

Alec Soth's Archived Blog

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Bill Jay & Paul D'Amato

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My recent post on [photography critics](#) mentioned Bill Jay. I encourage you to check out Jay's [website](#). Along with a vast archive of his essays and articles, the site includes his [portraits of photographers](#). One of the photographers pictured is Paul D'Amato:



Paul D'Amato in Jim Hajicek's office, Arizona, 1993 © Bill Jay

Last week I had dinner with Paul in Chicago. Earlier in the day he'd been surfing in Lake Michigan (November 16th!). Paul is a fantastic photographer. Check out his work [here](#).

5 Comments

1. is it just me or does paul look like agent moulder from the X-files in this photo?!

paul was my thesis adviser at columbia. i especially liked his stories about his crazy eyebrows getting icicles on them when surfing in lake michigan in freezing tempertures. that and his colorful collection of hoodies.

a fantastic photographer and a true gem of a teacher, that paulie.

Comment by [stacy](#) — November 20, 2006 @ [2:44 pm](#)

2. "is it just me or does paul look like agent moulder from the X-files in this photo?!"

I think you ´re right...

Comment by [B. S. Ilktac](#) — November 22, 2006 @ [4:36 pm](#)

3. I am a former student of Bill Jay. I would really really like to get in contact with him...can you help?
Jennifer Long

Comment by [Jennifer Long](#) — April 25, 2007 @ [1:22 pm](#)

4. Bill Jays' images of photographers are available exclusively at Segura Publishing Company, each 8 1/2 x 11 archival inkjet print sells for \$300. You can see a preview of his work at his site: billjayonphotography.com
Bills' new book "Album, Friends and Other Photographers" is being released June of 2007
Thank you for letting me post this info 8)
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Comment by [juliet jay](#) — June 11, 2007 @ [2:22 pm](#)

5. I'm Paul's wife. Don't know about the Agent Moulder reference, but he IS very cute.

Comment by [Anne](#) — August 29, 2007 @ [3:53 pm](#)