

Guide to the James Balog Extreme Ice Survey photograph collection

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SUMMARY: The James Balog Extreme Ice Survey photograph collection contains photographic prints related to the work of American photojournalist James Balog. Balog's work follows the long-term impact of climate change on glacier ice.

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b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of James Balog and Eric and Wendy Schmidt, 2024.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research

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Biographical / Historical

Born in 1952, James Balog is an American photojournalist whose images capture the relationship between humans and nature. In 2007, he started the Extreme Ice Survey (EIS), one of the most wide-ranging photographic ground study of glaciers ever made.

A portfolio of over one million single-frame photographs have been taken with dozens of cameras at glaciers in Antarctica, Greenland, Alaska, Iceland, the Alps, and the Rocky Mountains. The cameras shoot every hour during daylight, year-round, accumulating a detailed record of the ongoing changes glaciers and ice sheets experience due to climate change. The EIS has prompted public talks, exhibitions, and science and policy conferences worldwide.

Balog's work has appeared in numerous publications including *National Geographic*, *The New York Times*, and *Life*. He is the author of several books and is a founding Fellow of the International League of Conservation Photographers.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Materials maintain order found at time of acquisition.

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b. 1	James Balog portrait #2, 11x14, unpublished Photography by Greg Gorman in Los Angeles, California.	2023
b. 1	James Balog photographs waterfall dropping into crevasse in Survey Canyon, Greenland, 11x14	2009
b. 1	James Balog rappels into moulin, Greenland, 11x14, unpublished	2008
b. 1	James Balog at Jökulsárlón during photography at the beginning of what became the survey, Iceland, 11x14	2005
b. 1	James Balog with iceberg at Mendenhall Glacier, Alaska, 11x14	2010
b. 1	James Balog at camera position IL-05 above Solheimajökull Glacier, Iceland, 11x14, unpublished	2007
b. 1	James Balog at Birthday Canyon, Greenland, 11x14, unpublished	2008
b. 1	James Balog at -30° F, Disko Bay, Greenland, 11x14	2008
b. 2 (Oversize)	"Moulin at North Lake #1", Greenland Ice Sheet, 16x20 Mendenhall Glacier, Alaska	2008
b. 2 (Oversize)	Melt study, 16x20	2010
b. 2 (Oversize)	"Melting Berg at Mendenhall Glacier #1", 16x20	2010
b. 2 (Oversize)	"Blue Berg", 16x20	2010
b. 2 (Oversize)	"Southern Ice Field #4", Mount Kilimanjaro, Arusha Region, Tanzania, 16x20	2015
b. 2 (Oversize)	"Remnants of Store Glacier at Uummannaq", Uummannaq Fjord, Greenland, 16x20 Greenland Ice Sheet, Greenland	2007
b. 2 (Oversize)	"Meltwater Channel on Greenland Ice Sheet #5", 16x20	2006
b. 2 (Oversize)	"Meltwater Channel on Greenland Ice Sheet #1", 16x20	2006
b. 2 (Oversize)	"Ice Skin #21", 16x20	2019
b. 2 (Oversize)	"Ice Skin #10", 16x20	2019
b. 2 (Oversize)	"Crushed Ice with Clouds", Disko Bay, Greenland, 16x20	2007
b. 3 (Oversize)	"Birthday Canyon #2", Greenland Ice Sheet, Greenland, 16x20 Coast Mountains, British Columbia, Canada	2009
b. 3 (Oversize)	"Tahumming Glacier Crevasse #1", 16x20	2009
b. 3 (Oversize)	"Algae and Ice on Lake", 16x20	2008
b. 3 (Oversize)	"Columbia Glacier Trimline", Summit of Kadin, Prince William Sound, Alaska, 16x20	2006 June 23

AK-05, Juneau, Alaska		
b. 3 (Oversize)	"Mendenhall Glacier", 16x20	2007
b. 3 (Oversize)	"Mendenhall Glacier", 16x20, unpublished	2020 June 4
AK-01B (Summit of Kadin), Prince William Sound, Alaska		
b. 3 (Oversize)	"Columbia Glacier", 16x20	2007 May 15
b. 3 (Oversize)	"Columbia Glacier", 16x20	2007 September 16
b. 3 (Oversize)	"Columbia Glacier", 16x20	2008 August 9
b. 3 (Oversize)	"Columbia Glacier", 16x20	2009 May 10
b. 3 (Oversize)	"Columbia Glacier", 16x20	2010 August 24
b. 3 (Oversize)	"Columbia Glacier", 16x20	2011 January 19
b. 3 (Oversize)	"Columbia Glacier", 16x20	2011 August 16
b. 3 (Oversize)	"Columbia Glacier", 16x20	2013 July 19
b. 4 (Oversize)	"Columbia Glacier", 16x20	2015 October 1
b. 4 (Oversize)	"Columbia Glacier", 16x20	2018 November 23
b. 4 (Oversize)	"Columbia Glacier", 16x20	2019
AK-10B, Junction Tower, Prince William Sound, Alaska		
b. 4 (Oversize)	"Columbia Glacier", 16x20, unpublished	2012 September 7
b. 4 (Oversize)	"Columbia Glacier", 16x20, unpublished	2016 September 7
Summit of Kadin, Prince William Sound, Alaska		
b. 4 (Oversize)	"Columbia Glacier, West Branch", 16x20, unpublished	2015 June 19
b. 4 (Oversize)	"Columbia Glacier, West Branch", 16x20, unpublished	2009 August 25
Aerial, Prince William Sound, Alaska		
b. 4 (Oversize)	"Columbia Glacier", 16x20	2006 June 15
b. 4 (Oversize)	"Columbia Glacier", 16x20, unpublished	2012 August 25
b. 4 (Oversize)	"Columbia Glacier", 16x20, unpublished	2016 May 26
b. 4 (Oversize)	"Columbia Glacier", 16x20, unpublished	2016 June 23
IL-05, Sólheimajökull, Iceland		
b. 4 (Oversize)	"Sólheimajökull Glacier", 16x20	2007 March 26

b. 4 (Oversize)	"Sólheimajökull Glacier", 16x20	2008 July 15
b. 4 (Oversize)	"Sólheimajökull Glacier", 16x20	2010 April 16
b. 5 (Oversize)	"Sólheimajökull Glacier", 16x20, unpublished	2010 April 20
b. 5 (Oversize)	"Sólheimajökull Glacier", 16x20	2010 August 29
b. 5 (Oversize)	"Sólheimajökull Glacier", 16x20	2011 March 21
b. 5 (Oversize)	"Sólheimajökull Glacier", 16x20, unpublished	2012 September 2
b. 5 (Oversize)	"Sólheimajökull Glacier", 16x20, unpublished	2015 June 20
b. 5 (Oversize)	"Sólheimajökull Glacier", 16x20, unpublished	2022 May 6
Gígjökull, Iceland		
b. 5 (Oversize)	"Gígjökull Glacier", 16x20, unpublished	2007 September 18
b. 5 (Oversize)	"Gígjökull Glacier", 16x20, unpublished	2011 June 14
Aerial, Canton of Valais, Switzerland		
b. 5 (Oversize)	"Rhône Gletscher", 16x20, unpublished	2023 September 10
b. 5 (Oversize)	"Rhône Gletscher", 16x20, unpublished	2012 September 8
b. 5 (Oversize)	"Rhône Gletscher", 16x20, unpublished	2023 September 10
Berner Oberland, Switzerland		
b. 5 (Oversize)	"Trift Gletscher", 16x20, unpublished	2006 September 16
b. 5 (Oversize)	"Trift Gletscher", 16x20, unpublished	2023 September 12
b. 5 (Oversize)	"Trift Gletscher", 16x20	2006 September 25
b. 6 (Oversize)	"Trift Gletscher", 16x20	2011 September 16
b. 6 (Oversize)	"Trift Gletscher", 16x20	2012 September 8
b. 6 (Oversize)	"Trift Gletscher", 16x20, unpublished	2023 September 12
Stein 1, Canton of Bern, Switzerland		
b. 6 (Oversize)	"Stein Gletscher", 16x20	2006 September 25

b. 6 (Oversize)	"Stein Gletscher", 16x20	2012 September 17
b. 6 (Oversize)	"Stein Gletscher", 16x20	2015 August 20
b. 6 (Oversize)	"Stein Gletscher", 16x20, unpublished	2023 September 11
	Stein 2, Canton of Bern, Switzerland	
b. 6 (Oversize)	"Stein Gletscher", 16x20	2006 September 25
b. 6 (Oversize)	"Stein Gletscher", 16x20, unpublished	2023 September 11
	GL-A, Avannaata, Greenland	
b. 6 (Oversize)	"Rink Isbrae (Kangilliup Sermia)", 16x20	2007 June 15
b. 6 (Oversize)	"Rink Isbrae (Kangilliup Sermia)", 16x20	2011 July 22
	Aerial, Coast Mountains, British Columbia, Canada	
b. 6 (Oversize)	"Bridge Glacier", 16x20	2009 September 1
b. 6 (Oversize)	"Bridge Glacier" 16x20	2017 August 29
b. 6 (Oversize)	"Tahumming Glacier", 16x20	2008 September 1
b. 6 (Oversize)	"Tahumming Glacier", 16x20	2017 August 29
b. 7 (Oversize)	"Knik Glacier #1", Chugach National Forest, Alaska, USA, 20x24	2008
b. 7 (Oversize)	"Iceberg and Ice Pans", Disko Bay, Greenland, 20x24	2008
b. 7 (Oversize)	"Columbia Glacier Abstract (after Jackson Pollock)", Prince William Sound, Alaska, USA, 20x24	2009
b. 7 (Oversize)	"Seawater and Ice Fragments", Jökulsárlón, Iceland, 20x24	2008
b. 7 (Oversize)	"Ice at Terminus of Jakobshavn Isbrae", Disko Bay, Greenland, 20x24	2010
	Mount Kilimanjaro, Arusha Region, Tanzania, James Balog	
b. 7 (Oversize)	"Furtwängler Glacier", 22x28, unpublished	2022 October 30
b. 7 (Oversize)	"Furtwängler Glacier", 22x28, unpublished	2015 September 15
b. 7 (Oversize)	"Skaftafellsjökull Glacier", Vatnajökull National Park, Iceland, unpublished, 12x28	2012 September 21
	WP-2, Sólheimajökull, Iceland	
b. 7 (Oversize)	"Sólheimajökull Glacier", unpublished, 22x28	2006, 2006, 2011, 2019

b. 7 (Oversize)	"Sólheimajökull Glacier", unpublished, 12x28	2006 April 13
b. 7 (Oversize)	"Sólheimajökull Glacier", unpublished, 12x28	2006 October 24
b. 8 (Oversize)	"Sólheimajökull Glacier", 12x28	2011 June 15
b. 8 (Oversize)	"Sólheimajökull Glacier", unpublished, 12x28	2019 June 20
	"Sólheimajökull Glacier", WP-2011-06-1, Sólheimajökull, Iceland, unpublished, 22x28	2011, 2012, 2018, 2019
	WP-2011-06-2, Sólheimajökull, Iceland	
b. 8 (Oversize)	"Sólheimajökull Glacier", 12x28	2011 June 15
b. 8 (Oversize)	"Sólheimajökull Glacier", unpublished, 12x28	2012 September 7
b. 8 (Oversize)	"Sólheimajökull Glacier", unpublished, 12x28	2016 June 20
b. 8 (Oversize)	"Sólheimajökull Glacier", unpublished, 12x28	2022 May 5
	WP-14, Sólheimajökull, Iceland	
b. 8 (Oversize)	"Sólheimajökull Glacier", 14x28	2005 March 3
b. 8 (Oversize)	"Sólheimajökull Glacier", 14x28	2006 October 1
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b. 8 (Oversize)	"Svínafellsjökull Glacier", 12x28	2005 March 5
b. 8 (Oversize)	"Svínafellsjökull Glacier", 12x28	2011 June 17
b. 8 (Oversize)	"Iceberg #1 (b/w)", Disko Bay, Greenland, 22x28	2019
b. 8 (Oversize)	"Iceberg in Dorian Bay", Dorian Bay, Antarctic Peninsula, unpublished, 22x28	2014
b. 8 (Oversize)	"Iceberg #2", Disko Bay, Greenland, unpublished, 22x28	2019
b. 9 (Oversize)	"North Edge of Sukkertoppen #1", Sukkertoppen Ice Cap, Greenland, unpublished, 22x28	2006
b. 9 (Oversize)	"Calving Fragments #3", Prince William Sound, Alaska, USA, unpublished, 22x28	2007
	Jökulsárlón, Iceland	
b. 9 (Oversize)	"Ice Diamond #3", 22x28	2011
b. 9 (Oversize)	"Ice Diamond #7 (The Zebra), 22x28	2011
b. 9 (Oversize)	"Ice Diamond #5", 22x28	2011
b. 9 (Oversize)	"Ice Diamond #4 (The Owl)", 22x28	2011
b. 9 (Oversize)	"Ice Diamond #17", 22x28	2007
b. 9 (Oversize)	"Rhône Gletscher with Blanket (triptych)", Rhône Gletscher, Switzerland, 22x28	2012

b. 9 (Oversize)	"Jökulsárlón #2", Jökulsárlón, Iceland, 22x28	
b. 9 (Oversize)	"Svinafellsjökull Terminus (triptych), Svinafellsjökull, Iceland, 22x28	2005
b. 9 (Oversize)	"Furtwängler Glacier Remnant at Night", Mount Kilimanjaro, Arusha Region, Tanzania, 22x28	2015
	Jökulsárlón, Iceland	
b. 9 (Oversize)	"Jökulsárlón #1", 22x28	2005
	"Ice Diamond #1 (Space Berg), 22x30	2009
	"Fossil Air Bubbles #1", Greenland Ice Sheet, Greenland, 22x30	2008
	"Aletsch Gletscher from Eggishorn", Bernese Alps, Switzerland, 22x30	2008
	Greenland Ice Sheet, Greenland	
	"Jakobshavn Isbrae Calving Face Triptych", 22x30	2019
	"Rock Island Triptych", 22x30	2019
	"Disko Bay Triptych", Disko Bay, Greenland, 22x30	2019
b. 10 (Oversize)	"At the North Pole (looking into western hemisphere)", Arctic Ocean, 22x30	2018
	Greenland Ice Sheet, Greenland	
b. 10 (Oversize)	"Birthday Canyon #1", 22x30	2009
	"Lake Meighan and Survey Canyon", 22x30	2009
	"Copper Berg", Jakobshavn Isfjord, Greenland, 22x30	2007
	"Two Icebergs", Disko Bay, Greenland, 22x30	2007
	"Emerald Berg in Waves", Jökulsárlón, Iceland, 22x30	2008
	"Rhône Gletscher with Blanket #2", Rhône Gletscher, Switzerland, unpublished, 22x30	2012

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Conservation of natural resources
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Geographic Names

Alaska
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