

# Deborah Sawyer

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## EDUCATION

1995: **Pratt Institute**, Brooklyn, NY, Master of Fine Arts in Painting

1993: **The College of New Jersey**, Ewing, NJ, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art

## ART EXPERIENCE

2006-2008: **Moldmaker**, Longshadow Planters, Pomona, IL  
Designed and made rubber and fiberglass molds for use with dry cast limestone.

2000-2004: **Sculpture Conservator and Paint Department Instructor**,  
Johnson Atelier Technical Institute of Sculpture, Mercerville, NJ  
Painted metal sculpture with automobile and conservation paints.  
Repaired and prepared sculpture for sales and exhibitions.  
Assumed duties of Paint Supervisor when required.  
Certified by the New Jersey Department of Education  
as a vocational paint instructor.

1999-2000: **Metal Chasing Apprentice**,  
Johnson Atelier Technical Institute of Sculpture, Mercerville, NJ  
Assembled cast sculpture in various metals.  
Welded with MIG, TIG, and oxy-acetylene.  
Chased metal surfaces with pneumatic, electric, and hand tools.  
Cast sculpture using lost wax and sand casting techniques.

1997-1999: **Art Services and Installation Supervisor**,  
Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY  
Directed workers in the preparation of galleries for changing exhibitions.  
Moved artwork and building materials.

1995-1997: **Museum Guard**, Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY  
Provided information to patrons and security to various exhibitions.

1995-1997: **Welding Shop Assistant**, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY  
Maintained shop, tools, and equipment; assisted students on projects.

1990-1993: **Gallery Director's Assistant**, The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ  
Installed, stored, and shipped artwork; performed clerical duties  
Directed student workers; assumed duties of Gallery Director when required.

## FREELANCE EXPERIENCE

2008-present: **Home Improvement Contractor**

2004-2005: Perform light-duty construction work at residential and commercial properties.  
Duties include painting, cleaning, sanding and woodworking.

1998-2004: **Figure Model**  
Posed for figure drawing sessions in college classrooms and artist's studios.  
Colleges included: Princeton University, The College of New Jersey, and  
Bucks County Community College.

## INTERNSHIPS

- 1995: **Artist's Space**, New York, NY  
1994: **PS1**, Long Island City, Queens, NY  
1993: **Phyllis Kind Gallery**, New York, NY

## EXHIBITIONS

- 2008: **Organic Mechanics**, Solo Exhibition, AxD Gallery, Philadelphia, PA  
2007: **Movin' On**, Illinois Artisans Gallery at Rend Lake, Whittington, IL  
**Art-A-Whirl**, Northrup King Studio Building, Minneapolis, MN  
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**Mixed Bag**, Surplus Gallery, Carbondale, IL  
2005: **Art-A-Whirl**, Northrup King Studio Building, Minneapolis, MN  
2004: **Alumni Exhibition**, Holman Art Gallery, The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ  
2003: **A Community of Artists**, The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ  
2002: **Women Artists: Past & Present**, Martin Gallery, Muhlenburg College, Allentown, PA  
**Reformed Relics**, Solo Exhibition, Extension Gallery, Mercerville, NJ  
**A La Atelier**, Greensboro Artists' League, Greensboro, NC  
2001: **Driving Women**, Castle Gallery, College of New Rochelle, West Chester, NY  
**Johnson Atelier Open**, Trenton City Museum, Trenton, NJ  
2000: **Abstraction**, Banana Factory, Bethlehem, PA  
**Ellarslie Open XVIII**, Trenton City Museum, Trenton, NJ  
1999: **National Spring Open Juried Exhibition**, Wayne Art Center, Wayne, PA  
1998: **Works on Paper Juried Exhibition**, Muse Gallery, Philadelphia, PA  
**Works on Paper Juried Exhibition**, Main Line Art Center, Haverford, PA  
1997: **Avant Guard**, Elsa Mott Ives Gallery, New York, NY  
1996: **Functional Rust**, Café Galleria, New Hope, PA  
**Art from Detritus**, Recycling Convention, Pittsburgh, PA  
1995: **Autogeddon**, Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition, Pratt Institute, NY  
**Rusted Memories**, Solo Exhibition, Arts Council of Princeton, Princeton, NJ  
**Art from Detritus**, Recycling Convention, Kansas City, MO  
1994: **Metal Deterioration**, Solo Exhibition, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY  
1992: **Detritus**, Solo Exhibition, The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ

## AWARDS

- 2002: **Purchase Award**, Muhlenburg College, Allentown, PA  
1999: **Merit Award**, Burlington County Juried Exhibition, Smithville, NJ  
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1993: **Merit Award** in Painting, The College of New Jersey Student Art Show  
1992: **Best in Show**, Burlington County Juried Exhibition  
**Purchase Award**, The College of New Jersey Student Art Show  
**Merit Award** in Watercolor, The College of New Jersey Student Art Show  
1989: **Representative** for New Jersey in the National Teen Arts Festival Tour

## COLLECTIONS

**The College of New Jersey**  
**Muhlenburg College**  
**Private Collections**

