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Education

- 2023 Ohio University
Master of Fine Arts in Ceramics, Visual Arts Management Certificate
- 2020 Indiana University Southeast (IUS)
Post Baccalaureate Certificate
- 2016 State University of New York College at Buffalo (Buffalo State College)
Bachelor of Science in Ceramics

Residencies

- 2021 Ayatana Artists' Research Program, Ottawa, Canada (also 2019)
- 2019 Buffalo Arts Studio, Buffalo, NY (also 2017-2018)
- 2018 Red Gate Residency, Beijing, China
- 2016 Griffis Sculpture Park, East Otto, NY
- 2015 Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY

Awards

- 2022 Ohio University Work/Study Scholarship at Arts West, Athens, OH
- 2021 Virtual Expo Award, Joint 1st Place in Creative Arts, Ohio University, Athens, OH
- 2019 Fine Arts Studio Award for Sculpture, Indiana University Southeast
- 2015 Chautauqua Institution Work/Study Scholarship, Chautauqua, NY
- 2014 Sylvia L. Rosen Award for Excellence in Ceramics, Buffalo State College

Committees

- 2025 MA Committee Mentor/Member, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL
- 2023 -Mentored and served as part of a committee for MA students in biweekly meetings for each student, offering technical support and conceptual ideation support to prepare for a graduate exhibition.
- 2020 Application Review Committee Member for Original Works Grant, Ohio University, Athens, OH
Member Dirt Bags Art Club, Indiana University Southeast (also 2019)
- 2016 President, Coalition for Ceramic Designers, Buffalo State College
Vice President, Coalition for Ceramic Designers, Buffalo State College (also 2015)

Related Skills

Foundations of art & design, Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator, classroom/studio management, welding, woodworking, paper-making, color theory, portfolio photography, exhibition preparation, grant writing, campus collaborations, ordering supplies, time management and goal setting

Professional Appointments

Present -2025	Instructor (Tenure-Track), Delta College, University Center, MI -Ceramics I & II, 3D Design, Art Experience
2025 -2023	Adjunct Instructor, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL -2D Design Fundamentals, 3D Design Fundamentals, Drawing I & II Instructor, Springer Cultural Center, Champaign Parks District, Champaign, IL (6-week sessions) -Beginning Wheel Throwing, Intermediate Wheel Throwing Studio Ceramics, Sculpture -Studio management assistant: cleaning and maintaining wheels and hand-building equipment, reclaiming clay, loading/ firing kilns
2024	Adjunct Instructor, Heartland Community College, Normal, IL -Ceramics I & II
2023 -2020	Professor of Record, Ohio University, Athens, OH -Foundations Function and Practice -Beginning Wheel Throwing -Introduction to Ceramics -Structure and Space Graduate Teaching Assistant, Ohio University, Athens, OH -Foundations Function and Practice -Description and Drawing -Beginning Wheel Throwing -Hand-building -Advanced Ceramics
2022	Studio Assistant to Brooks Wenzel, Athens, OH -Mold making and casting for stage design props for Björk.
2019 -2018	Instructor for community classes, Buffalo Arts Studio, Buffalo, NY -Beginning Ceramics Volunteer: Plates and Pasta Fundraiser, Buffalo Arts Studio, Buffalo, NY -Teaching local community members to decorate commercial plates, how to apply decals, assisting glazing and firing over 400 plates.
2018	Studio Assistant to Colleen Toledano, Buffalo, NY (also 2017) -Glazing, firing kilns, mold making and casting
2014	Studio Assistant to Brian Giniewski -Glazing, sanding, making pinch pots

Exhibitions

- 2025 Delta College, University Center, MI, *Delta Art Faculty*
Giertz Gallery, Champaign, IL, *Around the Block V* (juried)
OLLI, Champaign, IL, *Boneyard Arts Festival*
- 2024 Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, Buffalo, NY, *Mutation Invasion* (invitational)
Buffalo Arts Studio, Buffalo, NY, *Live on Five*
Glenn Hild Gallery, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL, Faculty Exhibition, *Halley's Comet*
- 2023 Strouds Run State Park Campgrounds, Athens, OH, *Cabin 23* (also 2022)
Ohio University Art Gallery, Ohio University, Athens, OH, *Fruiting Bodies*
- 2022 Eviction Gallery, Athens, OH, *Eviction Notice*
- 2021 Ohio University Art Gallery, Ohio University, Athens, OH, *Interlude*
Trisolini Gallery, Ohio University, Athens, OH, *Prelude*
- 2020 Spacelab, IUS, New Albany, IN, *Hiding Place*
- 2019 Barr Gallery, IUS, New Albany, IN, *Annual Juried Fine Arts Student Exhibition*
SpaceLab, IUS, New Albany, IN, *The Space In-between*
Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, Buffalo, NY, *Extraterrestrial*
Artpark, Lewiston, NY, *Terrestrial*
Buffalo Arts Studio, Buffalo, NY, *Plates and Pasta*
Buffalo Arts Studio, Buffalo, NY, *Dream Land*
- 2018 Indigo Art, Buffalo, NY, *Home Again*
Buffalo Arts Studio, Buffalo, NY, *Annual Resident Artists Show* (also 2017)
Resource:Art, Medina, NY, *Play/Ground*
Red Gate Residency, Beijing, China, *Open Studios*
Buffalo Arts Studio, Buffalo, NY, *Trimania*
- 2017 Burchfield Penney Art Center, Buffalo, NY, *Art in Craft Media*
The Yards, Rochester, NY, *Women's Work*
Main St. Gallery, Buffalo, NY, *Pop Up!*
- 2016 Czurles-Nelson Gallery, Buffalo State College, *Annual Visual Arts Student Sale* (also 2014-2015)
1045 Elmwood Gallery for the Arts, Buffalo, NY, *Quirks of Evolution*
Czurles-Nelson Gallery, Buffalo State College, *National Association of Schools of Art and Design*
Dr. Margaret E. Bacon Gallery, Buffalo State College, *Ceramics Exhibition*
- 2015 Artspace Gallery, Buffalo, NY, *Soul Relations*
Fowler Kellogg Gallery, Chautauqua, NY, *Residency Show*
Kenan Center Arena, Lockport, NY, *SUNY Buffalo State Design Student Exhibition*