

# RYERSON IMAGE CENTRE

## PHOTOGRAPHY: THE BLACK BOX OF HISTORY

### SYMPOSIUM

**MARCH 16 & 17, 2018**

School of Image Arts, Ryerson University  
122 Bond Street, Toronto (IMA-307)

#### **ADMISSION TO THE SYMPOSIUM IS FREE.**

Seating is provided on a first-come, first-served basis

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The academic study of photography remains, some eighty years into its development, a nascent and unsettled scholarly enterprise. This symposium will investigate how photography is conceptualized as a problem in history today, and how recent technological and epistemological transformations have engendered new approaches. *Photography: The Black Box of History* will bring together researchers whose methods and subjects exemplify new ways of thinking about photography that revisit history and encourage alternatives.

#### ORGANIZED BY

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#### PRESENTERS

**DR. JENNIFER BAJOREK**  
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Michael Mitchell, *Black Square: Alberta Badlands, Brooks, detail, 1979*, chromogenic print. Courtesy of the artist