

# APRIL DAUSCHA

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b. 1985, Louisville, Kentucky

## EDUCATION

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2012 MFA: **Fiber**, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA

2006 BFA: **Fashion Design**, International Academy of Design + Technology, Chicago, IL

## EXHIBITIONS

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- 2025 *MOTHER*, Goodyear Arts, Charlotte, NC, curated by Amy Herman (forthcoming)  
*Mended*, Reeves House Visual Arts Center, Woodstock, GA, Curated by Cynthia Nourse Thompson  
*Time Slip, Time Sip*, Southeastern Louisiana's Contemporary Art Gallery, Hammond, LA,  
Curated by Madison and Matthew Creech and Katie Baczeski
- 2024 *Crabwalk*, University of Louisiana, Monroe, Monroe, LA  
*Faculty Biennial*, Sheffield Wood Gallery, Fine Arts Center, Greenville, SC
- 2023 *Holding Pattern*, Kentucky Museum of Arts and Craft, Louisville, KY  
*Holding Pattern*, Tiger Strikes Asteroid, Greenville, SC  
*The Remaining, Mourn*, Northern Illinois University Art Museum, Dekalb, IL  
*Here on Out*, Artisan Gallery and Rattlesnake Magazine, Greenville, SC
- 2022 *INDECENT, WHATIFTHEWORLD*, Cape Town, South Africa  
*Volcano Lovers, HAUNT / Frontviews*, Berlin, Germany  
*Moving*, Distance Gallery, online gallery founded by Joshua Field, Curated by Tobias Fike  
*alter-object*, Tiger Strikes Asteroid (GVL), Greenville, SC  
*Archive of Loose Leaves*, Lee Gallery, Clemson University, Clemson, SC  
*Art Fields 2022*, TRAX Visual Arts Center, Lake City, SC  
*MIRROR/ MIRROR*, 22 London, Asheville, NC (from the collection of Hedy Fischer + Randy Shull)  
*Field Companions*, Atlanta Contemporary, Atlanta, GA
- 2021 *For the Living, To the Dead*. Parlour and Ramp, Chicago, IL  
*Tiger Strikes Asteroid: it feels like the first time*, MANA CONTEMPORARY, Chicago, IL
- 2020 *Exhibition in Print*, Surface Design Journal, Surface Design Association, Fall Issue  
*A Common Thread: Textiles Past & Present*, Greenwood Art Center, Greenwood, SC  
*By a Thread*, Tracey Morgan Gallery, Asheville, NC  
*Mater Dolorosa*, Crutchfield Gallery, Spartanburg Library, Spartanburg, SC
- 2019 *Mater Dolorosa*, Furman University Gallery, Greenville, SC (Solo Show)
- 2018 *Uneasy Beauty: Discomfort in Contemporary Adornment*, Fuller Craft Museum, Brockton, MA  
*Faculty Biennial*, Sheffield Wood Gallery, Fine Arts Center, Greenville, SC  
*The Art of Labor*, San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles, San Jose, CA (juried by Carole Frances Lung aka "Frau Fiber" and Amy DiPlacido)  
*The Women Behind*, Museum on the Seam, Jerusalem, Israel  
*Adornment: Beauty in Excess*, Walton Arts Center, Fayetteville, AR  
(Curated by Cynthia Nourse Thompson)
- 2017 *Pushing the Boundaries 3*, Museum of Applied Art, Belgrade, Serbia

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- Common Sense*, Humboldt Park Boat House, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *Fiberart International 2016*, Society for Contemporary Craft, Pittsburgh, PA  
*Between the Threads*, Rowan University Art Gallery, Glassboro, NJ  
*Faculty Biennial*, Sheffield Wood Gallery, Fine Arts Center, Greenville, SC
- 2015 *Extreme Fibers: Textile Icons and the New Edge*, Muskegon Museum of Art, Muskegon, MI  
Dennos Museum Center, Traverse City, MI  
*Materialities: Contemporary Textile Arts*, Members Juried Catalog 2015, Surface Design Assoc.
- 2014 *Summer Shorts*, Chicago, IL  
*Contextile 2014: Contemporary Textile Art Biennial*, Guimarães, Portugal  
*Evanston + Vicinity Biennial*, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL
- 2013 *Innovations in Fiber Art VI*, Sebastopol Center for the Arts, Sebastopol, CA  
*Underneath it All: Desire, Power, Memory + Lingerie*, ISE Cultural Foundation, NYC, NY  
*Fiberart International 2013*, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Pittsburgh, PA  
Franklin G. Burroughs-Simeon B. Chapin Art Museum, Myrtle Beach, SC (2014)  
American Textile History Museum, Lowell, MA (2014)  
*Building Upon the Past*, Page Bond Gallery, Richmond, VA  
*Vice/Virtue*, NIU Art Museum, Dekalb, IL
- 2012 *Emerged*, Page Bond Gallery, Richmond, VA  
*Underneath it All: Desire, Power, Memory + Lingerie*, The Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN  
*VCU MFA Thesis Exhibition*, Anderson Gallery, Richmond, VA,  
*New Waves 2012*, Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, Virginia Beach, VA, Juried Exhibition by Lane Relyea  
*Outside/Inside the Box: FiberPhiladelphia 2012*, Crane Arts, Philadelphia, PA, Juried Exhibition by Bruce Hoffman  
*Fears + Phobias*, Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory, Alexandria, VA, Juried Exhibition by Lea Newman  
*ON/OFF*, FAB Gallery, VCUarts, Richmond, VA, Juried Exhibition by VCU CRAFT Faculty
- 2011 *Day One: The Early Protagonist*, MFA Candidacy Exhibition, ART6 Gallery, Richmond, VA
- 2010 *Thread Loves Paper*, Sonoma Valley Public Library, Sonoma, CA

## GRANTS + AWARDS

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- 2023 Artist in Residence, McColl Center  
Artist in Residence, Vermont Studio Center
- 2020 *Most Influential Teacher*, U.S. Presidential Scholar Award, U.S. Department of Education  
Outstanding Educator Award, Scholastic Art and Writing Awards
- 2019 Studio Assistantship, Textiles: Penland School of Crafts, *Making your own Uniform*.  
Artist Project Support Grant, Metropolitan Arts Council, Greenville, SC  
Outstanding Educator Award, Scholastic Art and Writing Awards
- 2018 Outstanding Educator Award, Scholastic Art and Writing Awards
- 2017 First Place Award, *Pushing the Boundaries 3*, Museum of Applied Art, Belgrade Serbia.

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Outstanding Educator Award, Scholastic Art and Writing Awards

- 2016 Semi-Finalist, Fulbright Fellowship, Fine Arts/Design, Italy
- 2015 SDA Award of Excellence, Materialities: Contemporary Textile Arts, Members Juried Catalog 2015. Surface Design Association.
- 2014 Honorable Mention Award, Contextile 2014: Contemporary Textile Biennial, Guimarães, Portugal  
Cash Award, Evanston + Vicinity Biennial, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL
- 2012 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2010–2012 (3 of 4 semesters)  
VCU School of the Arts Research Grant, Virginia Commonwealth University  
VCU School of the Arts Travel Grant, Virginia Commonwealth University
- 2011 William B. Clopton Scholarship, Virginia Commonwealth University  
Mid-Atlantic Needlework Retail Association Scholarship, Virginia Commonwealth University
- 2006 Cum Laude, International Academy of Design and Technology  
Dean's List, International Academy of Design and Technology, 2004-2006
- 2004 Honorable Mention Sophomore Design Award, International Academy of Design and Technology

## MEMBERSHIPS + COMMITTEES + SERVICE

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- Board Member, Surface Design Association (SDA) (2019 – 2022)
- Education Committee, Surface Design Association (SDA) (2019 – 2022)
- Founding Member, Tiger Strikes Asteroid – Greenville (TSA GVL) (2018 – 2022)
- Member, International Organization of Lace, Inc. (I.O.L.I.) 2012 - present

## LECTURES

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- 2023 Artist Talk, Kentucky Museum of Arts and Craft, Louisville, KY  
Vermont Studio Center, Resident Artist Talks, Johnson, VT
- 2022 Clemson University, School for the Arts, Clemson, SC – Visiting Artist Lecture + Studio Visits
- 2021 Tennessee Tech, Appalachian Center for Craft, Smithville, TN – Fiber – Prof. Rena Wood  
Doily Free Zone, Virtual Lace Symposium, Textile Support - Angharad Rixon
- 2019 Penland School of Craft, Bakersville, NC – Studio Assistant Artist Talk Presentations  
Furman University, Greenville, SC – Artist Lecture
- 2018 Textile Study Group, Local Cloth, Asheville, NC – Fiber Arts Program Presentation
- 2017 University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA – Visiting Artist Lecture Series  
SAGE Automotive Interiors Annual Business Meeting, Gunter Theatre at the Peace Center, Greenville, SC – Fiber Arts Program Presentation  
South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance, Spartanburg, SC – Fiber Arts Program Presentation
- 2016 Fine Arts Center, Greenville, SC – Introduction to Lace – Job Talk
- 2014 School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL – Contemporary Practices – Prof. Margaret Carsello
- 2013 Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL – Vice + Virtue Exhibition  
University of Illinois at Chicago – History of Design I – Prof. Jonathan Mekinda

## CURATION

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- 2021 *BIG BODY PLAY*, Sheffield Wood Gallery, Fine Arts Center  
2020 *YARDWORK: a socially distanced art exhibition*, Tiger Strikes Asteroid, Greenville, SC  
2018 *Spotlight on Fiber Student Trends*, Southeast Fiber Arts Alliance, Sheffield Wood Gallery, Fine Arts Center. Juried by Rachel Meginnes.  
2017 *The Color of No*, Susan Iverson, Sheffield Wood Gallery, Fine Arts Center

## WORKSHOPS

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- 2021 Tennessee Tech, Appalachian Center for Craft, Smithville, TN – Instructor, Teneriffe Lacemaking  
2021 Doily Free Zone – Textile Support - *Knotted Gestures: explorations into digital lace*  
2015 Columbia College, Chicago, IL – Fashion Foundations – Assistant Instructor  
2013 Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL – Instructor, Teneriffe Lacemaking  
2012 Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY – Assistant Instructor, Bobbin Lacemaking

## GALLERY REPRESENTATION

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- 2012 Page Bond Gallery, Richmond, Virginia

## CONFERENCES ATTENDED

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- 2022 Art Schools Network, Las Vegas, Nevada  
2021 Doily Free Zone: Lace Symposium and Workshop, virtual event  
2019 Surface Design Association Conference: Beyond the Surface, St. Louis, MO (10/19)  
2017 Surface Design Association Conference: Making our Mark - SDA at 40, Portland, Oregon  
2012 The 59<sup>th</sup> annual International Old Lacemakers, Inc. Convention, St. Paul, MN  
Classes in Lier Lace, Needle Lace and Hardanger Lace.  
2011 The 58<sup>th</sup> annual International Old Lacemakers, Inc. Convention, Bethesda, MD  
Classes in Bobbin Lace (Lester), Teneriffe Needle Lace and Lace Identification

## TRAVEL

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- 2024 + 2017 Italian Textile and Lace Tour: Rome, Florence, Prato, Venice and Burano  
Class in Needle Lace, Tour of Apollo (automotive textile manufacturing), Tullio Buzzi' Textile program and various museums with textile, lace, and fashion related collections.  
2010 Guatemala Textile Tour: Antigua, Guatemala, Indigo Artes Textiles y Populares,  
2/28/10 - 3/8/10 - Classes in Backstrap Loom Weaving and Introduction to Jaspe (Ikat)

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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### Exhibition Catalogs

Suzanne Ramljak, Valerie Steele, and Beth McLaughlin. *Uneasy Beauty: Discomfort in Contemporary Adornment*. Brockton, MA: Fuller Craft Museum, 2018. Print.

Gupta Wiggers, Namita (ed.). *Materialities: Contemporary Textile Arts*. Surface Design Association Members' Juried Catalog. Albuquerque, NM: Surface Design Association, 2015.

*Contextile 2014*. Contemporary Textile Art Biennial. Guimarães, Portugal: Greca Artes Graficas, 2014.

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*Fiberart International 2013*. Pittsburgh, PA: Fiberarts Guild of Pittsburgh, Inc., 2013.

*New Waves 2012*. Virginia Beach, VA: Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, 2012.

## Journals, Blogs and Newspapers

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Cuenca, Melody. "New Artists Network Seeks to Make Greenville a True Arts Destination." *Greenville Journal*, photos by Will Crooks, 2 Aug. 2019, pp. 23-24.

"At the Society for Contemporary Craft, Fiberarts International pushes boundaries." *City Paper*, 03 August. 2016. Web. <http://www.pghcitypaper.com/pittsburgh/at-the-society-for-contemporary-craft-fiberart-international-pushes-boundaries/Content?oid=1941544>

"April Dauscha. Examination of Conscience." *Issue No. 206*, 09 June. 2015. Web. <http://www.issueno206.com/april-dauscha-examination-of-conscience/>

Platje, Joline. "April Dauscha" Fashion feature. *Glamcult Magazine*. 28 January. 2015. Amsterdam. Web. Print.

Gjording, Lindsey Rae. "April Dauscha Creates Delicate Lace Veils For Her Tongue, Eyes and Other Body Parts." *Beautiful Decay*, 03 November. 2014. Web. <http://beautifuldecay.com/2014/11/03/april-dauscha-creates-delicate-lace-veils-tongue-eyes-body-parts/>

Kruze, Caroline. "Lace Works by April Dauscha." *iGNANT*, 31 October, 2014. Web. <http://www.ignant.de/2014/10/31/lace-works-by-april-dauscha/> (English and German version).

Silva, Samuel. "Sangue e saliva no and da Contextile." *Publico*. 22 Aug. 2014. Web and Print. 30 Sept. 2014. <http://www.publico.pt/culturaipilon/noticia/sangue-e-saliva-1666916#/0>

Gopnik, Blake. "If Pregnancy Were the New Black." *Newsweek/Daily Beast*, 24 Sept. 2013. Web. 01 Oct. 2013. <http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2013/09/24/april-dauscha-at-ise-is-the-daily-pic-by-blake-gopnik.html>

Ritchie, Amy. "Young and Daily Growing: Page Bond Gallery shines a spotlight on masters of fine arts grads." *Style Weekly* [Richmond] 26 June. 2012. Print

Todd, Michael. "Graduate Craft and Material Exhibit Examines Wearable Art." *The Commonwealth Times* [Richmond] 23 Jan. 2012. Print.

Kuppers, Petra. *Pearl Stitch*. New York: Spuyten Duyvil, 2016. (Book Cover).