

Photographer to present images of South African settlements

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Jason Houston, a professional photographer from western Massachusetts, will show and discuss his images at Alfred University on Monday evening, March 28. His presentation, entitled *In the World's Shadow: Photographs of South Africa's Informal Settlements*, will be in the Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center, at 8 p.m. The presentation is open to the public, free of charge. Houston describes himself as a documentary artist. He will present images he made for the United Nations World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg in 2002. He takes an atypical and artistic approach to the plight of South Africans and uses his art to make a point and advance a cause. Houston's images have appeared in the *New York Times* and *Boston Globe Sunday Magazines*, *Time*, and many other popular publications. He is the managing editor of *Orion* magazine, which publishes articles and images exploring environmental awareness and cultural change. The magazine won the Independent Press Award for General Excellence in 2004. Houston's visit to Alfred University is sponsored by the Department of Biology and the Freshman Year Experience Program. It is supported by a grant to the University from the National Endowment for the Humanities.