or Texas Tech’s International Cultural Center at (806) 742-2974.