What are the benefits of art and photography for research and solving social problems? Can artists and social scientists collaborate on research from the very beginning of a project? Nationally-known photographer Donn Young and UNC professor Maureen Berner will discuss their current partnership researching and documenting hunger in North Carolina. In addition to addressing how photography and art can influence and support research, Young will discuss what makes a good research photo, what it takes to be in the right place at the right time, and how to gain the trust and approval of those being photographed.

This seminar is held in conjunction with an exhibit of Young’s photography at the Center for Urban and Regional Studies this fall. The exhibit features works created in conjunction with research by Dr. Berner to document hunger and poverty issues while illustrating the human condition through glimpses into the lives of those who need help and those who provide it. The School of Government will host a companion exhibit of Young’s photography later this fall.

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