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Those of us in academia who are faculty, students, and "white collar" staff and administrators are familiar with offices, classrooms, and labs. But there are many other places in the university, where things are done that make our work possible, that we may never see. About a year and a half ago I began a project to photograph "behind the scenes", to see---and to show others---the people and operations that make our academic work possible.

I am grateful to the many people who arranged to give me access to their workplaces, showed me around, and let me observe and disrupt their busy work routines.

I took many hundreds of photos over a period of about a year, and finally printed 28 for an exhibit in the Campus Club at the University of Minnesota. I included those with about 70 more in a publish-on-demand book, "Behind the Scenes", which can be viewed on-line at http://www.blurb.com/b/3916800-behind-the-scenes.

Another book on the University of Minnesota, which shows photos in, or of, every academic building on the Twin Cities campus, is "Places of Learning and Discovery", also published by Blurb: http://www.blurb.com/b/2484625-places-of-learning-and-discovery.

The University of Minnesota is a complex and fascinating place, about which most of us know rather little. I hope that these photos will both provide aesthetic pleasure and give insight into this important, layered community in which we work and live.
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