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# Brooks at UCSB Kicks Off with Two Winter Quarter Photography Classes Created by The Ernest Brooks Foundation

**Santa Barbara, CA, November 1, 2018** — Ernest H. Brooks II, former president of Brooks Institute of Photography and founding board member of The Ernest Brooks Foundation, and Dr. John Majewski, Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts at UC Santa Barbara, announce the launch of Brooks at UCSB. Through this initiative The Ernest Brooks Foundation will offer two photography classes during the Winter Quarter as the first step in the collaborative relationship between the two groups.

Photo Boot Camp, taught by Christopher Broughton, and Visualizing the Natural World, taught by Ralph Clevenger, will begin January 12, 2019. Both classes are now open for enrollment through UC Santa Barbara's Professional and Continuing Education program.

The Ernest Brooks Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)(3), is dedicated to building upon the 70-year legacy established by Ernest H. Brooks Sr. of producing perceptive, skilled, and creative visual artists. Recognizing that increasingly the world is portrayed and interpreted by those whose craft and professionalism are crucial to providing accurate and incisive visual information, the Foundation will champion and promote the highest standards of excellence in the visual arts through critically grounded and hands-on education, research, scholarship, and the advancement of careers in the creative image fields.

The Ernest Brooks Foundation board reunites former Brooks Institute administrators, instructors, program chairs, notable alumni, and dedicated supporters, bringing a combined 200-plus years of experience to the effort.

Notes Ernest Brooks II, "I am honored to be a member of the Foundation board and look forward to assisting in the building blocks for the future at UCSB. I have the highest regard for the quality of UCSB and its mission in higher education. We have had a longstanding historical relationship with Santa Barbara, and I can think of no better home than UCSB."

Dr. John Majewski, the Michael Douglas Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts, adds, "UC Santa Barbara is delighted to embark on this partnership with The Ernest Brooks Foundation. We look forward to offering innovative courses and programs for our students and members of the community. Brooks has a long history of excellence, and we are particularly excited to work with this enthusiastic base of creative and entrepreneurial alumni and faculty."

Ernest Brooks Sr. founded the Brooks Institute in 1945, and it came to be widely acclaimed as one of the premier schools of photography and visual arts worldwide. After more than 70 years of continued excellence in photographic and visual arts education, the school closed its doors two years ago. Today The Ernest Brooks Foundation is proud to be collaborating with UC Santa Barbara through the Brooks at UCSB initiative.

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