

Biography for Valerie C. Burton MFA

Educated in photography in Toronto, Canada, Valerie received the first Master of Fine Arts degree with a major in photography ever granted in Ontario. She has been a fine art and commercial photographer since that time, working in Canada and in France. Directing a gallery of photographic art, The Burton Gallery in Toronto, she curated one of the first spaces in Canada dedicated solely to contemporary photography. She was an instructor of still photography at the then Ryerson Polytechnical University (now Toronto Metropolitan University) and Humber College in Toronto as well as at Tufts University in France and Parsons School of Design, Paris. In 1995, Valerie wrote and illustrated an instructional book of photography for children, 'Making Photographs', that was a best seller in Canada and was also used as a text for adult students. She has exhibited widely, in Canada and internationally, and her work is featured in many public and private art collections.