

Lauren Careese Alexander

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Education:

2024 MFA Candidate Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas

2021 Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree Summa Cum Laude, The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas

2018 Associates of Arts Degree Magna Cum Laude, Navarro College, Waxahachie, Texas

Professional Experience:

2022-Present Broadcasting Volunteer

Northwest Bible Church, Dallas, TX

2023 Christmas Stage Designer

Northwest Bible Church, Dallas, TX

2022-2024 Ceramics Teacher's Assistant

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX

2023 Art Director

Bright Lights Theater, Dallas, TX

2022 Bright Lights Theater Set Designer

Bright Lights Theater, Dallas, TX

2022 Bright Lights Theater Summer Camp Art/Games Director

Bright Lights Theater, Dallas, TX

2021 Studio Technician Assistant

The University of Texas at Tyler, Department of Art and Art History, Tyler, TX

2021 Summer Art Camp Counselor

Art FUNdamentals Summer Camp 2021, sponsored by the Department of Art and Art History, The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX

2019-2021 Media Lab Assistant

The University of Texas at Tyler, Department of Art and Art History, Tyler, TX

2017-2018 Children's Book Illustrator

B.L.I. Publishing, LLC

2016 Student Leader

Theater and Visual Art Program, Oak Cliff Cultural Center School of YES!, Oak Cliff, TX

Professional Activities:

2022-Present, Broadcasting Volunteer: Video Directing, Graphics, Cameras, Video Switcher

Audio/Visual Team, Northwest Bible Church, Dallas, TX

2023 SMU Representative

North Texas Grad Collective, DFW Area, TX

2020-2024 NCECA Member

National Council of Education for the Ceramic Arts

2021 Empty Bowls Volunteer

Department of Art and Art History, The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX

2021 Exhibition Installation and Deinstallation Volunteer

Meadows Gallery and Fine Arts Complex Gallery at the University of Texas at Tyler, Department of Art and Art History, The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX

2019-2021 Media Coordinator

Studio Art and Art History Association (SAAHA), Department of Art and Art History, The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX

2020 Curator for Research Papers Presented (as a part of SAAHA)

6th Annual Art History Student Research Symposium, in coordination with Department of Art and Art History Professional Practices Symposium. The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX

2019 Organizer and Participant

Studio Art and Art History Association (S.A.A.H.A.) Fall Art Sale Fundraiser, The Department of Art and Art History, The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX

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2017-2018 Senior Representative

Curriculum Instruction and Assessment Committee, Waxahachie Global High School, Waxahachie, TX

2017-2018 Head of Graphic Design:

Yearbook Club, Waxahachie Global High School, Waxahachie, TX

2016-2017 Junior Representative

Curriculum Instruction and Assessment Committee, Waxahachie Global High School, Waxahachie, TX

2016-2017 Artistic Director:

Yearbook Club, Waxahachie Global High School, Waxahachie, TX

2016 Student Leader

School of YES!, Oak Cliff Cultural Center, Oak Cliff, TX

Exhibitions:**Solo & Group Exhibitions**

2023 The Blues: UT Tyler Alumni Exhibition in Honor of Black History Month, The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX

2022 *LVL Orthodontics Pop-Up Art Show with a Beat*, LVL Orthodontics, Dallas, TX

- 2021** *Through the Kaleidoscope*, In partial fulfillment of the BFA degree in Art, The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX
Organic Barriers, Natural Windows, featuring Lauren Careese Alexander and Jordan Bennett, The Foundry Coffee House, Tyler, TX

Invitational & Juried Exhibitions

- 2023** *A Celebration of Artistic Freedom & Expression*, Invitational Show, Caldwell Auditorium, Caldwell Academy, Tyler, TX
[DYS]Functional, Recipient of Graduate Student AMACO award, Wildfire Ceramic Studio, Missoula, MT
CAMEO, Lee College, Baytown, TX
SMU 2nd Year Graduate Fall Showcase, Jordan Gallery, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX
SUPER FRESH, Panelist for Closing Reception, Plush Gallery, Dallas, TX
From The Basement, SOAC show, Jordan Gallery, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX
- 2022** *State Fair of Texas Creative Arts Competition*, 3rd place in “Seascapes”, Fair Park, Dallas, TX
Intervisions: A Tribute to Stevie Wonder, Invitational Show, Caldwell Auditorium, Caldwell Academy, Tyler, TX
- 2021** *CAMEO: Emerging Artist Show*, Invitational Show, College of the Mainland Art Gallery, Texas City, TX
Art in the Time of Corona: In-Person Exhibition, Dab Art Co., H Gallery, Ventura, CA
36th Annual Texas and Neighbors Regional Art Exhibition, Irving Arts Association, Irving Arts Center, Irving, TX
Members Only Art Show, Plano Art Association, Dallas Metro Arts Contemporary, Plano, TX
Art in the Time of Corona: Online Exhibition, Online Virtual Exhibition, Dab Art Co., Ventura, CA
The 2021 Open Theme Annual, Online Virtual Exhibition, Webster Arts, Webster Groves, MO
- 2020** *We Meet in the Middle: Collaborative Projects in Visual Art and Songwriting*, Invitational Show, University Center Gallery, The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX
Lone Star Juried Art Show, Texas Discovery Gardens at Fair Park, Dallas, TX

3rd Annual Music Art Collaborative Exhibition, Invitational Show, Fine Arts Center Gallery, The Department of Art and Art History University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX
2016 Annual Día de los Muertos Exhibition, Bath House Cultural Center, Dallas, TX

Public Works:

2020 Co-Designer and Lead Painter

“Efflorescence” Interior Mural, HPR Hallway, Education and Psychology Building, The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX

Publications:

2023 Voyage Dallas Interview: <http://voyagedallas.com/interview/check-out-lauren-careese-alexanders-story/>

2022 Shoutout DFW Interview: <https://shoutoutdfw.com/meet-lauren-careese-alexander-mfa-candidate/>

2018 Children’s Book: Illustrator of *It Really Doesn’t Matter*, author: Shelita Erwin, B.L.I. Publishing, LLC

Awards and Honors:

2022-2024 SMU Moody School of the Arts Graduate Fellowship: Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX

2023 SUPER FRESH Panelist for Closing Reception: SUPER FRESH, Plush Gallery, Dallas, TX

Recipient of Graduate Student AMACO Award: *[DYS]Functional Juried Show*, Wildfire Ceramic Studio, Missoula, MT

2022 3rd Place in Seascapes: *State Fair of Texas Creative Arts Competition*, Fair Park, Dallas, TX

2021 UT Tyler President’s Honor Roll: The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas
2nd Place in Sculpture: *36th Annual Texas and Neighbors Regional Art Exhibition*, Irving Arts Association, Irving Arts Center, Irving, TX

Art Talent Scholarship: The Department of Art and Art History, The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX

Scholarship: Bill and Glenda Barrett Art, The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX

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Scholarship: Waxahachie Parent Teacher Organization Scholarship, Waxahachie, TX