SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly’s Kennedy Library is exhibiting work by local photographer Joe Schwartz through June 29. The images are on display in Special Collections and University Archives on the fourth floor of the library.

The prints were exhibited at the Cal Poly colloquium Celebrating Diversity at the Performing Arts Center on Feb. 6. The colloquium included a presentation honoring Schwartz, a 98-year-old folk photographer, for his lifetime of work documenting the virtues of diversity.

“Schwartz’s photographs help us to see ourselves in each other,” said University Librarian Anna Gold. “We are proud to be able to share these images with the San Luis Obispo community through the generosity of Joe Schwartz and his family.”

Born in Brooklyn in 1913, Schwartz is the author of “Folk Photography: Poems I’ve Never Written.” His photographs documenting the “have-nots” of the U.S. between 1930 and 1980 will be part of a permanent exhibit at the new Smithsonian Institution National Museum of African History and Culture.

Special Collections is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information about Special Collections, call 805-523-2305, email archives@lib.calpoly.edu or go to http://lib.calpoly.edu/specialcollections/.

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