

**Leslie L. Shirah**

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**Education**

- 2011 MFA Sculpture East Carolina University  
2006 BFA Studio Art Columbus State University (magna cum laude)

**Teaching Experience**

- 2015- Current Upper School Art Instructor at Brookstone School, Columbus, GA  
2018 Spring 2018 Three-Dimensional Design Adjunct, Columbus State University, GA  
2015 Spring 2015 Sculpture One Adjunct, Columbus State University, GA  
2015 Spring 2015 Three-Dimensional Design Adjunct, Columbus State University, GA  
2013 Felting for Beginners Felting Workshops Instructor, The Columbus Museum, GA  
2012 Spring 2012 Three-Dimensional Design Adjunct, Columbus State University, GA  
2012 Spring 2012 Art Appreciation Adjunct, Chattahoochee Valley Community College, AL  
2011 Fall 2011 Art Appreciation Adjunct, Columbus Technical College, GA  
2010 Fall 2010 Sculpture Survey (instructor of record), ECU, Greenville, NC  
2007 Dimensions in Drawing workshop, Papermaking workshop, Creative Ceramics workshop/The Columbus Museum, Columbus, GA

**Professional Experience**

- 2012-2015 Exhibit Preparator at The Columbus Museum, Columbus, GA  
2014 Studio Assistant to Draftsperson Gabriel Hurier from Sol Lewitt Studio for installation of Sol Lewitt Drawings at The Columbus Museum, Columbus, GA  
2011-2012 Woodshop Coordinator and Studio Assistant, Columbus State University, GA  
2011 Studio Assistant for visiting artist in residence Liz Rodda at CSU  
2008-2011 Technical Assistant in Sculpture Area, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC  
2011 Gallery Assistant, Wellington B. Gray Gallery, ECU, Greenville, NC  
2009 Gallery Assistant, Wellington B. Gray Gallery, ECU, Greenville, NC

**Awards and Scholarships**

- 2014 Honorable Mention for Let There be Art, The Columbus Museum, GA  
2010 Recipient for Gravely Foundation Scholarship, ECU, Greenville, NC  
2010 Recipient for River's Scholarship Study Abroad, ECU, Greenville, NC  
2009 Dean's Purchase Award/2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Graduate Student Juried Exhibition/ Joyner Library, ECU  
2009 Honorable Mention for Down East Sculpture Exhibition, Emerge Gallery, Greenville

**Exhibition Record**

- 2017 National Juried Exhibition "Landscapes"/Las Laguna Gallery/Laguna Beach, CA  
2016 GAEA Member's Exhibition/Quinlan Visual Arts Center/Gainesville, GA  
2015 Annual Juried Art Exhibition for Members/Pyramid Atlantic Art Center/Silver Spring, MD  
2014 Southern Engagement/The Swift Mills/Columbus, GA  
2014 Let There be Art/The Columbus Museum/Columbus, GA  
2013 Let There be Art and Bloom/The Columbus Museum/ Columbus, GA  
2012 \*Capture and Release/The Fulcrum Gallery/Columbus State University  
2011 Studio Arts 2011 Faculty Exhibition/Ilges Gallery/Columbus State University  
2011 \*MFA Thesis Exhibition/Wellington B. Gray Gallery/East Carolina University  
Down East Juried Sculpture Exhibition/Emerge Gallery/Greenville, NC  
Sculpture Guild Exhibition/Burroughs Gallery/East Carolina University  
Art and Science Exhibit/Burroughs Gallery/East Carolina University  
2010 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Graduate Student Juried Exhibition/Joyner Library/East Carolina University

- The Schwa Show National Juried Exhibition/Emerge Gallery/Greenville, NC  
 Pulp Culture, Juried Exhibition/Mendenhall/East Carolina University  
 Materials and Methods, Invitational/Acme Gallery/Wilmington, NC
- 2010 Down East Sculpture Juried Exhibition/Emerge Gallery/Greenville, NC
- 2009 Down East Sculpture Juried Exhibition/Emerge Gallery/ Greenville, NC  
 Student Sculpture Exhibit/North Carolina Sculpture Consortium at ECU  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Graduate Student Juried Exhibition/Joyner Library/East Carolina University
- 2008 Group Exhibition Sculpture Student Show/East Carolina University  
 Sculpture Guild Student Show/East Carolina University  
 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Graduate Student Juried Exhibition/Joyner Library/East Carolina University
- 2006 Paper-making Student Show/Kiryu, Japan

### **Conferences**

- 2009 Sculpture Consortium of North Carolina hosted at ECU  
 “This isn’t Paper Mache” Paper making workshop

### **Visiting Artist Workshops**

- 2018 Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival “Nuno Felting”, Fairbanks, AK
- 2018 Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival “Pulp Painting and Color Theory Fairbanks, AK
- 2017 Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival “Resist Felting”, Fairbanks, AK
- 2017 Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival “Painting with Paper Pulp”, Fairbanks, AK
- 2017 Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival “Mold Making and Multiples”, Fairbanks, AK
- 2017 Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival “Wet-Felting, Wool, and Wearable Art”, Fairbanks, AK
- 2016 Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival, “Wet-felting and Landscape”, Fairbanks, AK
- 2016 Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival, “Paper Making and Paper Casting”, Fairbanks, AK
- 2016 Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival, “Paper Making with Local Natural Materials”, Fairbanks, AK
- 2016 Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival, “Wet-Felting, Wool, and Wearable Art”, Fairbanks, AK
- 2010 Ceramic Workshop for NCAEA Region 7, “Vessels: Enclosing Space through Repetitive Networks” Hickory, NC (lecture presented at the beginning followed by the workshop)

### **Professional Service**

- 2014 Third Thursday Artist Demo, The Columbus Museum, Columbus, GA
- 2012 Family Art Day, Paper Making Workshop, Columbus State University, Columbus, GA
- 2009 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Youths Arts Festival, Artist for Sculpture Area, East Carolina University
- 2005 Donated and installed public sculpture for Oxbow Meadows in Columbus, GA
- 2005 Donated sculpture: Simon Schwab Memorial Library/Columbus State University

### **References**

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