

Artist Statement Jessica Lederhos

My body of work demonstrates a careful attention to concept within each graphic piece. Each decision was made with purpose and reasoning behind it to assure that the message is very clear. The typography, imaging, and copy all blend into one cohesive message in each piece, and this makes my work fit closely into commercial art, maybe used for the purposes of advertising or branding. My work also demonstrates my core training in the broad fine arts through CSU and showcases many art forms and practices that are integrated into the graphic design elements such as photography, intaglio printmaking, and painting. Together, the elements create a finished piece that is most effective for its purposes.

	<u>Title</u>	<u>Media</u>	Original Format
Figure 1:	Cardiovascular	Photo, digital	11 in. x 17 in.
Figure 2:	DrinkAndDraw	Vector, digital	11 in. x 17 in.
Figure 3:	GreenEconomy	Vector, digital	73 cm. x 103 cm.
Figure 4:	LaCite	Photo, digital	16.5 in. x 23.4 in.
Figure 5:	MagazineLayout	Digital	17 in. x 11 in.
Figure 6:	Mars	Digital	17 in. x 11 in.
Figure 7:	Nuts	Intaglio print, digital	19 in. x 36 in.
Figure 8:	Physics	Vector, digital	11 in. x 17 in.
Figure 9:	Typebook1	Walnut wood, print	7 in. x 5 in. x 1 in. (3D)
Figure 10:	Typebook2	Walnut wood, print	7 in. x 5 in. x 1 in. (3D)
Figure 11:	Typebook3	Walnut wood, print	7 in. x 5 in. x 1 in. (3D)
Figure 12:	UnderseaColonies	Digital	11 in. x 17 in.



Figure 1: Cardiovascular.

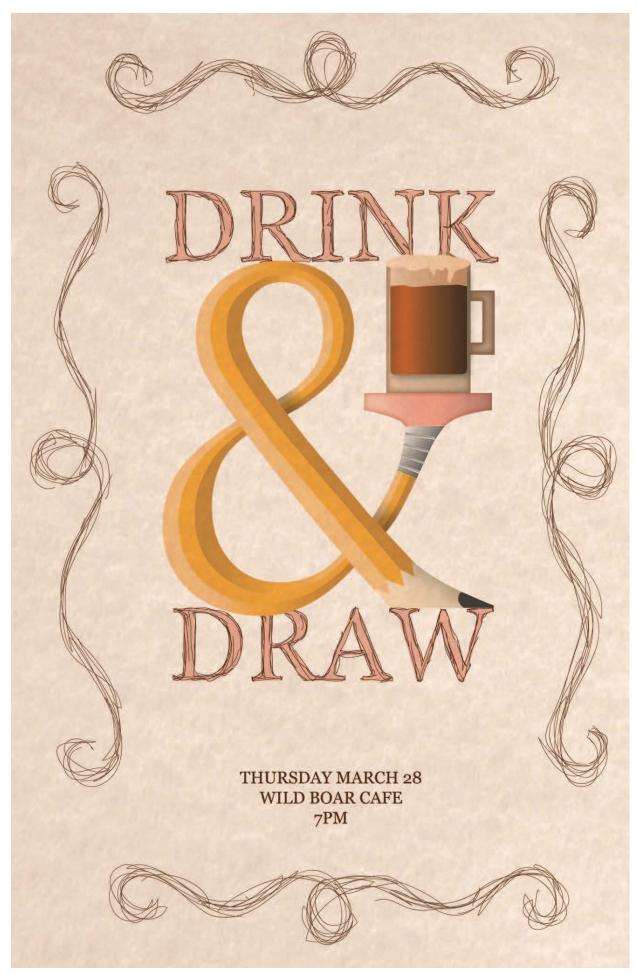


Figure 2: DrinkAndDraw.

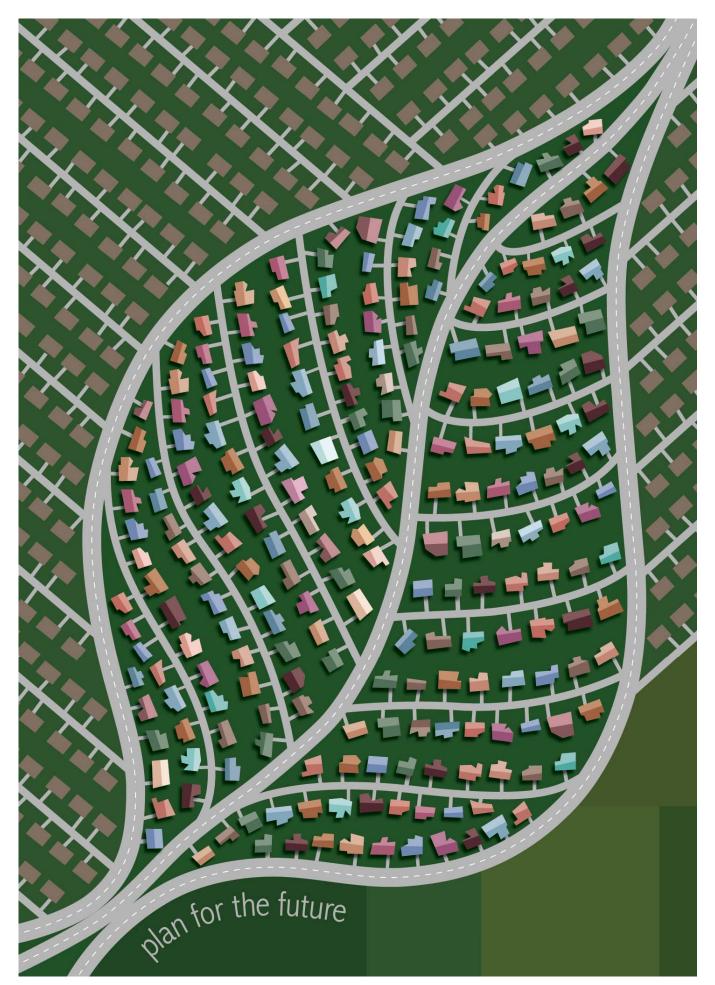


Figure 3: GreenEconomy.

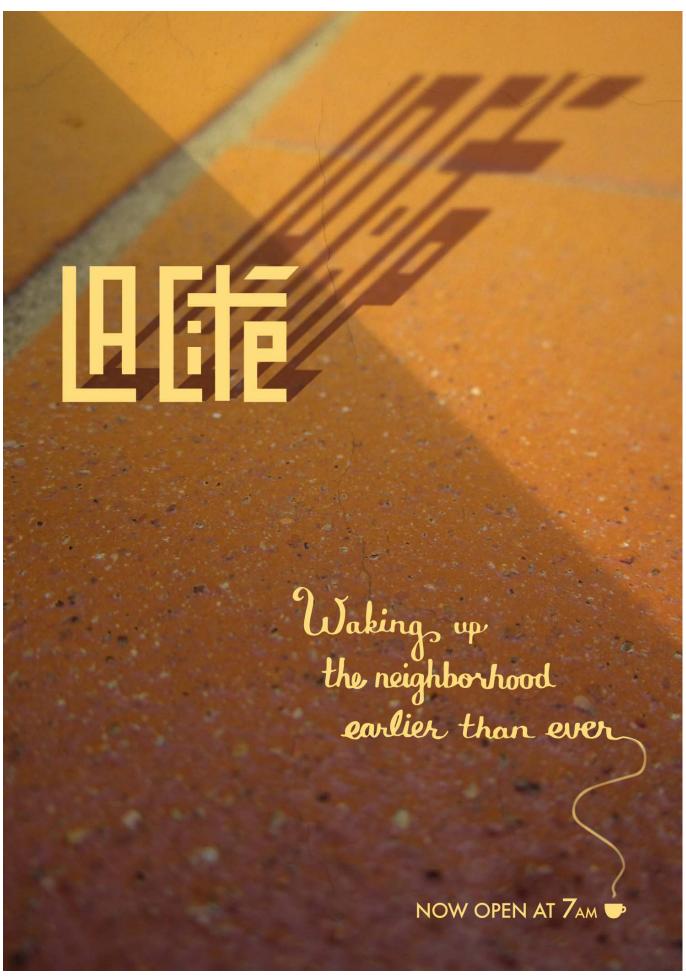


Figure 4: LaCite.

LIFE THROUGH A LENS

ANNE by Rachel Somerstein

orn in 1949 in Waterbury, Connecticut, Annie Leibovitz enrolled in the San Francisco Art Institute intent on studying painting. It was not until straveled to Japan with her mother the summer after her sophomore year that she discovered her interest in taking photographs. When she returned to San Francisco that fall, she began taking night classes in photography. Time spent on a kibbutz in Israel allowed her to hone her skills further.

In 1970 Leibovitz approached Jann Wenner, founding editor of Rolling Stone, which he'd recently launched and was operating out of San Francisco. Impressed with her portfolio, Wenner gave Leibovitz her first assignment: shoot John Lennon. Leibovitz's black-and-white portrait of the shaggy-looking Beatle graced the cover of the January 21, 1971 issue. Two years later she was named Rolling Stone chief photographer.

When the magazine began printing in color in 1974, Leibovitz followed suit. "In school, I wasn't taught anything about lighting, and I was only taught black-and-white," she told *ARTnews* in 1992. "So I had to learn color myself." Among her subjects from that period are Bob Dylan, Bob Marley, and Patti Smith. Leibovitz



also served as the official photographer for the Rolling Stones' 1975 world tour. While on the road with the band she produced her iconic black-and-white portraits of Keith Richards and Mick Jagger,

In 1980 Rolling Stone sent Leibovitz to photograph John Lennon and Yoko Ono, who had recently released their album "Double Fantasy." For the portrait Leibovitz imagined that the two would pose together nude. Lennon disrobed, but Ono refused to take off her pants. Leibovitz "was kinda disappointed," according

shirtless and gritty.

Photographs: Annie Leibovitz. David Linch & Isabella Rossellini (above). My brother Philip & my father (top right). Mikhail Barishnikov (bottom right). to Rolling Stone, and so she told Ono to leave her clothes on. "We took one Polaroid," said Leibovitz, "and the three of us knew it was profound right away." The resulting portrait shows Lennon nude and curled around a fully clothed Ono. Several hours later, Lennon was shot dead in front

of his apartment. The photograph ran on the cover of the Rolling Stone Lennon commemorative issue. In 2005 the American Society of Magazine Editors named it the best magazine cover from the past 40 years.

Annie Leibovitz: Photographs,

the photographer's first book, was published in 1983. The same year Leibovitz joined Vanity Fair and was made the magazine's first contributing photographer. At Vanity Fair she became known for her wildly lit, staged, and provocative portraits of celebrities. Most famous among them are Whoopi Goldberg submerged in a bath of milk and Demi Moore naked and holding her pregnant belly. Since then Leibovitz has photographed celebrities ranging from Brad Pitt to Mikhail Baryshnikov. She's shot Ellen DeGeneres, the George W. Bush cabinet, Michael Moore, Madeleine Albright, and Bill Clinton. She's shot Scarlett Johannson and Keira Knightley nude, with Tom Ford in a suit; Nicole Kidman in ball gown; and, recently, the long-awaited first glimpse of Suri Cruise, along

with parents Tom and Katie. Her portraits have appeared in Vogue, The New York Times Magazine, and The New Yorker, and in ad campaigns for American Express, the Gap, and the Milk Board.

Among other honors, Leibovitz "In school, I wasn't taught anything about lighting," and I was only taught black-and-white, so I had to learn color myself."



has been made a Commandeur des Ordre des Arts et des Lettres by the French government and has been designated a living legend by the Library of Congress. Her first museum show, *Photographs: Annie Leibavitz 1970-1990*, took place in 1991 at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C. and toured internationally for six years. At the time she was only the second living portraitist – and the only woman – to be featured in an exhibition by the institution.

Leibovitz's
most recent book,
A Photographer's
Life: 1990-2005,
includes her trademark celebrity
portraits. But it

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also features personal photographs from Leibovitz's life: her parents, siblings, children, nieces and nephews, and Sontag. Leibovitz, who has called the collection "a memoir in photographs," was spurred to assemble it by the deaths of Sontag and her father, only weeks apart. Sontag and her father, only weeks apart. The book even includes photos of Leibovitz herself, like the one that shows her nude and eight months pregnant, à la Demi Moore. That picture was taken in 2001, shortly before Leibovitz gave birth to daughter Sarah.

Leibovitz composed these personal photographs with materials that she used when she was first starting out in the '70s: a 35-millimeter camera, black-and-white Tri X film. "I don't have two lives," she writes in the book's introduction. "This is one life, and the personal pictures and the assignment work are all part of it." Still, she told the Times, this book is the "most intimate, it tells the best story, and I care about it."



Figure 5: MagazineLayout.

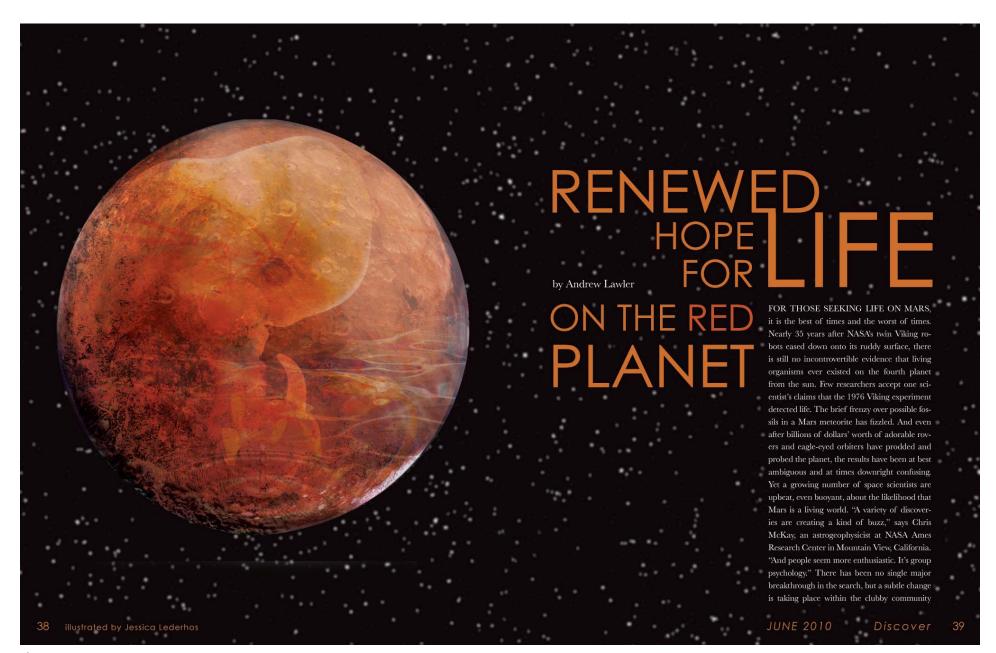


Figure 6: Mars.

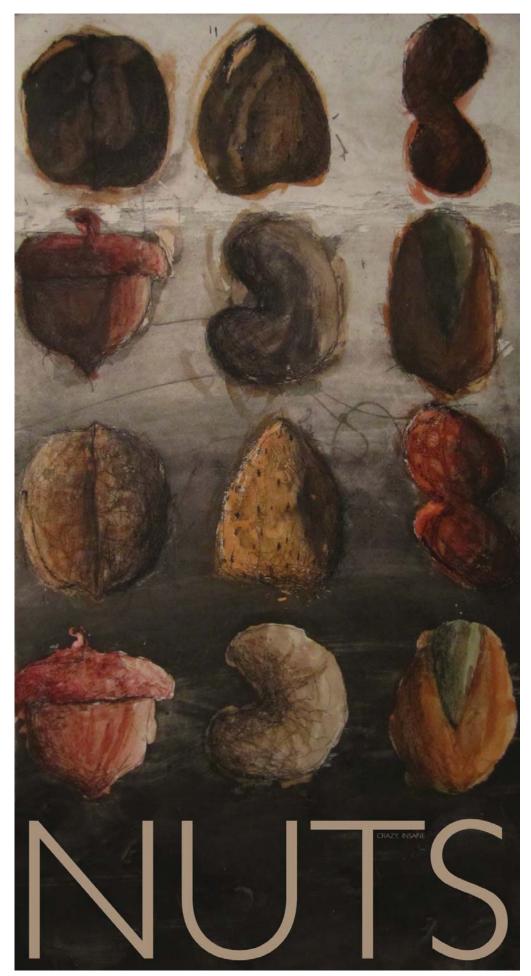


Figure 7: Nuts.

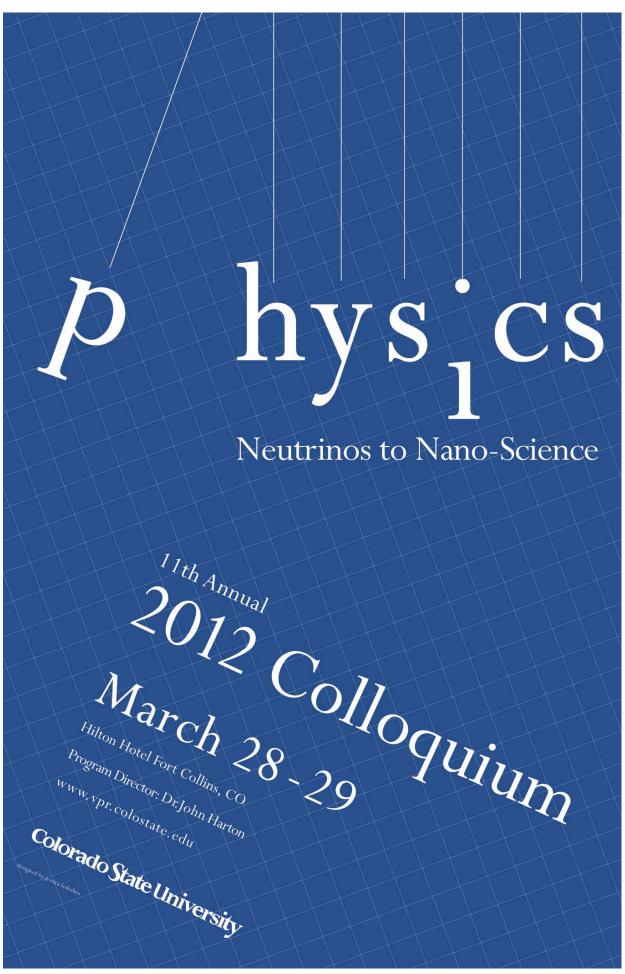


Figure 8: Physics.



Figure 9: Typebook1.

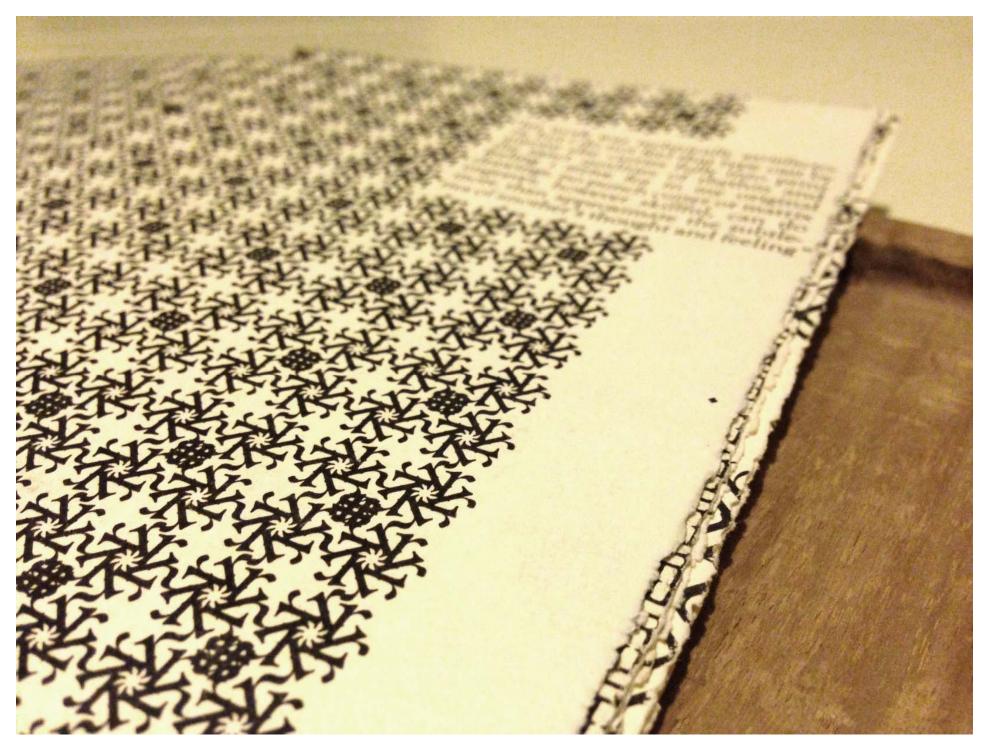


Figure 10: Typebook2.

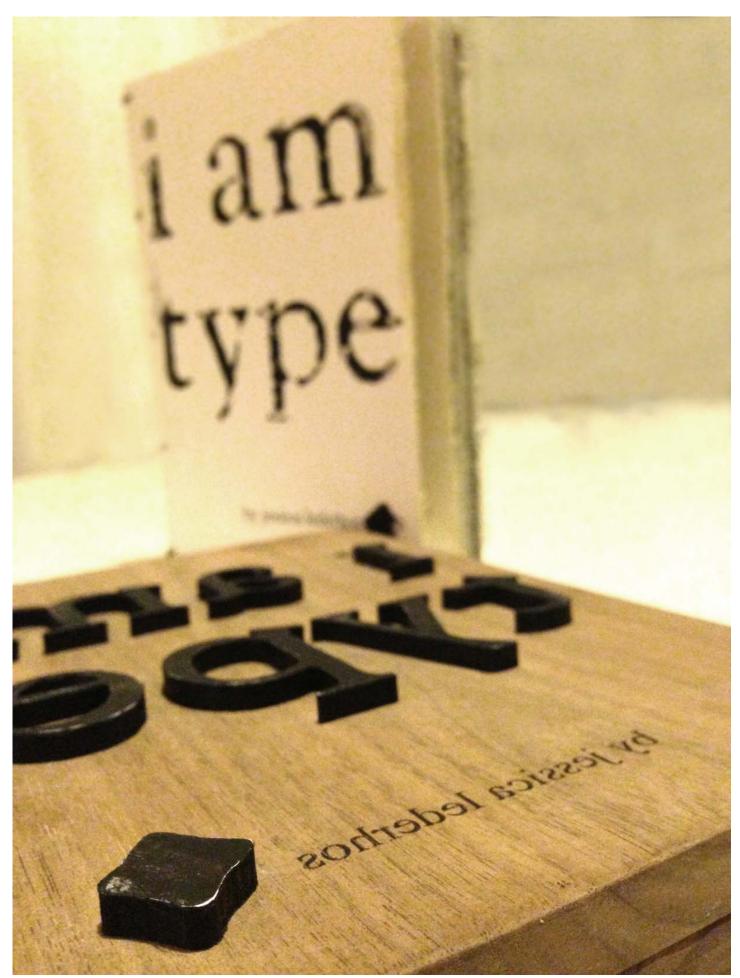


Figure 11: Typebook 3.



Figure 12: UnderseaColonies.