



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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Pulitzer Prize-winning Photographers Annie Wells and Stephanie Welsh To Speak at NCSU Libraries

Annie Wells and Stephanie Welsh, recipients of the Pulitzer Prize for photography will participate in a special Friends of the Library event on Friday, December 5, at 3:30 P.M. in the Erdahl-Cloyd Theater, D. H. Hill Library. Wells and Welsh will present slide shows and discuss their award-winning photography. This event is free and open to the public.

Annie Wells received the Pulitzer Prize in 1997 for spot news for her photograph of a fireman rescuing a young girl from a raging flood in California while she worked for the *Press Democrat* in Santa Rosa. Wells is currently a photographer and photo editor for the *Los Angeles Times*. Her work is part of the permanent collection in the National Museum for Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C.

Wells has worked as a photographer for several other newspapers, including the Associated Press

in San Francisco; the *Greeley Tribune* in Greeley, Colorado; and the *Herald Journal* in Logan, Utah. Her assignments have included the 1996 World Cup, national elections in Mexico, the 1989 Bay Area earthquake, and the recent gubernatorial election in California. She received a B.A. from the University of California at Santa Cruz in science writing and studied photojournalism at San Francisco State University.

Wells received a B.A. from the University of California at Santa Cruz in science writing. She studied photojournalism at San Francisco State University where she was part of a group that won the RFK public service award for a series of stories and photographs on people who help those with AIDS.

Stephanie Welsh, the 1996 Pulitzer Prize winner for feature photography, photographed searing images of a female circumcision rite in Kenya. She



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is now a certified nurse-midwife in private practice in Mansfield, Connecticut. Welsh worked as a photojournalist—most recently as a staff photographer for the *Palm Beach Post*—until 1999, when she left photojournalism to pursue a career in midwifery. Her photographs are part of the permanent collections of the Richard F. Brush Art Gallery at St. Lawrence University and the Newseum in Arlington, Virginia.

A 1995 graduate of Syracuse University with a B.S. in communications, Welsh spent part of her senior year as an intern in developmental journalism in Kenya. There, she photographed the story on female circumcision for which she won the Pulitzer Prize. She is the youngest recipient of this

award. Her other awards include honors from Pictures of the Year, College Photographer of the Year, and the World Press Photo Award.

Welsh graduated from Yale University in 2002 with an M.S. in nursing. Her academic honors include the American College of Nurse-Midwives Foundation 2001 Midwifery Scholarship and a 2000 Dean's Scholarship from the Yale University School of Nursing. She has lectured widely about the cultural context and the social, political, and psychological issues of female circumcision.

For more information about this event, call the Friends of the Library at 515-2841.

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