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USC-LACMA History of Photography Seminar

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28
5pm

Book Talk: What Becomes Legend Most: A Biography of Richard Avedon

PHILIP GEFTER
Author and Photography Critic

This talk will describe the complexities of conducting research on Avedon without the cooperation of the Avedon Foundation, which maintains his archive and controls the rights to his photographs.

Philip Gefter is the author of two biographies: What Becomes a Legend Most: The Biography of Richard Avedon (Harper) and Wagstaff: Before and After Mapplethorpe (Liveright), which received the 2014 Marfield Prize for national arts writing; and a collection of essays, Photography After Frank (Aperture). He was an editor at The New York Times for over fifteen years and wrote about photography for the paper. He was the photography critic for the Daily Beast in its early years and contributes frequently to The New Yorker, Photobooth and Aperture, the quarterly of photography. He produced the award-winning documentary, Bill Cunningham New York.

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