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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  
-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*