

Derek Decker

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Education

- 2009-2012 M.F.A. in Ceramics, Minor in Sculpture,
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
- 2006 B.F.A. in Sculpture, Minor in Art History, Indiana University-Purdue
University, Fort Wayne, IN. Degree conferred by Indiana
University.

Teaching Experience

- 2015 (Fall) Limited Term Lecturer, Design Fundamentals I (P151),
Design Fundamentals II (P152), and Ceramics for Non-Majors (S165),
Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, Indiana
(Spring) Limited Term Lecturer, Liaison for "Collegiate Connection",
Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- 2014 (Fall) Limited Term Lecturer, Liaison for "Collegiate Connection",
Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, Indiana
(Spring) Adjunct Professor, 3D Composition (ART 108), Advanced
Sculpture (ART 351, ART 530), and Advanced Ceramics (ART 363,
364, 365), University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- 2013 (Fall) Limited Term Lecturer, Design Fundamentals I (P151)
(Spring) Limited Term Lecturer, Design Fundamentals I (P151),
Mold Making and Slip Casting (P490), and Drawing for Non-Majors,
(FINA-108), Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne,
Indiana
- 2012 (Fall) Limited Term Lecturer, Design Fundamentals I (151), Indiana
University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- 2011 Session Instructor Hand Made Tiles, Edinboro University, PA
- 2008 Substitute Teacher, East Allen Community Schools, New Haven, IN
- 2007 Fort Wayne Community Center, Instructor of hand made tiles and
hand made mosaics, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Workshops Given

- 2011 **Raku**, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, Pennsylvania
2010 **Hand building using molds and Raku**, Visiting Artist, Clay Space,
Erie Art Museum, Erie, Pennsylvania
2009 **Charcoal Saggar Firing**, visiting artist, IPFW(Indiana University-
Purdue University), Fort Wayne, Indiana
2007 **Hand Made Tiles**, visiting artist, Carroll High School, Fort Wayne, IN

Public Demonstrations

- 2010 **Albion County Fair**, Lee Rexrode and Derek Decker, Albion,
Pennsylvania

Residencies, Internships, Assistantships

- 2009-2012 **MFA Graduate Assistantship**, (Woodshop/Ceramic Tech), Edinboro
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, Pennsylvania
2007 **Kiln God Residency Recipient** (fully funded grant), Watershed,
Center for the Ceramic Arts, New Castle, Maine
2006 **Apprenticeship**, Moravian Pottery and Tile Works, Doylestown,
Pennsylvania

Awards

- 2015 **Merit Award Winner**, SOUTHWORKS 2015, 19th National Juried
Exhibition, The Oconee Arts Foundation, Watkinsville, Georgia
2012 **Alpha Epsilon Lambda**, The Alpha Nu Chapter of Edinboro
University, Graduate Honor Society (member)
2010 **Coyote Clay and Color Glaze Competition**, 5th Place, For
Advertisements in Ceramics Monthly and Pottery Making Illustrated.
Albuquerque, New Mexico
2009-
2012 **Graduate Assistantship Grant**, Fully Funded Grant, Edinboro University
of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, Pennsylvania
2007 **Kiln God Residency Grant**, Watershed, Center for the Ceramic Arts,
New Castle, Maine
2006 **Apprenticeship Grant**, Moravian Pottery and Tile Works,
Doylestown, Pennsylvania
Award winner, Lafontaine Arts Council 4th Annual Regional Art
Exhibition, Huntington University, Huntington, Indiana
2004 **IPFW representative**; in collegiate category, NCECA National
Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana

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Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2015 ***America's Clay Fest III***, International Ceramic Competition,
Jurors: Tip Toland, Ceramic Sculptor and Peter Held,
Curator at the ASU Art Museum
Ceramic Research Center, Blue Line Arts Gallery, Roseville, California
SOUTHWORKS 2015, 19th Annual National Juried Exhibition,
Juror: Will South, Chief Curator Columbia Museum of Art (CMA) and
Chief Curator Dayton Art Institute, The Oconee Arts Foundation,
Watkinsville, Georgia
teapots! 9th Invitational Exhibition,
Morgan Contemporary Glass Gallery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 2014 ***Derelection/Reanimate***, National Juried Exhibition,
Buckham Gallery, Flint, Michigan
American Craft Exhibition, National Juried/Invitational, ArtLink,
Contemporary Art Gallery, Fort Wayne, Indiana
20th San Angelo National Ceramic Competition, Juror: Leopold
L. Foulem, San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, San Angelo, Texas
***Regional Impact: Works from I.U. Regional Campus Art
Faculties***, IU East Downtown Gallery, Richmond, Indiana
- 2013 ***FI3tch3r Exhibit: Social and Politically Engaged Art***, Juried
National Exhibition, Juror: Michael Aurbach,
Vanderbilt University and former President of College Art
Association (CAA). ETSU, Slocumb Galleries, Tipton Gallery, Johnson
City, Tennessee
Hard Ware: National Ceramic Exhibition, Juror: Juan Granados,
Professor of Art, Texas Tech University, Hill Country Arts Foundation,
Duncan-McAshan Visual Arts Gallery, Ingram, Texas
Petroleum Paradox: For Better or For Worse?
Juried National Exhibition, Juror: Eleanor Heartney, contributing
Editor, Art in America and Art Press, Narrows Center for the Arts,
River Falls, Massachusetts
Ceramics and Paintings: Derek Decker and Patricia Wiess,
IPFW Visual Arts Gallery, Indiana University-Purdue University,
Fort Wayne, Indiana

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- 2012 ***IV International Festival of Post-Modern Ceramics, Ceramica Multiplex 2012***, International Juried Exhibition,
City Museum of Varazdin, Croatia and Kapfenberg, Austria.
Jurors: Bernd Pfannkuche, Editor of *New Ceramics (Neue Keramik)*,
Germany; President of the Jury, Velimir Vuklcevic, professor on the
Academy of Applied Arts in Belgrade, Serbia, Dr. Marina Bagaric,
Curator and manager of Collection of Ceramics and Architecture in
Museum of Arts and Crafts in Zagreb, Croatia and Gustav Weiss
Honorable lifelong member of the jury, respectable ceramics expert
from Germany.
Across the Divide, National/International Juried Exhibition,
Juror: Steven Schaeffer, Coconino Center for the Arts,
Flagstaff, Arizona
Control, MFA Thesis Exhibition, In Conjunction with, ***A Call To Arms***,
Bruce Gallery, Edinboro University Edinboro, Pennsylvania
Spring Student Exhibition, Juried Exhibition, Bruce Gallery, Edinboro
Edinboro University, Edinboro, Pennsylvania
Smaller Than A Breadbox, Baron-Forness Library, Edinboro
University, Edinboro, Pennsylvania
- 2011 ***Material Mastery***, KACA National Juried Exhibition,
Juror: Elaine Henry, Editor of *Ceramics: Art and Perception and
Ceramics TECHNICAL*, Norman R. Eppink Gallery, Emporia State
University, Emporia, Kansas
KACA Members Exhibition, National Juried Exhibition, Juror: Elaine
Henry, Editor of *Ceramics: Art and Perception and Ceramics
TECHNICAL*, Emporia Arts Council, Emporia, Kansas
Highlands Art Opening, Permanent Art Collection of Edinboro
Students and Faculty, Edinboro University, Edinboro, Pennsylvania
Supersize: Bigger is Better? National Juried Exhibition,
Jurors: Nancy Davis, Curator, Division of Home and Community Life,
National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution and
James F. Langley, Curator of Exhibitions, Calvert Marine Museum,
Solomons, Maryland, Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center,
Solomons, Maryland
88th Annual Spring Show, Juried Regional Exhibition,
Juror: Mark Newport, Erie Art Museum, Erie, Pennsylvania
Freedom Through Surface, Continuum Art Gallery, Fort Wayne,
Indiana
Spring Student Exhibition, Juried Exhibition, Bruce Gallery,
Edinboro University, Edinboro, Pennsylvania

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- 2010 ***In Transit***, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, Illinois
Intermediate Perception, Ferraro Gallery, Erie, Pennsylvania
And Now for Something Completely Different, The Gallery at Artworks, Erie, Pennsylvania
Spring Student Exhibition, Juried Exhibition, Juror: John Navarro, Gallery Director, Bruce Gallery, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, Pennsylvania
Ceramique, Juried Exhibition, Chris Adelhardt and Derek Decker, Jurors: Edinboro Student Body, Bates Gallery, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, Pennsylvania
- 2009 ***HWD (height x width x depth) 2009***, Juried Regional Sculpture Competition, Juror: Jonathon Quick, Rosewood Gallery, Kettering, Ohio
Soiree, Chimera 7, Juried Exhibition for student publication Chimera, Annex Gallery, Erie Museum of Art, Erie, Pennsylvania
35th Annual October Evenings, Juried Exhibition, Meadville Council on the Arts, Meadville, Pennsylvania
Sculpture Exhibition 2009, Juried Student Exhibition, Juror: Carol Wardner, Bates Gallery, Edinboro University, Edinboro, Pennsylvania
Graduate Student Show, Bates Gallery, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, Pennsylvania
Kiln God National, National Juried Exhibition, Juror: Billy Ray Mangham, Chicken Farm Art Center, San Angelo, Texas
Clay and Context, National Juried Exhibition, Juror: Sherman Hall, Editor of *Ceramics Monthly*, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana
- 2008 ***Contemporary Clay Biennial***, Juried National/Invitational, Jurors: Tom and Elaine Coleman, The Art Center, Grand Junction, Colorado
10th Annual Tile Fest, Moravian Pottery and Tile Works, Doylestown, Pennsylvania
- 2006 ***LAC Regional Art Exhibition***, Wilson Gallery, Huntington University, Huntington, Indiana
BFA Exhibition, IPFW Visual Arts Gallery, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- 2004 ***12***, National Exhibit, NCECA conference, Indianapolis, Indiana

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Permanent Collection

Keramiekon Collection of Contemporary World Ceramics,
Varazdin, Croatia
Edinboro University Foundation, Edinboro, PA
Surface Salon and Spa, Fort Wayne, IN

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- 2015 *America's Clay Fest III*, Exhibition Catalog, page 18, Blue Line Arts Gallery, Roseville, California
- 2014 *20th San Angelo Ceramic Competition*, Exhibition Catalog, page 20, San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, San Angelo, Texas
American Craft Exhibition Catalog, ArtLink Contemporary Art Gallery, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Studio Visit, Volume 25, Juried Selection of International Artists, Juried by Trevor Richardson, Director of the Herter Art Gallery at The University of Massachusetts, Amherst, page 60, Open Press Studios, Boston, Massachusetts
- 2013 *Expressions Newsletter*, College of Visual and Performing Arts, January 2013, Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
<http://new.ipfw.edu/departments/cvpa/depts/fine-arts/news/expressions.html>
- 2012 *Arts Weekly*, Season 4, episode 14, 2012, IPFW College of Visual and Performing Arts, Fort Wayne, Indiana
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izpdjj1Vnl8>
Petroleum Paradox: For better or Worse? Exhibition Catalog, Juried by Eleanor Heartney, contributing editor of Art in America, and ArtPress, Denise Bibro Fine Art, New York, New York
ISBN: 978-0-9831702-4-2
- 2011 *Ceramics Monthly and Pottery Making Illustrated* advertisement, Coyote Clay and Color, Glaze Contest, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- 2010 *Shoptalk*, volume 5, a journal of artist interviews by MFA candidates, Edinboro University, Edinboro, Pennsylvania
Chimera, volume 7, a journal of literature and art, Edinboro University, Edinboro Pennsylvania

Affiliations

2013-Present ***ArtLink***, Contemporary Art Gallery, Artist Panel Artist, and member, Fort Wayne, Indiana

2011-Present ***Kansas Artist Craftsmen Association*** (member)

2009-Present ***NCECA*** (member)