Amanda Parks, from East Texas is a BFA candidate at the University of Texas at Tyler. She creates paintings and sculptures that are abstract in nature, subtly demonstrating the evolution of life and how it changes through time. Her goals are to engage the viewer through a sense of abstracted topography and its counterpart painted altered-reality. Landscapes have been used throughout history to demonstrate beauty, and she feels as though it can connect the viewer through their own perspectives of life. She works mostly in wood and oil on canvas.

Outside of the studio and lecture rooms, Amanda enjoys adventures like camping, traveling, hiking, cooking, and group fitness classes. She currently works as a cosmetologist at a salon in Tyler, After graduation, she plans to pursue a Master's of Fine Art.