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EDUCATION

2025-2028, Ceramics MFA Candidate, Penn West Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA

GPA: 4.0/4.0

2020-2025, BA Studio Art and Music, Baldwin Wallace University, Berea, OH

Concentration: Ceramics and Voice

Magna Cum Laude GPA: 3.86/4.0

Study Abroad

2023, York St. John University, York, United Kingdom

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2027 *Expected*, Oglebay Institute's Stifel Fine Arts Center, Wheeling, West Virginia

2026 *Expected*, Bates Gallery, PennWest University, Edinboro, PA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 **Pride in the Collection**, Erie Art Museum, Erie, PA

The Groundhog Show, Summit County Building, 21 N. Main St., Akron, OH

103rd Annual Erie Art Museum Spring Art Show, Erie Art Museum, Erie, PA

Juror: Jenny Kendler

Edinboro Ceramic Showcase, Bates Gallery, PennWest University, Edinboro, PA

National Intercollegiate Ceramics 2026, Oglebay Institute's Stifel Fine Arts Center, Wheeling, West Virginia

Juror: Ruth Douzinas

2025 **27th Annual Mug Show**, Clarion Association of Ceramic Artists, Clarion, PA

Arrowmont Showcase Gallery, Arrowmont School of Art and Craft, Gatlinburg, TN

Spring Art Show & Open Studios, Screw Factory, Lakewood, OH

33rd Annual Juried Art Show, Rabbit Run Community Arts Association, Madison, OH

Through The Lens: A Portrait Show, The Brownhoist Gallery, Cleveland, OH

Senior Art Exhibition: A Journey in Pieces, Fawick Art Gallery, Berea, OH

2024 **Baldwin Wallace Juried Student Art Exhibition**, Fawick Art Gallery, Berea, OH

Fall Art Show & Open Studios, Screw Factory, Lakewood, OH

2023 **"Undeniably Bradford" Juried Art Exhibition**, Bradford District Museum and Galleries, Bradford, UK

2020 **Jay & Mona Kang Juried Art Show & Sale**, Barber National Institute, Erie, PA

Awards

2026 **Donna Nicholas Scholarship for Ceramics**, PennWest University, Edinboro, PA

Temple Scholarship, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN

Best in Show, Intercollegiate Ceramics 2026, Oglebay Institute's Stifel Fine Arts Center, Wheeling, West Virginia

Juror: Ruth Douzinas

2025 **1st Place in Functional Category**, 27th Annual Mug Show, Clarion Association of Ceramic Artists, Clarion, PA

- Donna Nicholas Scholarship for Ceramics**, PennWest University, Edinboro, PA
1st Place in 3D Artworks, 33rd Annual Juried Art Show, Rabbit Run Community Arts Association, Madison, OH
- 2024 **Best in Show**, Baldwin Wallace Juried Art Exhibition, Fawick Art Gallery, Berea, OH
2nd Place recipient, Center for Global Exploration Photography Contest, Berea, OH
- 2023 **Alumni Study Abroad Scholarship**, Baldwin Wallace University
- 2020-2025 **Baldwin Wallace Deans' Scholarship**
- 2019-2025 **Dean's List**, Baldwin Wallace University
- 2020-2022 **Masonic Education Scholarship**, New York State

EXPERIENCE

- 2027 Expected **Demonstrating Artist**, Take Over Wheeling Weekend, Oglebay Institute's Stifel Fine Arts Center, Wheeling, West Virginia
- 2026 *Expected Artist in Residence*, Touchstone Center of Craft, Farmington, PA
Expected Studio Assistant, Keith Simpson Workshop, "Think Tank: Laboratory for Clay Thinkers," Haystack School of Craft, Deer Isle, Maine
Studio Assistant, Sara Torgison's Workshop, "Clay Critters: Hollow-Built Animal Sculpture," Penland School of Craft, Bakersville, NC
- 2025 **Graduate Assistantship**, Bruce Gallery, PennWest University, Edinboro, PA
Graduate Assistantship, Painting Department, PennWest University, Edinboro, PA
Work Study, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
- 2024-2025 **Intern**, Kristen Cliffler, Screw Factory Artists, Lakewood, OH
- Gained in-depth understanding of narrative ceramics through direct mentorship.
 - Assisted in the production of slip-cast ceramics and created plaster molds for press molding and slip casting, refining practical skills and gaining expertise in mold-making.
 - Acquired knowledge of firing processes and kiln management.
 - Explored and implemented new artistic narratives and techniques in my own studio practice, fostering creative growth.
 - Collaborated with other artists, curators, and gallery owners to exchange ideas and techniques, enriching the overall studio experience and my own artistic process

ATTENDED WORKSHOPS

- 2026 **Pulled Reliefs on a Vessel**, Huey Lee, Arrowmont, Gatlinburg, TN
- 2025 **Human Figure Through Gesture: Self-Expression & Emotion**, Jee Eun Lee, Arrowmont, Gatlinburg, TN
Hand Building and Wax Resist Surface Techniques, Liz Pechacek, Arrowmont, Gatlinburg, TN
Advanced Wheel Throwing & Sgraffito Designs, Larry Allen, Arrowmont, Gatlinburg, TN

MEMBERSHIPS

- 2026-27 **Treasurer**, Pennsylvania Western Edinboro University Clay Club
- 2025-26 **Member**, The National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA)
Congress Representative, Pennsylvania Western Edinboro University Clay Club