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“Pictures Generation” artists Sarah Charlesworth and James Welling have been named photography professors in the Visual Arts Program of Princeton’s Lewis Center for the Arts, according to a note sent out by the e-flux e-mail service. Ms. Charlesworth, who will continue to teach at the School of Visual Arts, will be a lecturer; Mr. Welling, who chairs UCLA’s photography department, will be a visiting professor for the fall.

Interestingly, the release emphasizes that neither “Charlesworth nor Welling was trained as a photographer, each having discovered the medium in graduate school after studying art history at Barnard College and painting at the California Institute for the Arts, respectively.”

Artist and writer Joe Scanlan, who serves as the director of the school’s Visual Arts Program, offered this in his statement:

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Congratulations, Ms. Charlesworth and Mr. Welling.