



Kevin Stearns/Cornell University Photography

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Kent was born in California, grew up in Missouri, and has continued his eastward migration by living in upstate New York for the past 25+ years. He holds bachelor's degrees in Biology from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and Biomedical Photographic Communications from the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Concerning his job as photographer for the Department of Plant Pathology and Plant-Microbe Biology at Cornell University, he says: "I might have one of the best jobs in the world. I don't have to teach or publish and I get to play with all sorts of optical and digital toys (er, tools). I never know what nasty, fetid, rotten, reeking, and occasionally beautiful specimens will be deemed important enough to be photographed, so work is a continual surprise. The surprise aspect sometimes backfires though when grant deadlines, thesis deadlines, publishing deadlines, and their attendant overcaffeinated humans pop into my lab. The Cornell administration frowns on trap-doors and 20,000 lb weights so I have to deal with these problems but then it's back to the fun stuff."

Photography is both his vocation and avocation. When off Cornell's dime he likes to experiment with pinhole cameras, alternative photo processes, large format landscapes, 360 degree panoramas, infrared photography, and blurs. "None of this will ever get me a show at MOMA but it's fun anyway."

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