# Get A Clue

A thrilling whodunit

James William Moore BFA Photography Show San José State University Art Building Black Gallery March 9 - 12, 2020

Artist Reception: Tuesday, March 10, 6 - 8pm

This creative project is presented to the faculty of the Department of Art & Art History San José State University in partial fulfillment of the requirements of the degree Bachelor of Fine Arts

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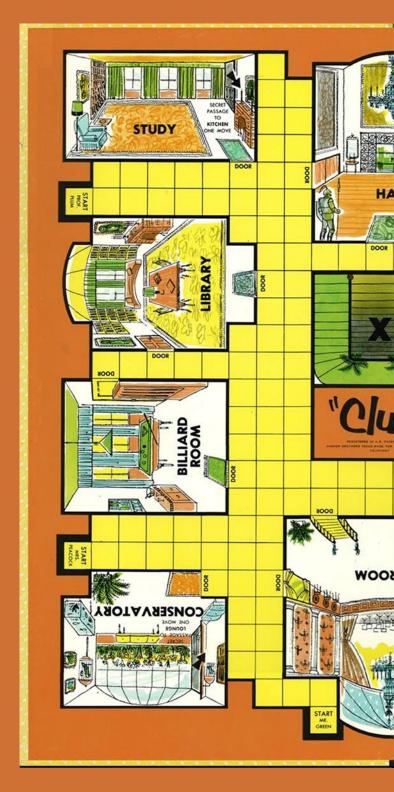
Thank you, Mum, for giving me your Kodak Brownie all those years ago, even if it was just to get me out of your hair. Whoever dreamed that this is what it would lead to?

And to the World's Greatest Photographic Assistant: thank you, Jeff. I know those two words in no way, shape, or form convey just how much your support has meant to me.

# Artist Statement

I feel the art of photography is about more than just catching a scene on film. For this reason, I portray vibrant visions from daily life, constantly pushing the limits of how I photograph. From the first time a Brownie camera was placed in my hands, at the age of four, I have experimented with process and technique, capturing moods and emotions in daring ways in order to confront my audience with what are, sometimes, uncomfortable topics.

As a photographer, I explore pulling back the curtain on private moments, giving me an opportunity to find something beguiling, intriguing, and captivating – something that may have been overlooked. By delving into contrasts of color, shapes, and light, I try to elicit moods from my viewers on topics that include depression, loneliness, and bullying. For **Get a Clue**, my Bachelor of Fine Arts project, the suspects from the childhood board game **Clue** become the victims of my character assasination (or, to be PC, "character analysis") through my social commentary. Whether being unable to be who you are; being so vain that you miss what's right in front of your face; having no control; finding that the written word can be used as a weapon; being a trophy hunter; or struggling with conflicts of good and evil – you can become the sleuth and get a clue... or become the victim.



























## The Suspects

Mr. Green Professor Plum Colonel Mustard Mrs. White Mrs. Peacock Miss Scarlett Henning Iversen Jacqueline Garcia Leah Silveira Jiang Chen Rodriguez Susan Harding-Palmore Sara Iversen

### Special Thanks

Valerie Mendoza Yvonne Williams Laura Henderson Jason Silva Maegan Bartlett Acar Berkman Oscar Delgadillo Bob Snyder Jeff Snyder

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