

Gina Pisto

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Education

2019-2022

Ohio University—Master's of Fine Arts in Ceramics, Athens, OH

2017-2018

Virginia Commonwealth University—Post-Baccalaureate in Craft + Material Studies, Richmond, VA

2017

Grand Valley State University—Independent Study Student, Allendale, MI

2012-2016

Grand Valley State University—Bachelor's of Fine Arts in Ceramics, Allendale, MI

Solo* & Group Exhibitions

2025

Alchemy & Artistry (upcoming)—Oliver Art Center, Frankfort, MI

2024

Alma's Cup Show—Alma's, Richmond, VA

Breweriana—Torn Label Brewing Company, Kansas City, MO

2024 Michigan Ceramic Art Association Biennial and Competition—Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, Birmingham, MI

DeadXCenter: Tales from The Middle—SPRING/BREAK Art Show, 75 Varick St, New York, NY

Brimming: Goblet Invitational—Belger Arts, Kansas City, MO

Passing Moments: Belger Arts 11th Annual Resident Artist Exhibition—Belger Arts, Kansas City, MO

Influence/d—Queen City Clay, Cincinnati, OH

NCECA Gallery Expo—Alma's, Richmond, VA

2024 Report Card—Ohio University Art Gallery, Athens, OH

2023

that once was—Carr Building Art Gallery, San Angelo, TX*

Belger Resident Artist Exhibition—UCM Gallery of Art and Design, Warrensburg, MO

Benedictine College Faculty Exhibition—Potter Art Gallery, St. Joseph, MO

Breweriana—Torn Label Brewing Company, Kansas City, MO

MILESTONES: Belger Arts' 10th Annual Resident Artist Exhibition—Belger Arts, Kansas City, MO

Coalescence—Daum Museum of Contemporary Art, Sedalia, MO

Confluent Traditions—DSGN Collective, Cincinnati, OH

2022

Lamplighters: An Exhibition of Lighted Sculpture—Vulpes Bastille, Kansas City, MO

2022 Sculpture National—Clay Center of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA

Chroma—The Smithy Gallery, Cooperstown, NY

LIGHT & SHADE—Las Laguna Art Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA

to hold—MFA Thesis Exhibition, Trisolini Gallery, Athens, OH*

Paper & Clay—Tippetts & Eccles Galleries, Logan, UT

OH+5—The Dairy Barn Arts Center, Athens, OH

2021

2021 NCECA National Juried Student Exhibition—DAAP Galleries, Cincinnati, OH

- The Ceramics Forum: 10 Years Towards the Dialogue*—2021 NCECA Concurrent Virtual Exhibition, Cincinnati, OH
- 2020
OH+5—The Dairy Barn Arts Center, Athens, OH
Breaking Ground—Wild Goose Creative, Columbus, OH
Precipice—Trisolini Gallery, Athens, OH
Bissextile—Weld House, Athens, OH
2020 NCECA National Juried Student Exhibition—artspace, Richmond, VA
Silver Lining—Ohio University Art Gallery, Athens, OH
Latent Recollection—Solo Exhibition, Quirk Gallery, Richmond, VA*
- 2019
Cross-Section—Online Exhibition, University of Montana
Twist Ties—Weld House, Athens, OH
Pop-Up Trunk Show—Quirk Gallery, Richmond, VA*
- 2018
RVA Clay Tour—VCU Fine Arts Building, Richmond, VA
VCU Clay Presents: Cabinet of Curiosities—East End Brewing Company, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2017
Grand Valley State University Student Scholars Day—Mary Idema Pew Exhibition Space, Allendale, MI
Grand Valley State University 5th Annual Student Juried Exhibition—Padnos Gallery, Allendale, MI
West Michigan Area Show—Kalamazoo Institute of Art, Kalamazoo, MI
Michigan Collegiate Art Exhibition—Lansing Art Gallery, Lansing, MI
Michigan Ceramics Biennial Exhibition and Competition—Valade Family Gallery, Detroit, MI
- 2016
Connecting Worlds BFA Thesis Exhibition—Padnos Gallery, Allendale, MI
GVSU & SeoulTech International Ceramics Workshop & Exhibition—Padnos Gallery, Allendale, MI
Ox-Bow School of Art and Artists' Residencies—Campus Gallery, Saugatuck, MI
Grand Valley State University Student Scholars Day—Mary Idema Pew Exhibition Space, Allendale, MI
Grand Valley State University 4th Annual Student Juried Exhibition—Padnos Gallery, Allendale, MI
- 2015
Isolated Symptoms—Padnos Gallery, Allendale, MI
Michigan Mud 2015—Sisson Art Gallery, Dearborn, MI
Grand Valley State University Student Scholars Day—Mary Idema Pew Exhibition Space, Allendale, MI
Past + Present GVSU Ceramics—Calder Art Center, Allendale, MI
Grand Valley State University 3rd Annual Student Juried Exhibition—Padnos Gallery, Allendale, MI
Cell Space Ceramic Show—Calder Art Center, Allendale, MI*

Grants & Awards

- 2024
Honorable Mention—Brimming: Goblet Invitational Exhibition, Kansas City, MO
- 2021
Elmer Craig Merit Award—2021 NCECA Juried Student Exhibition, Cincinnati, OH
- 2019
Original Works Grant—Ohio University Graduate Student Senate, Athens, OH

2017
Emerging Artist in Sculpture—Valade Family Gallery, Detroit, MI

2016
Alexander Calder Honors Scholarship—Allendale, MI
Branstrom Fine Arts Scholarship—Allendale, MI

2015
Grand Finish Grant—Allendale, MI
Branstrom Fine Arts Scholarship—Allendale, MI

Residencies & Fellowships

2022-2024
Foundation Resident—Belger Crane Yard Studios, Kansas City, MO

2016
Leroy Niemen Fellow—Ox-Bow School of Art and Artists' Residencies, Saugatuck, MI

Demonstrations & Panels

2025
Metropolitan Community College-Longview—Demonstrating Artist, Kansas City, MO
(upcoming)

2024
Metropolitan Community College-Longview—Demonstrating Artist, Kansas City, MO
RezPrez at Belger Crane Yard Studios—Panelist, Kansas City, MO

2023
San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts-Concho Clay Studio—Demonstrating Artist, San Angelo, TX
Angelo State University—Demonstrating Artist, San Angelo, TX
University of Central Missouri—Demonstrating Artist, Warrensburg, MO
Artist Panel Discussion at the Daum Museum of Contemporary Art—Panelist, Sedalia, MO
RezPrez at Belger Crane Yard Studios—Panelist, Kansas City, MO

2018
Clayworks Supplies Inc. Open House—Demonstrating Artist, Richmond, VA

2015
West Michigan Academy of Arts Workshop—Demonstrating Artist, Muskegon, MI
Professional Development Day at GVSU—Demonstrating Artist, Allendale, MI

Publications

Ceramics Arts Yearbook 2024, “Long-Term Resident Artists”, *Ceramics Monthly*: 37

New Ceramics: The International Ceramics Magazine, “Belger Arts’ Tenth Annual Resident Exhibition”,
Neue Keramik, 5/2023

Ceramics Arts Yearbook 2023, “Long-Term Resident Artists”, *Ceramics Monthly*: 33

Professional Experience

2023-Present
Adjunct Professor—Benedictine College, Atchison, KS
Ceramics I, Ceramics II, Ceramics III—Fall 2023, Fall 2024
Ceramics I, Ceramics, II, Ceramics III, Ceramics IV—Spring 2024, Spring 2025

2022-Present
Instructor—Belger Crane Yard Studios, Kansas City, MO
Frame Making—November 2022
Flower Making—January 2023, April 2023, October 2023, June 2024
Private Lessons—July 2023, August 2023, September 2023
Beginning Wheel Throwing—August 2024, October 2024

2021-2022

Instructor of Record—Ohio University, Athens, OH
Foundations-Description + Drawing—Fall 2021
Introduction to Ceramics—Spring 2022

Gallery Assistant—Ohio University, Athens, OH

2020-2022

Ceramics Social Media Coordinator and Graduate Recruitment Spokesperson—Ohio University, Athens, OH

2019-2021

Graduate Teaching Assistant—Ohio University, Athens, OH
Ceramics Handbuilding—Tom Bartel, Fall 2019
Introduction to Ceramics—Bri Murphy, Spring 2020
Foundations-Description + Drawing (online)—Brad Schwieger, Fall 2020
Foundations-Function + Practice (online)—Tom Bartel, Spring 2021

2018-2019

Studio Monitor at Visual Arts Center of Richmond—Richmond, VA

2017-2019

Sales Associate at Clayworks Supplies Inc—Richmond, VA

2016

Housekeeping Staff at Ox-Bow School of Art and Artists' Residencies—Saugatuck, MI
President + Social Media Coordinator of Contemporary Ceramics Association—Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI