

ONWARD: After nearly 40 years, the PRC is moving

BOSTON, MA, 1/30/2017 ~ *The following is the letter we sent out to our 400 members & 5,000 e-newsletter subscribers earlier last week:*

As you may know, Boston University has generously hosted the Photographic Resource Center on Commonwealth Avenue and other locations on its campus since 1979, nearly 40 years.

Last month, the University informed the PRC that they will renovate and re-purpose the building that is our current home for a new bookstore. The work will commence this summer. **As a result, the PRC must find and move to a new location off campus as of July 1st.** Moving news does not come as a complete surprise; the University has told us in the past that at some point we would need to move and we've been working on plans and making inquiries. We're well into mapping out and finalizing our transition strategy and investigating options for our next steps.

Our spring exhibitions and programming proceed as planned: we will host another wonderful "YOUR WORK HERE" square-themed open call in February, the 15th Annual Student Show in March, followed by eagerly-anticipated 21st Annual Juried Show. The latter, EXPOSURE 2017, will be the last in our current space.

While we do not know just yet where our new home will be, and we may work out of temporary headquarters for a short time -- we DO know how we will get there: with you. In the meantime, **we will continue our lecture series; Nights at the PRC work-sharing events, and collaborative and pop-up exhibitions.** What's more, we hope to launch our new website this summer, which will offer **online exhibition opportunities and community postings.** Moreover, with the move, we do have plans to **expand our offerings** -- via workspaces, residencies, and a members gallery -- and have been talking to potential partners and organizations.

The PRC is called a **center**, but it is also and always a **community**. At its heart, the PRC has always a nimble alternative space: we first started in Chris Enos's loft and only added a gallery in 1985. Our community has sustained the PRC for nearly four decades at BU and, **with YOUR help and support**, it will guide and carry us to our next location as Boston's vital forum for celebrating and exploring new ideas, works, and methods in photography. As it says proudly on our windows, the PRC has at its core: **education, exhibitions, and resources.**

We are grateful to Boston University for its support of the PRC over the years -- and **are excited about the new possibilities that lie ahead.** We'll keep you posted on developments as they occur and continue to **#PRCconnects. See you soon** -- enjoy our events, explore our exhibitions, and delve into the treasure that is our library -- and **stay tuned!**

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Sincerely,
Bruce Myren, Acting Executive Director
John Bunzick, President
and the PRC Board of Directors

P.S. Would you like to be involved in our planning for the move and/or actually rolling up your sleeves? Contact us at volunteer@prcboston.org to find out how you can help. Continue to check our website and social media pages for updates about our move, event announcements, and much more! **If you have further questions, comments, or ideas, you are welcome to email Bruce directly at brucemyren@prcboston.org or call him at 617-719-5674.**

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