**Vaughn Sills**, Professor of Art and Music

Speaking topics:
- Photography
- Documentary and portraiture photography

**Traditional African-American Gardens of the South:**
*Photographs by Vaughn Sills.*

Sills is assistant professor of photography at Simmons College in Boston, Mass. She began this series of photographs 16 years ago in Athens when he was visiting the home of a friend. From its beginnings in Athens, the series has taken Sills to other areas of Georgia, including Greene, Oglethorpe, Morgan and Wilkes counties.

Sills says, “These gardens speak a certain language—a language, I’m convinced, that is about the earth, about beauty, and about spirit.” The toned silver prints underscore the almost mystical quality of the images. The depth, sheen and crispness of this format emphasize the artist’s desire to represent the dignity and soul she sees in these deeply personal gardens.

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