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## **Photographer Ross to lecture at Alaska State Museum**

JUNEAU -- Richard Ross, the juror for the "Alaska Positive" statewide photographic competition and exhibition organized every two years by the Alaska State Museum in Juneau, will discuss his own work and photographic experiences in a lecture at the museum on Thursday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. The starting time for the lecture has been moved up from 7 p.m. in order to accommodate those wishing to attend the Alaska Folk Festival.

Ross is an internationally-known photographer from Santa Barbara, Calif., where he teaches at the University of California. He has photographed for Time, Newsweek, Vogue, the New York Times Magazine, and other magazines and newspapers in the U.S. and in Europe. He has an extensive record of exhibitions, and his book, "Architecture of Authority," was named a "best book of 2007" by PDN, a widely-read photography magazine. He is the recent recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and has previously been awarded Fulbright and NEA fellowships.

Ross is also the principal photographer for the Getty Conservation Institute in Los Angeles and is documenting the institute's work in Central America, Tunisia and China. Following his talk in Juneau, Ross will speak in Anchorage on Friday and in Fairbanks on Saturday.

Alaska Positive is sponsored every two years by the State Museum. The purpose of the exhibit is to highlight the best work being done in the state by artists using the photographic medium. The exhibit is open to photographers residing in Alaska. Award-winners and photographers included in this year's exhibit will be announced shortly by the museum. The exhibit will open at the museum on May 7. Beginning in the fall, it will travel to other museums in the state.

Hours at the museum are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is \$3. Visitors 18 and under are admitted free of charge. An annual pass that allows unlimited visits to the Alaska State Museum and the Sheldon Jackson Museum in Sitka is available for \$15. Assistance is available for visitors with special needs. Please contact Visitor Services at 465-2901 before the visit.

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