

PCCC
ART GALLERIES

Silk City Highlights

An Exhibition of Photographs by Brian C. Lorio



Dominican Parade – Photo by Brian C. Lorio

January 25 – February 27, 2014

**Broadway & LRC Galleries
Broadway at Memorial Drive
Paterson, NJ**

Gallery Hours

Mon- Fri 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Accessibility Information Below*

Artist's Reception

February 6, 2014

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

**Reception and Exhibit Open to the Public
Admission Free**

About the Exhibition

Celebrating Black History Month, the Passaic County Cultural & Heritage Council at Passaic County Community College is pleased to present *SILK CITY HIGHLIGHTS*, an exhibition of photographs by **BRIAN C. LORIO** that celebrates the people and atmosphere of Paterson, New Jersey. The show is on view in the **Broadway & LRC Galleries** at Passaic County Community College through **February 27, 2014**.

Over 20 works in color and black and white depict scenes from everyday urban life. The 15 photographs in the Broadway Gallery feature people, places, and festivals in downtown Paterson: the train station, walkers on a pastoral path that winds through an industrial setting, a young man lighting candles at a street corner shrine. The photos in the LRC Gallery are from the photographer's Subway Series.

"I photograph everyday scenes, because they provide insight to a world that many people often try to avoid," said Mr. Lorio, an attorney and educator who became interested in photography through the family photos his mother and sister shot. Today, he admires the work of Gordon Parks and Vivian Maier. "Both brought the beauty of everyday American life to a broader world," he added.

Silk City captures the grit, hope, and conflicts of urban life. A pair of sneakers hanging from an overhead wire is a common city sight, but it seems aspirational here, with the sky in the background. Especially compelling is the image of a beautiful mannequin gazing through iron bars at the sky. "There is stark reality in that it seems to symbolize the despair that some of us have about our current situations, but that sky allows for an optimistic future," said Mr. Lorio.

Brian C. Lorio is an attorney, photographer, and an adjunct professor in the English Department at Passaic County Community College, where he also coaches the Debate Team. His work has been exhibited at the Red Eye Café in Montclair and the juried Artworks show in Trenton. Hewon First Place in the Urban Paterson Photo Contest at William Paterson University. See more about Brian Lorio's work at: www.500px.com/bclorio

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The PCCC Art Galleries are located at Passaic County Community College in the downtown historic district of Paterson and offer both changing exhibitions as well as exhibits of the permanent collection and contemporary art collection featuring 19th and 20th century paintings, prints, sculpture, and decorative arts.

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