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Education:

2006	Master of Fine Arts , Studio Art, Ceramics, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
2003	Master of Arts , Studio Art, Ceramics, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN
2001	Bachelor of Fine Arts , Cum Laude, Studio Art, Ceramics & Painting, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN

Professional Experience:

2015-Present	Associate Professor of Ceramics and Sculpture , Bakersfield College, Bakersfield, CA
2011-2015	Instructor , Oregon College of Art and Craft, Portland, OR
2010-2015	Ceramics Studio Manager , Oregon College of Art and Craft, Portland, OR
2007-2010	Ceramics Director , Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino, CA
2007	Interim Ceramics Director , Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino, CA

Residencies & Scholarships:

2006-07	Artist in Residence , Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino, CA
2004-06	Graduate Teaching Associate , University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
2005	Summer Ceramics Assistant , Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino, CA
2004	Work Study Student , Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC
2003-04	Graduate Teaching Assistant , University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
2001-03	Graduate Teaching Assistant , Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN
2001	Hapke Endowment for the Fine Arts , Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN

College Teaching Experience:

2015-2017	Ceramics 1 sec. 1 Four Semesters, Bakersfield College, Bakersfield, CA
2015-2017	Ceramics 1 sec. 2 , Four Semesters, Bakersfield College, Bakersfield, CA
2015-2017	Ceramics 2 , Four Semesters, Bakersfield College, Bakersfield, CA
2015-2017	Ceramics 3 , Four Semesters, Bakersfield College, Bakersfield, CA
2015-2017	Three Dimensional Design , Four Semesters, Bakersfield College, Bakersfield, CA
2016-2017	Sculpture 1 , Three Semesters, Bakersfield College, Bakersfield, CA
2016-2017	Drawing 1 , Three Semesters, Bakersfield College, Bakersfield, CA
2013	Ceramics Kiln Tutorial , Fall Semester, Oregon College of Art and Craft, Portland, OR
2013	Large Scale Sculpture Tutorial , Summer Term, Oregon College of Art and Craft, Portland, OR
2011	Ceramics Kiln Tutorial , Fall Semester, Oregon College of Art and Craft, Portland, OR
2005-2006	Ceramics, Introduction to Hand-building , Two Semesters, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
2004-2005	Ceramics, Introduction to Throwing , Two Semesters, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
2003-2004	Assisted Ceramics, Introduction to Throwing , Two Semesters, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
2001-2003	Elements and Principles of Design , Four Semesters, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN
2001-2003	Assisted Ceramics, Introduction to Hand-building , Assisted Semester, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN

College Adult Education Classes:

2015	Glazes, Finish and Firing , Spring Semester, Oregon College of Art and Craft, Portland, OR
2014	Integrating Ceramic Techniques , Fall Semester, Oregon College of Art and Craft, Portland, OR
2014	Alternative Firing sec. 1 , Summer Term, Oregon College of Art and Craft, Portland, OR
2014	Alternative Firing, sec. 2 , Summer Term, Oregon College of Art and Craft, Portland, OR
2014	Integrating Ceramic Techniques , Summer Term, Oregon College of Art and Craft, Portland, OR
2014	Integrating Ceramic Techniques , Spring Semester, Oregon College of Art and Craft, Portland, OR
2013	Advanced Ceramics, Special Problems , Fall Semester, Oregon College of Art and Craft, Portland, OR
2013	Alternative Firing , Summer Term, Oregon College of Art and Craft, Portland, OR
2013	Advanced Ceramics, Special Problems , Spring Semester, Oregon College of Art and Craft, Portland, OR
2012	Advanced Ceramics, Special Problems , Fall Semester, Oregon College of Art and Craft, Portland, OR

Workshop Teaching:

2014	Building a Salt Kiln , Oregon College of Art and Craft, Portland, OR
2013	Building a Gas Kiln , Oregon College of Art and Craft, Portland, OR
2011	Building a Cross Draft Soda Kiln , Oregon College of Art and Crafts, Portland, OR
2010	MAC Children's Workshop , Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino, CA
2010	Basic Raku , Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino, CA

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Workshop Teaching Continued:

2009 **Narrative Hand-building**, Allegra Ceramics Studio, Garberville, CA
2008 **Discovering Hand-built Ceramics**, Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino, CA
2007 **MAC Children's Workshops**, Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino, CA
2007 **Discovering Hand-built Ceramics**, Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino, CA
2006 **MAC Children's Workshops**, Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino, CA
2005 **Clay Collaboration**, Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino, CA
2002 **Ceramics**, Summer Youth Arts and Humanities Program, Y.M.C.A. Mankato, MN
2002 **Painting**, Lincoln Community Center, Mankato, MN
2002 **Cartoon Drawing**, Lincoln Community Center, Mankato, MN
2002 **Portrait Drawing**, Lincoln Community Center, Mankato, MN
2002 **Ceramics**, Lincoln Community Center, Mankato, MN
2001 **Painting**, Lincoln Community Center, Mankato, MN
2001 **Drawing**, Lincoln Community Center, Mankato, MN

Visiting Artist Activity:

2010 **Visiting Artist**, Mira Costa College, Oceanside, CA
2010 **Visiting Artist**, Palomar College, San Marcos, CA
2009 **Visiting Artist**, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
2008 **Visiting Artist**, Mendocino Community College, Ukiah, CA
2005 **Visiting Artist**, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC
2005 **Visiting Artist**, University of North Carolina, Asheville, NC
2005 **Presenter**, Graduate Slide Forum, National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts, Baltimore, MD
2004 **Presenter**, Graduate Slide Forum, National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts, Indianapolis, IN
2003 **Guest Speaker**, South Central Service Cooperative Fine Arts Conference, Mankato, MN
2002 **Presenter**, Graduate Slide Forum, National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts, Kansas City, KS

Other Relevant Experience:

2013 **Juror**, **The Left Edge**, Morris Graves Museum of Art, Eureka, CA
2009 **Organizer**, **Phoenix Rising (Renegade Clay)**, Convention Center, Phoenix, AZ
2008 **Volcano Kilns: High Efficiency Firing Technology Workshop**, Kapa'au, HI
2007 **Auction Coordinator**, Instructor Auction, Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino, CA
2006 **Organizer**, **Chamber Pots (Renegade Clay)**, Portland Convention Center, Portland, OR
2006 **Gallery Assistant**, Ewing Gallery, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
2005-06 **President**, **UT Potters Club**, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
2004-05 **Security**, Knoxville Museum of Art, Knoxville, TN
2004 **Vice President**, **UT Potters Club**, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
2003 **Gallery Assistant**, Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN
1999-03 **Clay Farm Wood-fire Workshop**, Henderson, MN
2002 **Wood-fire Workshop**, Rochester Community College, Rochester, MN
2001 **Workshop Assistant**, Minnesota Community College Fine Arts Symposium, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN

Publications:

2017 **Artist Profile**, "Local Expressions" Bakersfield Magazine Spring Issue
2009 **Author**, "Fired Ceramics", Mendocino Arts Magazine

Solo Exhibitions:

2013 **Darrin Ekern**, Guardino Gallery, Portland Oregon
2008 **Devolution**, Plinth Gallery, Denver CO
2006 **Sculptures by Darrin Ekern**, Martha Cloud Chapman Gallery, Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC
2006 **Obsolete (MFA Thesis Exhibit)**, Ewing Gallery, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
2003 **Nascent (MA Thesis Exhibit)**, Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN
2003 **Current Works**, The 410 Project, Mankato, MN

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Juried Exhibitions:

2011	Feats of Clay, Gladding McBean and Lincoln Arts Center, Lincoln, CA
2009	MAC Members Juried Exhibition, Main Gallery, Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino, CA (Honorable Mention)
2008	Feats of Clay, Gladding McBean and Lincoln Arts Center, Lincoln, CA
2006	Pretty in Porcelain, 1010 Studios, Knoxville, TN
2003	Toss Salad, Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN
2003	Art Works, Centennial Student Union, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN
2002	Prairie Lakes Regional Art Exhibition, Carnegie Art Center, Mankato, MN
2002	Toss Salad, Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN
2002	Art Works, Centennial Student Union, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN (Best in Show 3-D)
2001	Toss Salad, Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN (Honorable Mention)
2001	Art Works, Centennial Student Union, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN (Purchase Award)
2000	Toss Salad, Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN
2000	Art Works, Centennial Student Union, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN (Best in Show 3-D)
1999	Toss Salad, Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN

Group Exhibitions:

2015	Art Faculty Exhibit, Jones Gallery, Bakersfield College, Bakersfield, CA
2013	Varied States, Harry Krug Gallery, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS
2013	Contemporary Clay, J Fergeson Gallery, Farmville, VA
2011	Mendovernacular NCECA, The Heights Waterfront, Tampa, FL
2011	Mendocino Art Center Instructor Exhibition, Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino, CA
2010	Clay, B Sakata Garo, Sacramento, CA
2010	The Grey Area, Kruglak Gallery, Mira Costa College, Oceanside, CA
2010	Mendocino Art Center Clay CCACA, Regency Square, Davis, CA
2010	Play Pause, Boehm Gallery, Palomar College, San Marcos, CA
2010	Made in Mendo, Odd Fellows Hall, Mendocino, CA
2009	Nightmare & Deliverance, L337, Fort Bragg, CA
2009	Pollination, Odd Fellows Hall, Mendocino, CA
2009	Mendocino Art Center Clay CCACA, Teen Center, Davis, CA
2009	Phoenix Rising (Renegade Clay), Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix, AZ
2008	Emerging Artists - Mendocino Clay, Odd Fellows Hall, Mendocino, CA
2008	Mendocino Art Center Clay CCACA, Teen Center, Davis, CA
2008	Nine Months, Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino, CA
2008	Industrial Teapots (Renegade Clay), Pittsburgh Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA
2008	Resident Artist Exhibition, Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino, CA
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2007	Mendocino Art Center Instructor Exhibition, Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino, CA
2007	Friends Exhibition, North Coast Artists Gallery, Fort Bragg, CA
2007	Fresh Air, Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino, CA
2007	Louisville Sluggers (Renegade Clay), Louisville Convention Center, Louisville, KY
2007	Fantastic Four, Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino, CA
2006	Chamber Pots (Renegade Clay), Portland Convention Center, Portland OR
2006	UT Ceramics Department Exhibition, Mighty Mud Gallery, Campbell's Ceramic Supply, Knoxville, TN
2005	Collage Art Association Regional MFA Exhibition, Lowe Gallery, Atlanta, GA
2005	Mendocino Art Center Instructor Exhibition, Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino, CA
2005	Mighty Mud Gallery Holiday Invitational, Mighty Mud Gallery, Campbell's Ceramic Supply, Knoxville, TN
2005	Midwest Mud Mania II (Go Figure), University of Delaware, Newark, DE
2005	Boat Show (Renegade Clay), Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD
2005	First Friday, Three Flights Up Gallery, Knoxville, TN
2005	Body Parts, 1010 Studios, Knoxville, TN
2004	The Next Generation, Santa Fe Clay, Santa Fe, NM
2004	Amazing Clay Too, Staunton Augusta Art Center, Staunton, VA
2004	Tea Ceremony (Renegade Clay), Marriott Hotel, Indianapolis, IN
2004	Pink Flamingo, 1010 Studios, Knoxville, TN
2004	Ekern vs. O'Mara, 1010 Studios, Knoxville, TN
2004	UT Graduate Show, 1010 Studios, Knoxville, TN
2003	Pandora's Box (Renegade Clay), San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, CA

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2003 UT Graduate Show, 1010 Studios Knoxville, TN
2003 Renaissance Art Action Clay, Rochester Art Center, Rochester, MN
2002 Mud, Paper & Paint, Carnegie Art Center, Mankato, MN
2002 Midwest Mud Mania, Two Fish Studios, Mankato, MN
2001 2001 an Art Odyssey (BFA Thesis Exhibit), Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN
2001 Southeastern Minnesota Regional Art Exhibition, Rochester Art Center, Rochester, MN
2000 Foot in the Door, Minneapolis Art Institute, Minneapolis, MN
2000 Clay Farm, Carnegie Art Center, Mankato, MN

Memberships:

2000-12 National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts
2008-11 California Conference for the Advancement of Ceramic Arts
2006-10 Mendocino Art Center
2006-08 College Art Association
2005 American Craft Council

Conferences Attended:

2017 National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts
2012 National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts
2003-10 National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts
2000-01 National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts
2008-11 California Conference for the Advancement of Ceramic Arts
2006-07 College Art Association
2005 American Craft Council, San Francisco, CA

Technical Proficiencies:

Clay and Glaze Formulation
Kiln Firing, Building and Repairs
Mold Making
Bronze & Aluminum Casting
Foundry Operation, Building and Repair
Welding and Steel Fabrication
Blacksmithing
Woodworking
Electrical repair
Gas Plumbing
Drawing
Painting
Sewing