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EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
Master of Fine Arts—Ceramics, May 2012

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
Non-Degree Seeking Graduate Student in Ceramics, August 2008-May 2009

Marywood University, Scranton, PA
Master of Arts in Studio Art—Ceramics, August 2008

Alfred University, Alfred, NY
Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude, May 2007
Double Major: Fine Arts—Ceramics; Psychology—Industry/Organization

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, Ceramics, University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, IN, August 2010-May 2012

- Taught Ceramics I—an undergraduate introductory studio art course
- Facilitated sketching assignments and ceramic projects that allowed students to explore clay as both a sculptural and functional medium
- Demonstrated various hand-building methods, wheel-throwing techniques, surface decorations and glazing approaches
- Arranged on-campus field trips, compiled slide image presentations, and led discussions
- Provided students individual attention, observed office hours, and determined grades
- Loaded and fired electric and gas kilns and mixed studio clay and glazes

Teaching Assistant, Ceramics, University of Notre Dame and Syracuse University
Notre Dame, IN, August 2009-May 2010
Syracuse, NY, August 2008-May 2009

- Assisted instructor of an introductory hand-building & wheel-throwing ceramics course
- Provided students individual attention and taught them technical skills
- Cleaned and supervised use of clay studio, pugmill, and glazing rooms
- Loaded and fired electric kilns, assisted with gas kilns, and mixed studio clay and glazes

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Adult Program Coordinator, Idyllwild Arts Summer Program
Idyllwild, CA, Summer of 2011

- Contacted faculty about studio setup, enrollment, and supply needs
- Ordered materials; arranged tables, chairs, easels, AV equipment, and other items necessary for each class; cleaned, swept, covered tables, and maintained studios on a daily basis
- Greeted incoming faculty and administered keys, supplies, and fliers with events/updates
- Visited classes daily to make announcements, take photographs, and assist faculty
- Prepared weekly student exhibitions and evening faculty lectures
- Distributed, collected, and summarized faculty and student surveys
- Took inventory, organized storage supplies, and recorded requests for following summer

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Ceramics Homeschool Instructor (Private Lessons)
Dublin, Ireland, February-May 2015

Ceramics Camp Instructor, Camp Eagle Hill
Elizaville, NY, Summer of 2008

Ceramics Tutor, Marywood University, Academic Excellence Center
Scranton, PA, February-April 2008

Resident Assistant/Camp Counselor, Alfred University Summer Programs
Alfred, NY, Summers of 2006 & 2007

Gallery Assistant, Fosdick-Nelson Gallery
Alfred, NY, April 2004-May 2007

Museum Assistant, Schein-Joseph International Museum of Ceramic Art
Alfred, NY, January 2006-May 2007

Ceramics Studio Assistant, Wellsville Creative Arts Center
Wellsville, NY, September-November 2006 and February-March 2007

EXHIBITIONS

Only A Vessel, International Juried Exhibition, Seedboat Gallery, Silver City, NM, 2018

From the Ground Up XXVIII, Las Cruces Museum of Art, Las Cruces, NM, 2017

Sunport Exhibition, Albuquerque International Sunport/Airport, Albuquerque, NM, 2017

Celebration of Clay 2016: Confrontations, Sixty Six Gallery, Albuquerque, NM, 2016

Don't Step On The Cracks, Solas Art Gallery, Leitrim, Ireland, 2015

Motley, Hive Emerging Gallery, Waterford City, Ireland, 2015

New Year New Work, Sumner & Dene Gallery, Albuquerque, NM, 2014

From the Ground Up XXVI, Las Cruces Museum of Art, Las Cruces, NM, 2013
Regional Juried Ceramics Exhibition, *Awarded Third Place*

Surface: Emerging Artists of New Mexico, Harwood Art Center, Albuquerque, NM, 2013
Sumner & Dene Gallery Exhibition Award
Marion & Kathryn Crissey Stipend Award

Celebración del Arte, Hubbard Museum of the American West, Ruidoso Downs, NM, 2013
Regional Juried Art Show, *Awarded Honorable Mention*

2012 Sculpture Biennial, Sculpture Invitational, Box Factory for the Arts, St. Joseph, MI, 2012

Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition, Snite Museum of Art, Notre Dame, IN, 2012
University of Notre Dame MFA Theses Candidates' Exhibition

33rd Elkhart Juried Regional Art Exhibition, Midwest Museum of American Art, Elkhart, IN, 2011
Robert Weed Plywood Corporation Purchase Award

Idyllwild Arts Summer Program Exhibition, Parks Gallery, Idyllwild, CA, 2011

EXHIBITIONS CONTINUED

- 2011 Reunion Tour**, 2nd Year MFA Candidates, Isis Gallery, Notre Dame, IN, 2011
- Wood-Fired Ceramics: A Contemporary Approach**, Isis Gallery, Notre Dame, IN, 2011
- Faith, Hope and Love**, Sunnyside Presbyterian Church, South Bend, IN, 2010
Juried Art Show, Awarded Second Place
- Michiana Annual Art Competition**, Box Factory for the Arts, St. Joseph, MI, 2010
- The New Faces: Have Arrived**, 1st Year MFA Candidates, Isis Gallery, Notre Dame, IN, 2009
- Grand Opening Exhibition**, Gandee Gallery, Fabius, NY, 2009
- Masters Exhibition**, Suraci Gallery, Scranton, PA, 2008
Marywood University MFA and MA Exhibition
- Locus Focus: Six Emerging Artists**, Afa Gallery, Scranton, PA, 2008
- Senior Theses Exhibition**, Brick Fine Arts Studio, Alfred, NY, 2007
Alfred University Senior Art Show

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

- Graduate Tuition Scholarship**, University of Notre Dame, August 2009-May 2012
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Graduate Scholarship**, Marywood University, August 2007
- Alfred University Scholar**, Graduation, Alfred University, May 2007
- Omicron Delta Kappa**, National Leadership Honor Society, April 2007
- NYSWCAA All-Academic Team**, Woman's Swimming and Diving, Division III, Empire 8 Championships, February 2005, 2006, 2007
- Gold Award**, Girl Scouts of the United States of America, May 2003

ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS

- Coyote Clay School & Studio**, Albuquerque, Studio Member, May-December 2013 & 2016
- Fire Station Artist Studios**, Dublin, Ireland, Studio Member, February, June-August 2014
- Alameda Studio Tour**, Albuquerque Artist Tour, Brochure Committee, April-October 2013
- National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts**, Member, January 2008-December 2012
- College Art Association**, Member, October 2011-2012
- Shaped Clay Society**, Syracuse University, Ceramics Club Secretary, September 2008-May 2009
- Honors Program**, Alfred University, August 2005-May 2007
- Varsity Swim Team**, Alfred University, Competitive Swimmer, August 2003-May 2007
- Study Abroad**, Middlesex University, London, England, Summer of 2005