

TAYLOR A. MEZO

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EDUCATION	<i>Bachelor's in Fine Art, Ceramics</i> Governors State University, University Park, IL Cum Laude, graduation in Fall 2019	2016-2019
WORK EXPERIENCE	<i>Winter Studio Assistant</i> Penland School of Crafts, Spruce Pine NC	2022
	<i>Intern, Ceramics Studio Technician</i> Touchstone Center for Crafts, Farmington, PA	2020
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist with daily operations surrounding the ceramics studio• Studio maintenance and cleaning• Presenting and demonstrating techniques via Zoom• Problem solving a variety of technical problems with creative solutions	
	<i>Teacher's Assistant and After School Care</i> Kankakee Valley Montessori School, Bourbonnais, IL	2018-2020
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist lead teachers in daily activities• Includes observing, supervising, and disciplining children and organizational duties	
	<i>Housekeeping Work-Study</i> Arrowmont School of Arts and Craft	2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsible for cleaning facilities and dormitories• Multi Managing daily work tasks with workshops	
	<i>Intern</i> Peoria Art Guild, Peoria, IL	2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitating daily operations such as answering phones and directing attendees• Converted the original gallery documentation from paper to digital files using microsoft Excel• Installing and uninstalling exhibitions	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<i>Pittsburgh Center for Arts and Media, Pittsburgh PA</i> In-person and online adult ceramics classes and kids summer camps.	2021
	<i>Sweetwater Center for the Arts, Sewickley PA</i> Adult ceramic jewelry classes	
	<i>The Neighborhood Academy, Pittsburgh PA</i> Daily after school ceramics programs for kids ages 14-18	
	<i>Touchstone Center for Crafts</i> Demonstrating/Teaching artist via zoom.	2020

RESIDENCIES

<i>Winter Resident</i> Penland School of Craft, Spruce Pine NC	Jan 2020
<i>Short Term Resident Artist</i> Feb 2020 Peters Valley School of Craft, Sussex County NJ	Feb 2020
<i>Spring Pentaculum (Cancelled due to Covid-19)</i> Arrowmont School of Arts and Craft, Gatlinburg TN	May 2020
<i>Resident Artist</i> Pittsburgh Center for Arts and Media, Pittsburgh PA	2020-21
<i>Short Term Resident Artist (Rescheduled due to Covid-19)</i> Red Lodge Clay Center, Red Lodge MT	Feb 2022

**GROUP / INVITED
ARTIST / SOLO
EXHIBITION RECORD**

<i>Queer & Dear</i> Group exhibition of queer ceramic artist at Saltstone Ceramics, Seattle WA	2021
<i>CRAFTED</i> Invited Artist, handmade cup show and sale at Contemporary Craft, Pittsburgh PA	
<i>Design, Form, & Function</i> Invited Artist, Exhibition at McCord Gallery in Palos Park IL	
<i>The Tropic of Color</i> Invited Artist, Exhibition at Vestige Gallery in Pittsburgh PA	
<i>Gentle Geometry</i> Solo Exhibition at the Pittsburgh Center for Arts and Media	
<i>Open House Exhibition</i> Group Exhibition at Touchstone Center for Crafts, Farmington PA	2020
<i>Alone Together, A Miniature Group "Solo" Exhibition</i> Group exhibition featuring solo cups at Little Library Gallery, Farmington PA	
<i>Print on Clay</i> Group Exhibition at the GSU Visual Arts Gallery, University Park IL	2019
<i>Workstudy Exhibition</i> Group exhibition at the Arrowmont Studios Gallery, Gatlinburg TN	

**JURIED EXHIBITION
RECORD**

<i>Small Favors</i> The Clay Studio, Philadelphia PA	2021
<i>Craftforms 2021</i>	

Wayne Art Center, Wayne PA

Hella Cups

Applied Contemporary, Oakland CA

Strictly Functional Pottery National

Lancaster Museum of Art, Lancaster PA

Juried National VI

Red Lodge Clay Center, Red Lodge MT

Annual Spring Show

Erie Museum of Art, Erie PA

Hand to Mouth

Sweetwater Center for the Arts, Sewickley PA

Filled Up

New Harmony Clay Project, New Harmony IN

SIP A Ceramic Cup Show

Juried Exhibition, Savannah Clay Community, Savannah GA

2020

Last Call V

Juried Exhibition, Companion Gallery, Humboldt TN

6th Annual Dirty South Cup Competition

River Oaks Square Art Center, Alexandria LA

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Art Students League of Denver, CO

Kansas City Teabowl National

KC Clay Guild, Kansas City MO

Lip Service

Saratoga Clay Arts Center, Schuylerville NY

Kansas City Teabowl National

Juried Exhibition, KC Clay Guild, Kansas City MO

2019

Drink 2

Juried Exhibition, Silpe Gallery at University of Hartford, West Hartford CT

Strictly Functional Pottery National

Juried Exhibition, Market House Craft Center, Petersburg PA

2019 Workstudy Exhibition

Group Exhibition, Arrowmont Studios Gallery, Gatlinburg TN

Function Fest

Juried Exhibition, Clay Center of New Orleans, New Orleans LA

Working Pots

Juried Exhibition, James May Gallery, Algoma WI

Print on Clay

Group Exhibition, The GSU Visual Arts Gallery, University Park IL

2019 Biennial Quad State Exhibition

Juried Exhibition, Quincy Art Center, Quincy IL

Twin Cups

Juried Exhibition, MWSU Clay Guild, Saint Joseph MO

The Cup Show

Juried Exhibition, Clay Art Vegas, Las Vegas NV

The Almighty Cup

Juried Exhibition, Gandee Gallery, Fabius NY

Cheers! Drink Up! Celebrating the Clay Drinking Vessel

Juried Exhibition, Commonwheel Artist Co-op, Manitou Springs CO

2018

The President's Show

Juried Exhibition, The GSU Visual Arts Gallery, University Park IL

All Student Show

Group Exhibition, The GSU Visual Arts Gallery, University Park IL

RETAILERS

Arrowmont Supply Store

Gatlinburg, TN

2019-

Moon Cookie Gallery

Kankakee, IL

2021

SLUG Shop

Gatlinburg, TN

2019-20

Baltimore Clayworks

Baltimore, MD

2021-

Saltstone Ceramics

Seattle, WA

2021-

Touchstone Center for Crafts Gallery

Farmington, PA

2020-

Small Mall PGH

Pittsburgh, PA

2021-

GRANTS/AWARDS

Friends of Arrowmont Scholarship

Full workshop tuition rewarded to recipients based on financial need and personal artistic goals.

2019

Dr. William E. Engbretson Endowed Scholarship in Art and Sculpture

Awarded to one art major at Governor State University every year who exhibits excellence in the creation of fine arts.

2018

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Created 250 slipcasted, glazed, and decaled cups for the annual Wine & Dine

benefit at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park in University Park, IL.

Worked with administration and studios, over the period of 7 months, to create a ceramics residency program at the Pittsburgh Center of Arts and Media. With the main goal of enriching the ceramic community within the center and surrounding area, and developing the resident professionally.