"He was always looking at beauty. Not...sentimental beauty. But understanding beauty in life, beauty in living."—Deb. Willis interviewed in NY Times article about Gordon Parks by James Estrin, 10-1-18. I/DvJM have learned a lot from the careers of Mr. Parks & Dorothea Lange, the subjects of my earlier book, "The Peoples' Champions."

“It is good to obey all the rules when you're young, so you'll have the strength to break them when you're old.”—Mark Twain quoted by Dorothy Quick Advance Magazine 2/1940.
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States of Everyday Grace

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For all the women especially, who have made a positive difference to me and to those dearest to me, and who will continue to do that for all of us. And for God and all the good people who have donated and/or will donate their time, work, play, prayers, good graces, money, and other resources to my family, friends, and me, and to good results for us all. Also, for all those prescient beings past, present, and future, who continue to inspire us to think much more clearly about who and what we believe in.

“David has woven a tapestry of the human spirit that transcends cultural, geographic, and ideological boundaries. In a world that generally pulls our attention in too many directions at once, [he] invites us to take time to savor the everyday, a welcome change of pace.

– Emeritus UW-La Crosse Art Photography Prof. Roger A. Grant, from RAG’s Introduction to David Joseph Marcou’s book “Pictures of Human Life”.
Captions and Credits

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Arab ladies on NYC street corner, 4-9-11, by DvJM.
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Paul and Christa Modderman’s wedding day, UMinn.-Minneapolis, July 1, 2006, by DvJM.
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Palestinian woman sitting on Mall of Monuments bench, DC, ca. 2010, by DvJM.
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Patty Formanek and friend®, Huckabee Rally, LaX Ctr., 2-14-08, by DvJM. (Patty was a high school classmate of mine.)
Amish young lady on bus, Rochester, MN, ca. 2002, by DvJM.
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“Eyes on the Prize” author & then-NPR and FOX reporter Juan Williams, a new grandfather, gets hug from female co-worker, DC, April 2010, by DvJM.
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Mom and children, St. Pat’s Parade party, Eagles Club, LaX, 3-12-16, by DvJM.
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Courtney sitting in manual wheelchair, LaX, ca. Early 2016, by DvJM.
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Two African-American women seated side-by-side on Amtrak Train near Chicago, ca. April 2010, by DvJM.
US Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), President Obama speech, UW-L, July 2015, by DvJM.
Mother Teresa’s hands and gaze are the points of interest in this photo, Anyang, S. Korea, Jan. 1985, by DvJM.
Holocaust Survivor/Academy Award-winner/Presidential Medal of Freedom honoree Gerda W. Klein, Viterbo U, LaX, ca. 2012, by DvJM.

Rose and David A. Marcou Jr. for their 60th Valentine Wedding Anniversary, Old Country Buffet, LaX, ca. 2014, by DvJM.

"I Am Malala" book display, Barnes and Noble Bookstore, LaX, 2014, by DvJM.


Elderly ladies with candles, Easter Vigil, LaX Cathedral, LaX, ca. 1996, by DvJM.

Two Peruvian sisters in SINPG/AAM gallery room, 2010-12, by DvJM.

Dr. Cherisse and Nathan Marcou with their wedding cake, Rochester, MN, 2012, by DvJM.

Turkish Female Viterbo U student in stage-crew, “The Last Stand Symphony” world debut, Viterbo U, 4-24-08, by DvJM.

VP’s wife, Dr. Jill Biden, speaks as her husband, et. al. listen, UW-L, Oct. 2012, by DvJM.

Rourke Decker’s talented wife, Kat; they played US married couple in DvJM’s Irish play’s staged reading, AHS, 2008, by DvJM.

Young woman in pink t-shirt, jogging in Riverside Park, LaX, ca. 2012, by DvJM.

Yanan Chen: Yanan Chen, a UW-L Textbook Rental student-employee, wearing rainbow-colored t-shirt, LaX, ca. 2008, by DvJM.

Z-Sue Bainbridge: Sue Bainbridge Photography owner/chief photographer, Danica Patrick event, Nat. Press Club, DC, 2-21-12, by DvJM.

Blonde returning from Communion, FSPA Jubilee Mass, Mary of the Angels Chapel, LaX, ca. 2009 (DvJM).


Intriguing Irish-Amer. young woman emerging from shadows, St. Pat’s Day, LaX, 3-17-18 (DvJM).

Couple’s Moment, St. Pat’s Parade Day, LaX, 3-17-18 (DvJM).

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Graduation guests in African garb, Philly, PA, 6-13-18 (DvJM).

Jacqui Jacqui Helper wearing her Bucky Badger cheek tattoo, Camp Randall FB Game, Mdsn., ca. 2008 (DvJM).

Dan & Vicki (Olson) Marcou’s wedding party, incl. my then – wife Ann (Maid of Honor) & me (Best Man), LaX Cathedral, 8-4-73 (Photo Crtsy of Ellickson).

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