

Aaron Caldwell  
Curriculum Vitae

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**Education**

- 2019 - 2021 MS in Art Education  
GPA: 4.0  
Illinois State University
- 2014 - 2019 BA in Studio Art, Minor in Art History  
GPA: 3.303  
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

**Awards**

- 2020 Watershed Kiln God Scholarship
- 2019 Northern Clay Center Warren Mackenzie Advancement Award Recipient  
Penland Full Tuition Horn Scholarship  
NCECA 2019 Multicultural Fellow  
SIUC Rickert-Ziebold Trust Award Finalist
- 2018 SIUC Windgate Educational Art Research Grant  
Best Undergraduate in Vessel Pop Up Show  
C4 Third Place in Undergraduate Category
- 2017 SIUC McNair Scholar

**Invitational and Juried Shows:**

- 2021 Above Board, online NCECA tableware exhibition  
NCECA Multicultural Fellow Show  
NCECA Student Show, Cincinnati, OH  
Small Favors, The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA
- 2020 We Are Clay, Baltimore Clayworks, Baltimore, MD  
Empowering Voices, Lucy Lacoste Gallery, Concord, MA  
Systems Approach, Yngspc, Digital Showcase  
The Clay Studio Philadelphia's Ceramic National, Philadelphia, PA  
A LOT & a little, CIRA (Central Illinois Regional Airport) Gallery, Bloomington, IL  
Illinois State University Student Annual, University Galleries, Digital Showcase  
A LOT & a little: A Visual Exploration of Identity via Noise and Quietude,  
Transpace Gallery, Normal, IL  
Two Person Collaborative Show  
Queers Just Wanna Have Fun, Queerly Collective, Digital Showcase  
23<sup>rd</sup> San Angelo Museum National Ceramic Competition, San Angelo, TX  
NCECA Student Show, Richmond, VA  
Experience, APERO Catalogue
- 2019 Illinois State University Art Education Show, Transpace Gallery, Normal, IL  
(Un)marked, (Un)accounted, (Un)worthy, Vergette Gallery, Carbondale, IL  
BA Solo Show

- Plate & Platter National Juried Ceramics Exhibition, Carbondale Community Arts, Carbondale, IL
- Soulful: National Exhibition of African American Artists, d'Art Center, Norfolk, VA
- Freedom: Art as the Messenger, Cato Art Institute, Washington, DC
- SIUC Rickert-Ziebold Trust Award Exhibit, Surplus Gallery, Carbondale, IL
- 2018 Merge, Surplus Gallery, Carbondale, IL  
SIUC and SIUE Collaborative Show
- C4 International Exhibit, Surplus Gallery, Carbondale, IL
- Small on The Wall, Vergette Gallery, Carbondale, IL  
Clay club show

### **Jobs/Experiences**

#### Queeramics

Lead director of @queeramics on Instagram  
 November 2020 - Present

#### Illinois Art Station, Bloomington-Normal, IL

Art educator for 1-17-year-old youth in the local community and schools. Graduate Assistant Position  
 August 2019 to May 2021

#### University Galleries, Normal, IL

Gallery assistant and art education assistant. Graduate Assistant Position  
 August 2019 to May 2021

#### Fresno Ideaworks, Fresno, CA

Ceramic Instructor, Ceramics: Basic Hand Building.  
 July 2019 to August 2019. Six two-hour classes.

### **Presentations/Publications**

2021 Contemporary Black Ceramic Artists book [Working Title]

Authored/Curated by Chotsani Dean and Donald Clark

2020 Creative Adventures in Clay

Published book by Uppercase Magazine, written by Carole Epp and Julia Kruger

The Clay Studio National Ceramic Exhibition Lunch & Learn ArtistTalk

A Rediscovery of Self Through Art and Travel

Studio Potter July publication article

NCC Warren MacKenzie Advancement Award Experience

Presentation given to ceramic, art education and other interested folk at Illinois State University

2019 Marking the Unmarked: An Exploration of Black American Narratives Through Imagery, Textural and Finishing Techniques

Delivered at SIUC Student Creative Activities and Research Forum

### **Permanent Collection**

2020 San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, San Angelo, TX

2019 Southern Illinois University Carbondale Student Center

Chosen through SPC Purchase Award