As one of the world's most transformative technologies, railroads are frequent subjects of all forms of art. Beginning with the first paintings of steam locomotives from the 1820s and moving all the way through to digital photographs of today's trains, we will consider the long relationship between railroads and visual media. Featured works will include highlights from the collections of the Center for Railroad Photography & Art, whose mission is to preserve and present significant images of railroading. Aaron Gellman was a longtime member of the Center and regular attendee of its annual conference at Lake Forest College.

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