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JOSHUA WOLFE RECEIVES 2009 SIERRA CLUB ANSEL ADAMS AWARD

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – Brooklyn photographer Joshua Wolfe has won the Sierra Club’s 2009 Ansel Adams Award. The award honors an individual who has made superlative use of still photography to further a conservation cause.

Wolfe has been photographing and promoting photography about climate change since 2004. He developed a multi-year project with the Earth Institute at Columbia University to explain the science of climate change through a combination of text and imagery. This project led to an exhibition and book published by W.W. Norton & Co. in 2009 titled *Climate Change: Picturing the Science*, which Wolfe co-edited with NASA climatologist Gavin Schmidt.

In 2008 Wolfe co-founded and became president of GHG Photos, a photo agency committed to promoting the work and developing outlets for photographers who specialize in climate change. He is frequently developing projects under the auspices of GHG Photos, such as exhibits in New York galleries and at international conferences that help fund, promote, and use images that help explain climate change.

“Conservation photography – from the founding of the first national park which was influenced by the photography of William Henry Jackson, to the slide shows given by Al Gore – has a history of photographers and users who gave it new energy. Josh is one of the young leaders of the effort to keep it relevant and influential in American opinion and policy,” said Gary Braasch, a previous recipient of the Ansel Adams Award who nominated Wolfe for this year’s award.

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