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EDUCATION

ESTIMATED 2017

MFA, Ceramics Candidate, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania,
Edinboro, PA.

2014 BFA, Ceramics, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.

SOLO/TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2015

- [CANDID]acy: Works by Didem Mert, Bates Gallery, Edinboro, PA.
- Counter Regimen: Works by Ashley Bevington and Didem Mert, Bates Gallery, Edinboro, PA.

2014

- Research & Development: Works by Jenny Reed and Didem Mert, 5th Street Gallery, Cincinnati, OH.
- inter[re]actions, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.

INVITATIONAL SHOWS

UPCOMING 2016

- Lillstreet Gallery Expo at 50th NCECA, Kansas City, MO.
- Planes, AKAR, Iowa City, IA.

2016

- Earth, Water, Fire, The Art of the Mug, The Phoenix Gallery, Lawrence, KS.
- Shippensburg University Ceramics Invitational, Shippensburg, PA.

INTERNATIONAL JURIED EXHIBITIONS

2015

- Bemble Experiment, Keramikmuseum Westerwald, Grenzhausen, Germany.

NATIONAL JURIED EXHIBITIONS

UPCOMING 2016

- Last Call, Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN, juried by Matthew Schiemann.

2015

- CHIMERA 2015, The Erie Art Museum, Erie, PA.
- Cup: The Intimate Object XI, Charlie Cummings Gallery, Gainesville, FL, juried by Charlie Cummings.
- Edinboro University, Clay Place at Standard Ceramics, Carnegie, PA, juried by Lee Rexrode.
- Strictly Functional Pottery National 2015, Market House Craft Center, Lancaster, PA, juried by Matt Long.

NATIONAL JURIED EXHIBITIONS (CONTINUED)

2015 (CONTINUED)

- The Clay Studio 2015 MBK Graduate Student Exhibition, The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA, juried by Marge Brown Kalodner, Jennifer Zwilling, and Stanley Shapiro.
- The Hudgens 1st National Juried & Invitational Cup Exhibition, Duluth, GA, juried by Carr McCuiston.
- Artists Under 30, Gallery One One, Cincinnati, OH, juried by Chelsea Borgman.
- Digital Debut, Red Star Studios/Belger Crane Yard Studios, Kansas City, MO.
- AKAR Yunomi Invitational 2015, AKAR, Iowa City, IA.
- Constella Exhibition, Memorial Hall, Cincinnati, OH.
- Spring Show 2015, The Erie Art Museum, Erie, PA.
- Keystone Collegiate Exhibition, Brockway Center for the Arts and Technology, Brockway, PA, juried by Bill Strickland.

2014

- Clarion County Arts Council Cup Show, Clarion, PA.
- 7th Annual Cup Show: Form and Function, Amelia Center Gallery, Panama City, FL, juried by Chandra DeBuse.
- CHIMERA 2014, The Erie Art Museum, Erie, PA.
- Daily Ritual: The Ceramic Cup, Saxonburg Area Artists Co-op, Saxonburg, PA.
- Biennial Cup Show, Morean Center for Clay, St. Petersburg, FL, juried by Matthew Schiemann.
- 5th Street Gallery, Cincinnati, OH.
- Emoji Show, Rock Paper Scissors, Cincinnati, OH.

2013

- Constella Exhibition, Memorial Hall, Cincinnati, OH.
- Artifacts from the Inferno: Contemporary Wood-fired Ceramics, Baltimore Clayworks, Baltimore, MD, juror Jack Troy.
- The Battle of the Bowls, The Academy of Fine Arts, Amherst, VA, juror Mike Jabber.
- All is Chaos, Artisan Enterprise Center, Covington, KY, juror Dustin Pike.
- Vessels: All the Eyes Can Hold, Kennedy Heights Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH, jurors Lynn Conaway and Carole Staples.
- Northern Kentucky University's 2013-2014 Scholarship Recipient Show, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.
- Emerging Voices, Gallery One One, Cincinnati, OH, juror Martin Meersman.
- Northern Exposure, Passages Gallery, Cincinnati, OH, juror Kevin Munte.
- Summerfair's Emerging Artists Juried Exhibition, Clifton Cultural Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH.

NATIONAL JURIED EXHIBITIONS (CONTINUED)

2012

- MULTIPLICITY, Gallery One One, Cincinnati, OH.
- The Fantastic Eleven, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.
- MUG Shots: National Juried Cup Exhibition 2012, LUX Center for the Arts, Lincoln, NE, juror Gail Kendall.
- 119th Annual Juried Exhibition, The Cincinnati Women's Art Club, Cincinnati, OH, jurors Francine Reiley and Lawrence Rudolech.
- Coffee, Tea, or...?, Terra Incognito, Oak Park, Illinois, juror David Toan.
- Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition 2012, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY, juror Katie Rentzke.

2011

- MULTIPLICITY, Gallery One One, Cincinnati, OH.
- Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition 2011, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY, juror Maureen Bloomfield.
- Lady Parts, The Southgate House, Newport, KY, juror Sarah Relajo.

2010

- Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition 2010, Northern Kentucky University Highland Heights, KY, juror A.C. Frabetti.
- 117th Annual Juried Exhibition, The Cincinnati Women's Art Club, Cincinnati, OH.
- Ceramic Show, The Southgate House, Newport, KY, juror Rick DeForrest.

2009

- Cincinnati Overture Awards Finalists of 2009 Show, Aronoff Center for the Arts, Cincinnati, OH.

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

2015-PRESENT

- Edinboro University's Club President, Edinboro, PA.

2015

- Assistant to Jerilyn Virden in her home studio, Greensboro, VT.

2014-PRESENT

- Graduate Assistant at Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA.
Ceramics
Art Education (2014-2015)

2011-2014

- Wood kiln firing leader, Ceramics Department, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

2012

- Built wood kiln, Gil Stengel and Yuki Muroe's property, Burlington, KY.

2010-2013

- Work-Study Student Intern, Ceramics Department, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.

2011-2013

- Studio Assistant to ceramic artist and professor Ana England, Cincinnati, OH.

2011

- Assistant, African Art Institute, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.

2009-PRESENT

- Studio Technician and Teacher, Queen City Clay, Cincinnati, OH.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UPCOMING 2016

- Workshop presenter, Mayco/Buckeye Ceramic Supply, Hilliard, OH.

2016

- Workshop presenter, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH.

2015

- Workshop presenter, Cornell Studios, Dayton, OH.
- Workshop presenter, Queen City Clay, Cincinnati, OH.
- Workshop presenter, Brockway Center for the Arts and Technology, Brockway, PA.

2014

- Workshop presenter, Queen City Clay, Cincinnati, OH.

2013

- Teacher, Queen City Clay, Cincinnati, OH.
 - Hand building I
 - Basic Molds
 - Wheel I
 - Alternative Firing

2012

- Workshop presenter/instructor, Finneytown Secondary School, Cincinnati, OH.
- Teaching Assistant for Professor Ana England, Raku and Primitive Firing course, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.
- Teacher, Queen City Clay, Cincinnati, OH.
 - Hand building I
 - Barrel firing/Wheel II & III
 - Naked raku/Wheel II & III
- Teaching Assistant, Queen City Clay, Cincinnati, OH.
 - Wheel I

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

2011

- Guest instructor, Queen City Clay, Cincinnati, OH.
Raku firing

2009

- Teaching Assistant for John Lanzador, Art Class Grades K-2, Maddux Elementary School, Cincinnati, OH.

VISITING ARTIST LECTURES

2015

- Cincinnati Art Underground, Cincinnati, OH.
- GASP, Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA.
- Brockway Center for the Arts and Technology, Brockway, PA.

2013

- Finneytown Secondary School, Art Department, Cincinnati, OH.

2010

- Anderson High School, Art Department, Cincinnati, OH.

PUBLICATIONS

2016

- cFile's list of Potters to Watch in 2016, <https://cfileonline.org/contemporary-pottery-to-watch-in-2016/>
- Featured artist in an AMACO ad in March issue of Ceramics Monthly and Pottery Making Illustrated, Westerville, OH.
- Hand-Crafted Cuisine: by Didem Mert, Pottery Making Illustrated, page 10-12, Westerville, OH.

2015

- Soapbox Media: New contemporary art gallery opens in Over-the-Rhine, <http://www.soapboxmedia.com/devnews/111715-cincinnati-art-underground.aspx>
- AEQAI: Under 30: A Showcase of Millennial Talent at C-LINK Gallery, <http://aeqai.com/main/2015/09/under-30-a-showcase-of-millennial-talent-at-c-link-gallery/>

2014

- Ceramics Monthly's Undergraduate Showcase 2014, page 50, Westerville, OH.
- Art Appreciation: Custom Textbook for Northern Kentucky University, back cover, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.
- Inside NKU, <http://www.nku.edu/features/2014/august/mert.html>, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.
- The Northerner, Page 6, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.

PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

2013

- Cincinnati Enquirer: Finding Order in a World Full of Chaos, http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20131013/ENTO7/310130022/Art-review-Finding-order-world-full-chaos?odyssey=tab%7Ctopnews%7Ctext%7CArts%20%20Theater&nclick_check=1, Cincinnati, OH.
- Art Ascent: Mother Earth, Page 32 and 33, <http://www.magcloud.com/browse/issue/603703>, www.artascent.com.
- Loch Norse Magazine, Page 51, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.
- The Cincinnati Enquirer, <http://local.cincinnati.com/share/story/202265>, Cincinnati, OH.
- Her Magazine, http://hercincinnati.com/articles/2012/12/19/natural_industrialist, Cincinnati, OH.

2012

- Loch Norse Magazine, Page 34, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights KY.

2011

- City Beat, <http://citybeat.com/cincinnati/article-23393-art-lady-parts.html>, Cincinnati, OH.
- The Northerner, Page 9, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.

RESIDENCIES

2015

- Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts (two week residency), Newcastle, ME.

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

2015

- Best Handbuild (\$200), Strictly Functional Pottery National 2015, Market House Craft Center, Lancaster, PA, juried by Matt Long
- Purchase Award, The Hudgens 1st National Juried & Invitational Cup Exhibition, Duluth, GA, juried by Carr McCuiston.
- Kiln God Scholarship (\$500), Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts, Newcastle, ME.
- Summer General Work Study Scholarship (\$870), Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC.
- 2nd place (\$40), Clarion County Arts Council Cup Show, Clarion, PA.
- Three Arts Scholarship (\$8,300), Three Arts Scholarship Fund, Cincinnati, OH.

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS (CONTINUED)

2014

- 2nd place (\$40), Clarion County Arts Council Cup Show, Clarion, PA.
- Three Arts Scholarship (\$8,300), Three Arts Scholarship Fund, Cincinnati, OH.
- John L. Magro Foundation Scholarship (\$1,000), John L. Magro Foundation, Cincinnati, OH.

2013

- Full in-state tuition scholarship for the fall semester of 2013 (merit based), Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.
- Three Arts Scholarship (\$1,500), Three Arts Scholarship Fund, Cincinnati, OH.

2012

- Hyde Park Art Show Scholarship (\$1,500), Hyde Park Art Show, Cincinnati, OH.
- Full in-state tuition scholarship for the year 2012-2013 (merit based), Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.
- Merit Award (\$50), Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY, juror Katie Rentzke.
- John L. Magro Foundation Scholarship (\$1,000), John L. Magro Foundation, Cincinnati, OH.

2011

- Full in-state tuition scholarship for the year 2011-2012 (merit based), Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.
- John L. Magro Foundation Scholarship (\$400), John L. Magro Foundation, Cincinnati, OH.

2010

- Full in-state tuition scholarship for the year 2010-2011 (merit based), Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.
- Best in Show (\$100), Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.
juror A.C. Frabetti.
- Best Ceramic Piece (\$50), Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY,
juror A.C. Frabetti.
- Best Mixed Media Piece (\$50), Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY,
juror A.C. Frabetti.

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GALLERY REPRESENTATION

- Lillstreet, Chicago, IL.
- Studio KotoKoto, San Diego, CA.
- Eutectic Gallery, Portland OR.
- Belger Crane Yard, Kansas City, MO.
- Plough Gallery, Tifton, GA.
- James May Gallery, Algoma, WI.
- Cincinnati Art Underground, Cincinnati, OH.
- Queen City Clay, Cincinnati, OH.
- AKAR Architecture and Design, Iowa City, IA.

UPCOMING 2015

- Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN.
- Charlie Cummings Gallery, Gainesville, FL.
- Taos Clay, Taos, NM.
- (KoT) Contemporary Functional Craft, Ellsworth, ME.

VIRTUAL REPRESENTATION

- Art Axis, [www. http://artaxis.org](http://artaxis.org), anonymous jurors.

COLLECTIONS

- The Hudgens Center for the Arts, Duluth, GA.
- Judy Stein, Cincinnati, OH.
- Kelly O'Donnell (assistant director at the Weston Arts Center), Cincinnati, OH.

REFERENCES

- Ben Clark, Owner of Queen City Clay, (513)312-9623, lakegage@hotmail.com
- Lee Rexrode, Professor of Ceramics at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, (814)732-2309, lraxrode@edinboro.edu