Edu Bayer

Edu Bayer is an award-winning documentary photographer and photojournalist with a strong humanistic vision and a unique ability for capturing intimate, deep and authentic moments. With more than 15 years of experience, he has worked for most leading international newspapers and magazines like The New York Times, Time and National Geographic among others. He is the recipient of accolades such as Picture of the Year Winner, Pulitzer Prize Finalist and Fotopress finalist. He has worked in over 15 countries and has shown his photography in exhibits in New York, Berlin, Budapest, Habana, Valparaiso, and Barcelona.

What is the most picturesque place you have visited?
I love photographing in Havana because there is a lot of beauty and people are friendly, despite their problems. It is very interesting the many traces of the past, the Caribbean sun light and the explosion of life in the streets makes it all a good place to photograph.

What one moment do you wish you had captured in a photograph?
There was one day that we had a historic snowfall in Catalonia and many things collapsed. Thousands of trees fell, power lines cut major highways and many people were trapped in their vehicles that could not circulate. I was in Girona, the epicenter of the emergency, and by chance I didn’t take the camera with me. I think I was more than 24 hours trying to get to get to my house in Barcelona but I always found some problem. At that time I was working as a photojournalist in a Spanish national newspaper and my editor was not very happy with me that day.

What is the most recent photograph on your camera or phone of?
In my phone most likely will be a snapshot of my 15 months old son. In my camera some photos of a recent newspaper assignment I did in Barcelona.

Are you a ‘selfie’ person?
In general no. I don’t like the hedonism that often surrounds contemporary photography on social media. However, self-portraits are very interesting if they try to deepen and not just show a smiling face.

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Kristin Donnalley Sherman was born in Japan and lived in the beautiful traditional city of Kamakura as a toddler. Later, her family moved to the Philippines for a few years. She holds an M.E. in TESL from the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. She taught ESL/EFL for more than fifteen years and has taught a variety of subjects including grammar, reading, composition, listening, and speaking. She has written many student books, teacher’s editions, workbooks, and online content in the area of academic ESL/EFL. In addition, she has delivered trainings internationally in ESL methodology. Currently she is renovating a 100-year-old house, training a puppy Australian Shepherd, and rowing a lot on the Catawba River.

What is the most picturesque place you have visited? Maybe Machu Picchu. It’s quite a journey to get there, and along the way, I met some fascinating people. It was so grand and open, even spiritual, that it wasn’t at all diminished by the visitors that day. I hope the planned airport doesn’t change it completely.

What one moment do you wish you had captured in a photograph? Paragliding with my kids over the ocean when they were 10 and 13.

What is the most recent photograph on your camera or phone of? My new puppy, Zelda.

Are you a ‘selfie’ person? Not really.
John Thompson

John Thompson is a Managing Editor in Oxford University Press’s English Language Teaching division. Based in New York, John is responsible for Adult education titles used in the US and internationally. John is originally from the UK; prior to his move to the US, he lived in Hong Kong, working for Oxford University Press’s Asia Education division.

What is the most picturesque place you have visited?
I visited the archaeological park in Tulum, Mexico, last year. The Mayan remains there are set in lush tropical vegetation on cliffs overlooking the ocean – it was spectacular!

What one moment do you wish you had captured in a photograph?
I love seeing wild animals but I’m not very good at photographing them. I once went on a whale-watching trip in Iceland but I didn’t get a single photo of the whales we saw.

What is the most recent photograph on your camera or phone of?
It’s a photo of my daughter blowing out the candles on her birthday cake. She just celebrated her 7th birthday.

Are you a ‘selfie’ person?
Yes. In fact, I’m usually the designated selfie-taker for group photos because I have long arms!