Through the Lens: A Compassionate Look Back, at Our Future.

The Heritage Room will host a traveling exhibit showcasing the social justice photography of Linda Panetta from October 3 through November 26. The images and stories presented by Photojournalist Linda Panetta will take audiences on a moving journey, challenging their own reality of the world as they experience the joy, beauty, hope and sorrow of people affected by violence, sanctions, and misguided foreign policy.

Over the past 25 years, Panetta has traveled throughout Latin America and the Middle East using her first hand knowledge and experiences in impoverished - war torn areas of the world, including Guatemala, Colombia, Nicaragua, (Chiapas) Mexico, El Salvador, Haití, Argentina, Chile, Perú, Uruguay, Ecuador, Panamá, Venezuela, Afghanistan, Iraq and Palestine, to advocate for environmental, economic and social justice. In her work, she captures the daily realities of life of the people she advocates for with the goal of raising public awareness about world events and the cost of war and its “collateral damage”.

"When looking though the lens of a camera, you're ever so present to the details of one's face: the smirks, smiles and frowns; the wisdom and age that accompany the sun baked wrinkles, a depth of sorrow, joy, uncertainty, curiosity and oneness in the eyes." - Panetta

Panetta’s vivid photographs speak volumes and inspire others to act. Throughout the exhibit and talk (slide presentation), you will see and hear the prevailing sense of hope for a better tomorrow as inspired by the individuals in her photographs. Catch a glimpse of the world around you and its very soul in photojournalist's Linda Panetta’s rousing stories and images.

Along with the exhibit held in the Heritage Room there are other events scheduled. Ms. Panetta will be hosting a First Friday event where she will be exhibiting a different set of photographs at the Connell Building on October 3.

On October 6, Ms. Panetta will do a public presentation titled: Latin America Through the Lens: A Compassionate Look Back, at Our Future. The lecture will be held at Loyola Science center room 133 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. The event is free and open to the public.

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To view a collection of Panetta's photography visit: www.OpticalRealities.org

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