

## Environment and Human Rights Art Show Opening Reception

Tuesday, October 18, 2016  
6:30 PM  
Laurel School  
One Lyman Circle  
Shaker Heights OH 44122



### *The Price of Gold: Mechanized Gold Mining VS.*

### *Rainforest Cultures in El Chocó, Colombia*

by visiting artists Steve Cagan and Mary Kelsey '67

Presentation by the artists and large prints produced for the artists' exhibition at the Quick Center at Saint Bonaventure University in New York.

### **The El Chocó Mining Project**

In rivers and streams of Colombia's El Chocó region, traditional artisanal panning for gold is being replaced by mechanized mining. This new practice represents a threat to traditional economic and social structures, as well as to Chocó's rich rain forest environment. The El Chocó Mining project documents the work and lives of two grassroots miners through photography and drawing. They work in solidarity and active collaboration with affected communities to lend assistance to those confronting these changes and to publicize the threats and dangers they face.

Visit [www.elchocomining.net](http://www.elchocomining.net) to learn more about this project and the artists.  
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