Ageless Anguish photograph by Frank Klock - 1st place in Portrait - Personality from the Associated Press Managing Editors in 1987.

KLOCK WORK

FROM FRANK’S FORMER STUDENTS
The 12 photographers and photojournalists in this book were selected to represent all of Frank Klock’s many students during his 24 years as an instructor in the South Dakota State University Department of Journalism and Mass Communication.

We asked each of them to select one of their favorite photos for the gallery show held to recognize Frank’s influence as a teacher and mentor as he retires in May of 2014.

We also asked them to tell us a little about themselves, their SDSU memories and what inspires them.

The photographers are presented in alphabetical order.
HOMETOWN: Huron, South Dakota
LIVING NOW: Sioux Falls, South Dakota
GRADUATED: 2004, News-Editorial Journalism
PHOTO CAREER: It is a creative outlet for me. I felt a bit stifled and got back in the habit of taking photos to provide creative relief. My portrait business built slowly over the course of three years, which allowed me to leave my other career.

INSPIRATIONS: The people, heritage and landscape of South Dakota inspire me. Finding the emotion in people and still life situations is a deep well to draw from.
BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: The success of my Abandoned: South Dakota project. In October of 2013, I launched a Facebook page featuring photos of abandoned homes in South Dakota. Within a month of its launch, the page reached 20,000 fans. Since then, the page hovers around the 27,000 fan range, and I sold out of my first edition of a wall calendar.
HOMETOWN: Winner, South Dakota
LIVING NOW: Wamer, South Dakota
GRADUATED: 1995, Agricultural Journalism
BEST SDSU MEMORY: Shooting photos for University Relations and making “magic” in the darkroom.
PHOTO CAREER: Once I picked up a camera and started making pictures, I was addicted. I had no other choice, I had to be a photographer.

INSPIRATIONS: I have always loved South Dakota and its people, I have had no desire to live anywhere else and have had the rare opportunity to share my state with people around the world through my images.
BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: I think my greatest accomplishment was to teach photography at the college level, instruct high school students at Journalism Institute and conduct photo seminars for industry professionals. Use your gift to pay it forward.
MATT KRYGER

HOMETOWN: Brookings, South Dakota
LIVING NOW: Indianapolis, Indiana
GRADUATED: 1994, News-Editorial Journalism
BEST SDSU MEMORY: The lifelong friends I made in the Mass Comm department during my time at SDSU and sleeping in and skipping class.
PHOTO CAREER: Photography was something I loved my entire life. It only seemed fitting to pursue it as a career.
INSPIRATIONS: The opportunity and mystery of the next photo I take. Not knowing what and where the camera takes me is a thrill.
BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: My daughters Madison and McKenna. They are my reasons and inspirations. Professionally, I would have to say covering three Super Bowls and the 2012 Summer Olympics in London for USA Today.
HOMETOWN: Letcher, South Dakota
LIVING NOW: Sioux Falls, South Dakota
GRADUATED: 1993, Journalism and Geography double majors
BEST SDSU MEMORY: Most of the best times were spent hanging around with Matt Kryger, a fellow photographer. We wreaked lots of havoc and remain close friends today.
PHOTO CAREER: I had a choice between going back to the family farm and becoming a newspaper photographer and I chose the route that I loved the most. I still love farming and much of my assignment work has to do with agriculture so I have the best of both worlds now.
INSpirATIONS: Photojournalism and science photography in National Geographic Magazine. I try to emulate that feel whenever I can.
BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: My wife Jodi and three children – Anna, Luke and Jack. We have published eight books of photography about South Dakota, and I was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame in 2010 for my photography work over the years.
HOMETOWN: Gettysburg, South Dakota
LIVING NOW: Brookings, South Dakota
GRADUATED: 1998, News-Editorial Journalism
BEST SDSU MEMORY: State graduates, no matter what age, are like family. No matter the social situation, their undeniable devotion to SDSU and the Jackrabbits always shines through – once a Jackrabbit; always a Jackrabbit!
PHOTO CAREER: Photos capture the historical significance of the moment – whether from the sports world or from the photo-journalism genre...
INSPIRATIONS: What I strive for: to capture a moment that will live forever in a photograph.
BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Working in a field that is on the cutting edge and will never grow stagnant – from a technical standpoint or striving to capture that perfect photo. Also having the chance to share my love of photography with my wife, Dana, and daughters, Halle and Jenna from both business standpoint and as a lifelong passion.
BRENT MCCOWN

HOMETOWN: Ellendale, North Dakota
LIVING NOW: Sioux Falls, South Dakota
GRADUATED: 1998, Journalism and Geography double major
BEST SDSU MEMORY: Traveling to Washington, DC with The Pride for President Clinton’s inauguration in 1997.
PHOTO CAREER: I grew up playing with medium format cameras. I’ve always enjoyed photography and when you combine that with my obsession with history it seemed like an easy fit.
INSPIRATIONS: The people in the stories that I tell. Some have overcome unthinkable odds, have battled the worst conditions imaginable to make a come back, to live their dream and they are sharing it with me.
BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: Returning to DC with the Sheldon (Iowa) High School marching band for the Fourth of July parade, taking pictures of the Vice President of the United States, covering Nebraska Cornhuskers football, volleyball and baseball team when they competed in the College World Series, going on a cattle drive in northern Montana and making images that Frank (Klock) would be proud of.
HOMETOWN: Tauranga, New Zealand
LIVING NOW: Tauranga, New Zealand
GRADUATED: 2000, News-Editorial Journalism
BEST SDSU MEMORY: Winning the 1996 NCAA Div. II Cross Country Championships as a member of the SDSU Cross Country Team
PHOTO CAREER: While growing up I wanted to “trace” images onto paper and then do my own rendition. Later, I picked up a camera and started to put my renditions onto film, as a photojournalist
INSPIRATIONS: Telling someone’s story through my “eye” behind the camera. I use mostly natural light, which inspires me to move around a lot to chase the light.
HOMETOWN: Pine Ridge, South Dakota
LIVING NOW: Pine Ridge, South Dakota
GRADUATED: 2011, News-Editorial Journalism
BEST SDSU MEMORY: When we traveled as a class to the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Reservations. We covered stories that the mainstream media never sees or acknowledges. Being with all my classmates and watching them learning about a culture where most had extremely limited knowledge was great. Knowing that these students are people who will be decision makers in the media in the near future and that they now have a better understanding that they might not have otherwise.
PHOTO CAREER: After that, seeing the passion that Frank had for photography and learning how to tell a story through photos, I was hooked. I knew that I wanted to be the one to tell those stories through pictures.
HOMETOWN: Brookings, South Dakota
LIVING NOW: Chillicothe, Ohio
GRADUATED: 1995, News-Editorial Journalism
BEST SDSU MEMORY: The faculty and staff of the university and the journalism department in particular. When I think of my time working and learning in those hallways, it’s the faces of my teachers that come to mind and their care, patience and support in guiding me from an academic career to my professional career.
PHOTO CAREER: Frank recognized inside me and in my images something I didn’t see — potential. Through his guidance, confidence, mentorship and friendship I saw the potential of my own career as a photojournalist. I still look back on my work that first semester and wonder, “What did he see?” Whatever it was, I will always be thankful.
INSpirATIONS: My community where I live and serve is what inspires me. Documenting and capturing the notable moments that impact my community impacts me as a photojournalist.
BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: The career I’ve built that’s proudly and firmly founded in community journalism. It has allowed me to serve my communities, meet and build relationships with some of the most amazing people while also allowing me to be a part of the early careers of young journalists.
HOMETOWN: Flandreau, South Dakota
LIVING NOW: Westminster, Colorado
GRADUATED: 1995, News-Editorial Journalism
BEST SDSU MEMORY: Meeting the love of my life, Deb Sherman and the experience of college life in general. Big difference from the Army. I separated from the Army in August 1989 and started at SDSU in Sept. of 1989. Both awesome life experiences, which have brought me to where I am today, a stay-at-home dad.

PHOTO CAREER: I got into photography after figuring out I was not cut out for a career in television and broadcasting. I went from Jim Paulson’s capable hands to Frank Klock’s and found a love for still photography.

INSPIRATIONS: I am continually inspired by the works of other artists out there. I love art in general and see the beauty in all forms.

BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS: My family and the fact that I’m still alive in this unpredictable world.
HOMETOWN: Renville, Minnesota
LIVING NOW: Mitchell, South Dakota
GRADUATED: 1995, Agricultural Journalism
BEST SDSU MEMORY: Jackrabbit Stampede
PHOTO CAREER: I love being able to tell stories with images rather than words. Emotion and texture can be created or is present in photographs. I like documenting everyday moments and historic events for future generations to see. I enjoy the creative outlet that photography provides. Taking people somewhere they haven’t been and helping them understand something new. I love being a storyteller.
INSPIRATIONS: People and seeing the best in them even when times are tough. Natural beauty, noticing things for the first time and finding the smallest details that someone else missed.
BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: I think my biggest accomplishment is yet to come.
HOMETOWN: Gary, South Dakota
LIVING NOW: Brookings, South Dakota
GRADUATED: 2006, News-Editorial Journalism
BEST SDSU MEMORY: Interning for the South Dakota Legislature and Department of Tourism gave me a whole new appreciation for our charming, quirky, intimate state.

PHOTO CAREER: I love the confidence and self appreciation that a well executed portrait can give someone.
INSPIRATIONS: Strong women, beautiful images, relationships, humor, innovation.
BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Being named one of the top five senior portrait artists in the nation, being elected as Brookings deputy mayor, and being a wife and mom.