

# KRISTINA STAFFORD

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## EDUCATION

2008

**Master of Fine Art in Ceramics** | Rochester Institute of Technology, School for American Crafts, Rochester, NY  
Minor in Metals

2006

**Bachelor of Art** | Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, MA  
Double concentration in both Fine Art and Craft

## EXPERIENCES

2021 - Present

**Professor of Ceramics** | Florida Southern College, Lakeland, FL  
Ceramics I, II, and Advanced. Ordering materials, maintaining equipment, and firing of all ceramic kilns.

2015 - Present

**Professor of Art** | Polk State College, Lakeland, Winter Haven, and Lake Wales, FL  
Design I, Drawing and Composition I and II. Gallery hanging of a wide variety of student and professional art exhibitions. Ordering materials and maintaining equipment for all Lakeland Campus Art studios. Managing student workers and scholarship students.

2013 - 2015

**Education Programs Coordinator** | Columbia Museum of Art, Columbia, SC  
Selecting, framing, and hanging Student Gallery, designing lesson plans K-12, Art for Teachers, family friendly events and programs planning. Gladys Gang, Passport to Art, adult, and student workshops. Planning, hiring staff, and ordering all supplies for summer camps. Ordering all department supplies and maintaining two multi-function studios.

2012-2013

**Museum Shop Sales/Buyer/ Visitor Services Representative** | Columbia Museum of Art, Columbia, SC  
General sales, purchasing merchandise from local and international artisans, and designing window displays for current exhibitions. First to greet and advise visitors and guests of museum offerings including exhibitions, events, and educational opportunities. Direct all general museum phone calls and emails to appropriate staff members.

2010-2011

**Artist in Residence and Instructor** | Clay Art Center, Port Chester, NY  
Taught all levels of Ceramics and assisted in Design and hanging a wide variety of ceramic work.

2008-2010

**Visiting Assistant Professor of Art** | Bridgewater State University, East Bridgewater, MA  
Two-Dimensional Design, Three-Dimensional Design, and sabbatical replacement for Ceramics Hand Building, Wheel Throwing, and Advanced.

2008-2010

**Studio Technician/Manager** | Bridgewater State University, East Bridgewater, MA  
Maintaining and ordering materials, consumables and equipment for Sculpture, Ceramics, Wood, and Metals Studios. Assisting in Wallace Anderson Gallery installations and deinstallations as needed. Overseeing student employees and studio safety.

2006-2008

**Instructor of Record/Graduate Assistant/Office Assistant** | Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY  
Ceramics, Design, and Art History departments.

2000-2007

**Master Framer** | Corners Picture Framing, Bellingham, MA  
Specialty Framing Supervisor, sales, and custom designer.

## WORKSHOPS/LECTURES/DEMONSTRATIONS

2019

**Women in White: Gender and Impressionism** - Art Lecture and Tour | Polk Museum of Art - Lakeland, Florida

2018

**The Art of Romaine Brooks - Androgyny** - Art Lecture and Tour | Polk Museum of Art - Lakeland, Florida

2013

**Ceramic Explorations** One week summer camp exploring ceramic technique | Columbia Museum of Art – Education Department – Columbia, South Carolina

2012

**Start to Finish** Two Day Workshop and Lecture | Ceramics Department – University of South Carolina – Columbia, South Carolina

2011

**Studio Practices** Workshop/Lecture/Demo | Hudson Valley Potters Association – Hudson Valley, New York

2010

**New Work** Lecture | Clay Art Center – Port Chester, New York

**Decorating with Underglazes** Demonstration | Fund-raiser - Brook Mansion - Rye, New York

2009

**Clay** Workshop/Lecture/Demo | Brown University - Providence, Rhode Island

2008

**An Introduction to Ceramics** Lecture/Demo | Ceramics Department – Rochester Institute of Technology

**Leaning Device** Guest Critique | Foundations Department – Rochester Institute of Technology

**Negative Space** Guest Lecturer/Critique | Foundations Department - Rochester Institute of Technology

2007

**Contemporary Installation Artists** Lecture/Discussion | Art History Department - RIT

## EXHIBITIONS

2025

**Faculty Exhibition** | Melvin Gallery at Florida Southern College - Lakeland, Florida

2024

**Elemental** | *Exhibition included in National Council for the Education Ceramic Arts annual conference 2024.*

University of Mary Washington Galleries - Ridderhoff Martin Gallery, Fredericksburg, Virginia

2023

**Celebrating Global Diversity** | Mulberry Cultural Arts Center, Mulberry, Florida

2022

**Cultivating Cultural Gardens** | Mulberry Cultural Arts Center, Mulberry, Florida

2019

**Pink Moon: A Gallery Showcase of Lakeland Women Artists and Musicians** | ART/ifact Gallery - Lakeland, FL

**One Billion Rising: Invitational** | Polk State College Gallery - Winter Haven, Florida

2018

**Polk State College Faculty Exhibition** | Polk State College Gallery - Lakeland, Florida

2017

**Place.** Solo Exhibition | Outer Space Gallery - Winter Haven, Florida

**Annual Stein Ceramic Invitational** | Greenville, South Carolina

2016

**FIRELIGHT** Group Invitational Exhibition | Outer Space Gallery - Winter Haven, Florida

**Ceramics Invitational** | Polk State College Gallery - Winter Haven, Florida

**Polk State College Faculty Exhibition** | Winter Haven Gallery - Winter Haven, Florida

2015

**NCECA - Clay Art Center Expo** | Clay Art Center of Port Chester NY - Providence, Rhode Island

2013

**everything else falls apart.** | Frame of Mind - Columbia, South Carolina

**Columbia Museum of Art: Public Displays of Art** | Freetimes Gallery - Columbia, South Carolina

**One X 100** | Community Gallery - Columbia Museum of Art - Columbia, South Carolina

**Duets: A National Invitational** | Clay Art Center - Port Chester, New York

2012

**a long way home.** Solo Exhibition | Gallery V - Columbia, South Carolina

**Holiday Art Showcase** | Anastasia Gallery - Columbia, South Carolina

**Small Works** | Anastasia Gallery - Columbia, South Carolina

2011

**10 Women in Clay** | Gallery V - Columbia, South Carolina

**Land + Scape** | Schacht Gallery - Saratoga Clay Arts Center - Schuylerville, New York

**eARTh** | Arts Westchester - White Plains, New York

**through.** Solo Exhibition | Clay Art Center - Port Chester, New York

2010

**Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?** National juried invitational | Clay Art Center - Port Chester, New York

**Clay Holiday** | Clay Art Center - Port Chester, New York

2009

**Gift It** | Pelham Art Center Gallery - Pelham, New York

**Holiday Showcase** | Imago Gallery - Warren, Rhode Island

2008

**Sources of Knowledge** | Community Gallery - Fuller Craft Museum - Brockton, Massachusetts

**Faculty Show** | Wallace Anderson Gallery - Bridgewater State University

2007

**Vivum Excoriari: MFA Thesis Exhibition** | Canal Street Gallery - Rochester, New York

**Raw Talent: An Open Forum with Emerging Artists** | Liberty Hill Mansion - Henrietta, New York

2006

**Splinter Crash Bang Burn** | NTID Gallery - Rochester, New York

**Chasing Color: BA Exhibition** | Imago Gallery - Warren, Rhode Island

**42nd Annual Bridgewater State University Juried Student Art Exhibition** | Wallace Anderson Gallery, Bridgewater, Massachusetts

2005

**Hamburgler** Group Exhibition | Better Bean Coffee Company Gallery - Bridgewater, Massachusetts

**Juried Craft Exhibition** | Maxwell Library - Bridgewater, Massachusetts

## COLLECTIONS

**Private Collection of Ms. Doris Thrift** | Henrico, Virginia

**Private Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Libby** | Easton, Connecticut

**Wallace Library Purchase Prize Permanent Collection** | Wallace Library - Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York

**Private Collection of Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Young** | Aspen, Colorado

**Private Collection Dr. Roger Dunn** | Milton, Massachusetts

## PUBLICATIONS

2011

**The Daily Port Chester: Artist Mixes Media with Beauty** | July 30th 2011 Review of *through*.

**Westchester Magazine: Shopping for Gorgeous Local Crafts** | March 2011

**Ceramics Monthly: Group Exhibition - Clay Holiday** | January 2011p20.

2007,2009

**theBridge** | Ceramic work

2006

**theBridge** | Ceramic and jewelry portfolio featured.

2005

**The Undergraduate Review** | "Trial by Fire: A Study of Soda Fire Kiln Construction and Glaze Formulation"

**theBridge** | Ceramic and metal works.

## AWARDS | SCHOLARSHIPS | GRANTS

2006, 2007

**School for American Crafts Graduate Scholarship** | Rochester Institute of Technology - School of American Crafts - Rochester, New York

2006

**Dorris Tebbetts Award for Outstanding Senior in Art** | Bridgewater State University - Art Department. Bridgewater, Massachusetts

**Third Place:** 42nd Annual Bridgewater State University Juried Student Art Exhibition

**Second Place:** Three-Dimensional Works - theBridge Student Journal of Art

2005

**John Heller Memorial Art Award of Excellence** | Art Department - Bridgewater State University

**Honorable Mention** | 41st Annual Bridgewater State University Juried Student Art Exhibition

**Research Grant: Adrian Tinsley Program Undergraduate Research** | Semester long research of cone 6 glaze recipes and application techniques. Bridgewater State University - Bridgewater, Massachusetts

2004

**Research Grant: Adrian Tinsley Program Undergraduate Research** | Summer long research of design/construction of canternary arch soda kiln.

**Research Grant: Adrian Tinsley Program Undergraduate Research** | Semester long research lost wax casting with use of natural materials and precious metals.