

Michael Semak - Clip 3

## **Teaching at York University**

I think that was the greatest experience I have ever had in my life. I would put that after photographing. I would put photographing first, teaching second, printing third. I love printing. But I learned so much from my students...you become humble, because you don't know everything. And when we had our critiques, our weekly critiques, I would always say to my students, "Don't rely on me," because they often would. And I said, "Yes, I have more experience than you, and that's why I'm here teaching you. But you can teach me, and you will see things in your pictures which I don't see." And it's always been proven true. So they would open doors in my mind, that I would see these pictures, and say, "Wow, I never saw that, thank you." And so from that point of view, I learned from them. And it's a good feeling to be in a darkroom teaching students how to print well...