

# Alex Paat

## EDUCATION

### **Master of Fine Arts in Ceramics**

School for American Crafts at Rochester Institute of Technology. Rochester, NY. 2025

### **Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art**

Concentrations in Ceramics and Painting

Cedarville University. Cedarville, OH. 2018

## UNIVERSITY TEACHING

### **Instructor of Record**

Rochester Institute of Technology. Rochester, NY. 2024

- CCER-206 Ceramic Sculptural Processes

### **Teaching Assistant to Jane Shellenbarger**

Rochester Institute of Technology. Rochester, NY. 2023

- CCER-211 Thrown Vessel Forms

### **Adjunct Faculty in Ceramics**

Cedarville University. Cedarville, OH. 2020

- ART-2140 Ceramics Foundations
- ART-3140 Intermediate Ceramics
- ART-4140 Advanced Ceramics
- ART-4990 Independent Study in Art

## ADDITIONAL TEACHING

### **Workshop Instructing**

"Handbuilding Expressive Fruit." RIT ArtEx. Rochester, NY. 2024

"Developing Artistic Voice." Shekinah Christian School. Plain City, OH. 2023

"The Articulate Mark." Cedarville University. Cedarville, OH. 2019

"Chromatic Collaboration." WAVE Academic Program. Cedarville, OH. 2017

Yeck High School Scholarship program: 9-week workshop series. Dayton Art Institute. Dayton, OH. 2016–2017

### **Craft School Assistantships**

Teaching Assistant to Isaac Scott. "Narrative Cups." Haystack Mountain School of Crafts. Deer Isle, ME. 2022

Teaching Assistant to Ben Carter "Low-fire is Cooler." Penland School of Craft. Penland, NC. 2021

### **Grade School Art Teaching**

Long-term Substitute Art Teacher. Madison Christian School. Groveport, OH. 2020–2021

Afterschool Teacher and Art Instructor. Agora Early Learning and Childcare Center. Columbus, OH. 2019

# RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

## National Board Service

Student Director at Large. National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA). 2024–2026

## Ceramic Materials Industry

Moldmaker, Slipcaster, Millman, Designer. Mayco Colors, Hilliard, OH. 2021–2023

## Studio Assistantships

Shop Assistant to Mike Bowersmith and Ed Cardoza. Neon bending and installation. Marysville, OH. 2025

Graduate Assistant. Rochester Institute of Technology. Rochester, NY 2023–2025

Studio Assistant to Justin Rothshank. Wood and soda firing. Goshen, IN. 2019–2020

Studio Intern to Troy Bungart. Studio operations. Three Rivers, MI. 2019

# EXHIBITIONS

## 2026

*REALM*. Blockfort Gallery B. Columbus, OH (*Upcoming*) **solo show**

*Clay Currents*. Invited by Michael Takahata. Hatch Art Gallery. Hamtramck, MI (*Upcoming*)

## 2025

*Decipher: Beck Lowry and Alex Paat*. Curated by Erika Diamond. Weeks Gallery at JCC. Jamestown, NY

*Vincent Frimpong, Alex Paat, Phoebe Scott*. 934 Gallery. Columbus, OH

*Alex Paat, Ainaz Alipour, Nicholas Bungart*. ROY G BIV. Columbus, OH

*ArtExperience Exhibition*. University Gallery at Rochester Institute of Technology. Rochester, NY

*Into the Arms of Earth*. MFA Thesis Show. RIT City Art Space. Rochester, NY **solo show**

*Together Again at the Table*. Invited by Ben Carter. Baltimore Clayworks. Baltimore, MD

*Pistachio Snackers*. Invited by Justin Rothshank. Highland Gallery. South Bend, IN

## 2024

*Art Out*. Juried by Hernease Davis. Bevier Gallery at Rochester Institute of Technology. Rochester, NY

*My, My, Tiger's Eye: Graduate Explorations in Art and Craft*. The Flower City Arts Center. Rochester, NY

## 2023

*4th Annual Cup Exhibition & Sale*. Invited by Justin Rothshank. Artlink. Fort Wayne, IN

*All These Things Are True*. The Yards Collective. Rochester, NY

*Michiana Pottery Tour*. Invited by Sadie Misiuk. Goshen, IN

*Michiana Pottery Tour Gallery Invitational*. Highland Gallery. South Bend, IN

*You You You You You*. Gallery Cypress at 400 West Rich. Columbus, OH **solo show**

*Alumni Art Exhibition*. The 220 Gallery at Cedarville University. Cedarville, OH

*Signs and Splendor*. Rosedale International Center. Columbus, OH

*Figuratively Speaking*. Invited by Yve Holtzclaw. ADC Fine Arts. Cincinnati, OH

*Project M*. Mason Gallery at Core Clay. Cincinnati, OH

*ArtStream Nomadic Gallery Reception*. Ohio Craft Museum. Columbus, OH

*The Amazing Cat Show*. Promenade Gallery at 400 West Rich. Columbus, OH

## 2022

*Incrementum*. Promenade Gallery at 400 West Rich. Columbus, OH

*Faculty Show*. Gateway Gallery at Haystack Mountain School of Crafts. Deer Isle, ME

*Work in Progress*. Promenade Gallery at 400 West Rich. Columbus, OH

*Project M*. Barkan Gallery at Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts. Newcastle, ME

*The Color Network Expo Booth*. NCECA 2022 *Fertile Ground* Conference Expo Hall. Sacramento, CA

*8 Fluid Ounces Invitational Cup Exhibition*. Invited by Paul Briggs. LSU Glassell Gallery. Baton Rouge, LA

## EXHIBITIONS, continued

### 2021

*The Things We Carry*. Eutectic Gallery. Portland, OR.  
*State of Emergence*. Clay Art Center. Port Chester, NY

### 2020

*Dungeon*. Invited by Car Myers. The Anderson. Richmond, VA. *Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic*

### 2019

*Lesser Lights: New Works by Alex Paat*. Friend. Columbus, OH **solo show**  
*Compassion: The Art of Healing*. Coburn Art Gallery. Ashland, OH. *Awarded Honorable Mention*  
*73rd Annual Juried Members' Exhibition*. Springfield Museum of Art. Springfield, OH

### 2018

*Legacy Banquet Showcase*. Cedarville University. Cedarville, OH  
*72nd Annual Juried Members' Exhibition*. Springfield Museum of Art. Springfield, OH  
*Here Comes the Sun*. Xenia Area Community Theatre Gallery. Xenia, OH  
*Life in Color*. Alford Auditorium at Cedarville University. Cedarville, OH **solo show**  
*May*. Carnegie Center for the Visual Arts at Cedarville University. Cedarville, OH **solo show**  
*Patterns of a Mind*. Stevens Student Center Gallery at Cedarville University. Cedarville, OH  
*Sunstorm: Senior Show*. Stevens Student Center Gallery at Cedarville University. Cedarville, OH

### 2017

*2017 Yeck College Artist Fellow Exhibition*. Dayton Art Institute. Dayton, OH  
*2017 Art + Design Juried Exhibition*. Stevens Student Center Gallery at Cedarville University. Cedarville, OH

### 2016

*Language is the Language of the Soul*. BTS Building at Cedarville University. Cedarville, OH

### 2015

*Beyond Ourselves*. Stevens Student Center Gallery at Cedarville University. Cedarville, OH

## LECTURES & PUBLIC SPEAKING

### Demonstrating Artist

"Painting with Flame: New Processes in American-style Raku." RIT ArtEx. Rochester, NY. 2024  
"Worldbuilt: Intuitive Forming & Illustration in Clay." RIT ArtEx. Rochester, NY. 2024

### Panel Moderator

"Tag Team: The Symbiotic Power of Studio Mentorship." Indiana Clay Conference. Bloomington, IN. 2023

### Artist Talks

*Decipher* Opening Presentation. Weeks Gallery at Jamestown Community College. Jamestown, NY. 2025  
Artist Walkthrough. Pre-opening for Leadership Columbus Reunion at 934 Gallery. 2025  
"A Day in the Life of a Michiana Potter." Michiana Pottery Tour Instagram. 2023  
"Make Your Mark: Developing Artistic Voice." Shekinah Christian Sch. Plain City, OH. 2023  
Studio Assistant Slide Presentation. Haystack Mountain School of Crafts. Deer Isle, ME. 2022  
Studio Assistant Slide Presentation. Penland School of Craft. Penland, NC. 2021  
Presenting Artist. *State of Emergence* Virtual Opening. Clay Art Center. Port Chester, NY. 2021  
"Share and Tell." Cedarville University. Cedarville, OH. 2020  
"The Articulate Mark." Cedarville University. Cedarville, OH 2019  
Arrowmont Work-Study Slide Night. Gatlinburg, TN

# GRANTS

## **Artist Grant Initiative, 2025**

Haystack Mountain School of Crafts. Deer Isle, ME. \$10,000

## **Artist Project Award, 2024**

Greater Columbus Arts Council. Columbus, OH. \$10,000

## **Funds for Artists Grant, 2024**

Greater Columbus Arts Council. Columbus, OH. \$1,200

## **Support for Professional Artists Grant, 2022**

Greater Columbus Arts Council. Columbus, OH \$1,150

## **NCECA Multicultural Fellowship, 2021**

National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts. Boulder, CO. \$850

## **Yeck College Artist Fellowship, 2016**

Dayton Art Institute. Dayton, OH. \$1,000

# AWARDS

Artist Grant Initiative Cohort. Haystack Mountain School of Crafts. Deer Isle, ME. 2025–2026

Invited Artist Scholarship. Michiana Pottery Tour. Goshen, IN. 2023

Merit Graduate Scholarship. School for American Crafts at RIT. Rochester, NY. 2023–2025

Full Workshop Scholarship. Core Clay. Cincinnati, OH. 2022

Mary B. Bishop and Francis S. Merritt Scholarship. Haystack Mountain School of Crafts. Deer Isle, ME. 2022

Julia Terr Scholarship. SodaPosium Conference. Nashville, TN. 2022

Creative Quarterly Winner. Creative Quarterly Journal, Issue 62. Spring 2021. New York, NY. 2021

Honorable Mention. Compassion: The Art of Healing. Coburn Art Gallery. Ashland, OH. 2019

Summer Work-Study Scholarship. Entertainment Work-Study. Penland School of Craft. Penland, NC. 2019

Merit Work-Study Concentration Scholarship. Float Work-Study. Penland School of Craft. Penland, NC. 2019

6-Week Work-Study Scholarship. Kitchen. Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts. Gatlinburg, TN. 2018

Rietveld Fine Arts Award. Cedarville University Art Department. Cedarville, OH. 2016

# AUTHORED WORKS

## ***Into the Arms of Earth***

MFA Thesis

RIT Scholarworks. Rochester, NY. 2025

# RESIDENCIES

Associate Artist. Turk Hill Craft School. Fairport, NY. 2023

Studio Artist. Studio 211 at 400 West Rich. Columbus, OH. 2022–2023

The Color Network Residency. Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts. Newcastle, ME. 2021

Goshen Community Arts Residency. Goshen Community Arts. Goshen, IN. 2019–2020

# COLLECTIONS

Middleton Ceramics Collection. New York, NY

# CURATORIAL WORK

## ***My, My, Tiger's Eye: Graduate Explorations in Art and Craft***

Firehouse Gallery at The Flower City Arts Center. Rochester, NY. 2024

## ***Signs and Splendor***

Rosedale International Center. Columbus, OH. 2023

# VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Glass Axis. Facility Support. Columbus, OH. 2021

Penland Annual Benefit Auction. Young Guns Crew Member. Penland, NC. 2019

Michiana Pottery Tour. Tour Staff. Goshen, IN. 2019

Arrowmont Souper Bowls Throw-a-Thon. Contributing Artist. Gatlinburg, TN. 2018

ASCI Art Festival. Runner and Tabulator. Cedarville, OH. 2015–2016

# BIBLIOGRAPHY

## **RIT Featured Profiles**

"Carving a Path as an Artist, Curator, and Teacher," by Jane Shellenbarger. Rochester, NY, 2025.

## **Haystack Blog & News**

"Announcing First Artist Grant Initiative Cohort." Deer Isle, ME, 2025.

## **Greater Columbus Arts Council**

"Greater Columbus Arts Council Announces \$613,734 in Second Round of Community-Reviewed Grants." Press release. Columbus, OH, 2024.

## **RIT University News**

"'My, My, Tiger's Eye' Exhibition Brings Graduate Student Artwork to the Rochester Community," by Felicia Swartzenberg. Rochester, NY, 2024.

## ***Low-Fire Glazes for Potters and Sculptors* by Ben Carter**

Beverly, MA: Quarry Books, 2024.

## **Colossal**

"The Color Network on the Significance of Building Community, Teaching Diversity, and Facilitating Access for Artists of Color," by Kate Mothes. Colossal, 2024. Web.

## **The Color Network**

The Color Network NCECA Poster. NCECA 2024 Coalescence Conference. Richmond, VA, 2024.

## **Studio Potter Journal**

"Crises and Creativity," by Marion Angelica. February 2021. Northampton, MA, 2021.

## **Creative Quarterly Journal.**

Issue 62, Spring 2021. New York, NY, 2021.

## **APÉRO Fine Art Catalogue**

July 2019. Fullerton, CA, 2019.