

GALLERY KAYAFAS

**John Willis: *Mni Wiconi, Honoring the Water Protectors*
September 6 – October 17, 2020**

All prints are 18x27 archival pigment ink prints.
All photographs are from 2016.

Lakota Tobacco prayer ties along the Cannonball River in the morning mist.



Morning Mist, Oceti Sakowin Camp.



Sunni at Oceti Sakowin Camp.



Pleading with police officers in Mandan to consider water for the health of their children, grandchildren, and future generations.



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Watching the Thanksgiving Day action between Water Protectors and police at Turtle Island near the site where DAPL would be placed beneath the Missouri River adjacent to sovereign Standing Rock Land.



Police confront Water Protectors outside the courthouse. Bismark, ND.



Water Protectors in prayer, Oceti Sakowin Camp.



Throwing back tear gas toward the police.



A medic treats a tear gas victim during the Backwater Bridge standoff.



The 1st blizzard in Oceti Sakowin Camp.

