

# BEKAH BLISS

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

A ceramic artist and instructor in Kansas City with experience in studio management, individualized teaching strategies, and creative problem solving. Incorporating critical thinking and expressive making in the classroom environment. Emphasizing failure as an integral part of life-long learning.

## EDUCATION

2016 **Bachelor of Fine Art in Ceramics**, Missouri State University  
**Bachelor of Science in Art Education**, Missouri State University

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2019- Present **Belger Arts Instructor**, Kansas City, MO

Beginning Wheel	Form & Function: Cup Sets
Beginning Handbuilding	Form & Function: Pitchers
Great Pots for Plants	Form & Function: Teapots
Form & Function: Mugs	Form & Function: Bowls
Form & Function: Serving Trays	Form & Function: Flower Bricks
Form & Function: Lidded Jars	Independent Study
Form & Function: Wall Pockets	Bisque Molds & Stamps
Form & Function: Vases	

2018-Present **323 CLAY Instructor**, Independence, MO

2017 **Artworks Teacher**, Elementary Summer Program, Springfield, MO  
**Substitute Teaching**, Springfield Public Schools, Springfield, MO

2013-2016 **ClayMobile Teacher**, Springfield, MO  
**Clay Camp Instructor**, Springfield Pottery, Springfield, MO

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

2021-Present **Studio Manager**, 323CLAY, Independence, MO  
**KC Urban Potters Collective Member**, Kansas City, MO

2019 - 2021 **Artist-in-Residence**, KC Urban Potters, Kansas City, MO

2018-2020 **Lead Floral Designer**, Hitched, Kansas City, MO

2017- 2019 **Resident Artist**, 323 CLAY, Independence, MO

2014-2015 **Ceramics Sales Associate**, L & R Specialties, Nixa, MO

2014 **Study Away Program**, Acoma, New Mexico

2013-2017 **Internship**, Springfield Pottery, Springfield, MO

## AWARDS

2022 **Emerging Artist 2022**, Ceramics Monthly, Publication

2020 **Rocket Relief Grant**, Charlotte Street Foundation, Kansas City, MO

2019 **Jane Peiser Scholarship**, Penland School of Craft, Joseph Pintz Workshop

## EXHIBITIONS & SHOWS

- 2023 KC Urban Potters Gallery Booth, NCECA Expo, Cincinnati, OH
- 2022 *The Americano Invitational*, CLAY AKAR, Iowa City, IA  
*Material Mugs VII Invitational*, Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN  
Midwest Pottery Festival, KC Urban Potters, Kansas City, MO  
*Mug Madness 22 Juried*, Saltstone Ceramics, Seattle, WA  
*Last Call VII Juried*, Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN  
*Chroma*, Saltstone Ceramics, Seattle, WA
- 2021 Curator for *Housewarming: A Planter Show*, KC Urban Potters, KC, MO  
Yunomi Invitational, CLAY AKAR, Iowa City, IA  
Mug of the Month, Belger Arts Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- 2020 Midwest Pottery Fest, KC Urban Potters, online  
Yunomi Invitational, CLAY AKAR, Iowa City, IA
- 2019 Curator for *Dog Days of Summer Fundraiser*, KC Urban Potters, KC, MO  
Teabowl National, KC Clay Guild, Kansas City, MO  
Emerging Surface, 323 Resident Artists, Kansas City, MO
- 2018 *The Planter Show*, KC Urban Potters, Kansas City, MO  
Lux Gallery Artist, Lux Center for the Arts, Lincoln, NE  
Digital Debut, Belger Arts Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- 2017 Holiday Swing, Strawberry Swing Festival, Kansas City, MO  
*Give and Take 2.0: A Ceramics Collaboration*, Springfield Pottery, Springfield, MO  
Emerging Artist, Westport Art Festival, Kansas City, MO
- 2016 MSU Student Exhibition, Student Exhibition Center, Springfield, MO  
*Give and Take: A Ceramics Collaboration*, Springfield Pottery, Springfield, MO  
Student Teaching Exhibition, Brick City Gallery, Springfield, MO  
*Encompass*, BFA Senior Exhibition, Brick City Gallery, Springfield, MO
- 2015 Internship Show, Springfield Pottery, Springfield, MO  
MSU Student Exhibition, Student Exhibition Center, Springfield, MO
- 2013 Internship Show, Springfield Pottery, Springfield, MO

## WORKSHOPS & LECTURES

- 2023 Demonstrating Artist, Clay It Up, Springfield, MO
- 2022 Artist Demo, Midwest Pottery Fest, Kansas City, MO
- 2019 Lidded Jars, KC Clay Guild, Kansas City, MO
- 2018 Workshop Assistant, Jen Allen Workshop, 323CLAY, Independence, MO  
Coffee Pour Overs, KC Clay Guild, Kansas City, MO
- 2017 Workshop Assistant, Steven Hill Workshop, 323CLAY, Independence, MO
- 2015 Group Lecture, National Art Ed. Association Conference, New Orleans, LA  
Co-Workshop at SDATA Conference, Study Away Program, Springfield, MO
- 2014 Co-Workshop/Lecture, Study Away Program, Springfield Pottery, Springfield, MO