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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - An amusing collection of portraits by photographer Neal Slavin is currently on display in Youngstown State University's Kilcawley Center Art Gallery.

The show, free and open to the public as well as the University community, will run until Oct. 17.

Called "Britons," the show features 48 color photographs made with Polaroid's 20x24-inch camera of groups of people and animals at places of business and leisure in the United Kingdom.

The humor in Slavin's work is used to express serious concerns, such as strong commitment to the photographic medium and a deep undercurrent of social commentary. Slavin's work has also been concerned with social and political issues.

The photographer, who lives in New York City, works also as an editorial and advertising photographer, working for magazines such as Life, Esquire, Fortune, Stern, and Vanity Fair.

Slavin's corporate client list includes Warner Communications and The New York Stock Exchange.

His early training was in the fine arts, having graduated from the Cooper Union of Art and Architecture in NYC. He spent a year at Lincoln College at Oxford University studying Renaissance painting and sculpture.

Since then, Slavin's work has been exhibited in many one-man and group shows throughout the world. He received a Fulbright award, two grants from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and a Creative Artists Public Service Award (CAPS).

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Slavin is the author of two books, Portugal, published by Lustrum Press in 1971 and When Two or More Are Gathered Together, published by Farrar, Staraus and Giroux in 1976.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.

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