

# Ray Brown

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## Education

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2019 – 2022	<b>Masters of Fine Arts</b> , Ceramics, West Virginia University (WVU), Morgantown, WV Committee Members Shoji Satake, Robert “Boomer” Moore, Jen Allen, Jeffrey Moser, Kofi Opoku and Shalya Marsh
2014 – 2019	<b>Bachelor of Fine Arts</b> , Major In Ceramics, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS, Department Head Matt Long, with Honors from <b>Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College</b>

## Professional Experience & Leadership

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2022-Present	<b>Ceramic Instructor and Technician</b> , Art Department, University of Mississippi, maintenance and supervision of all equipment, materials, inventory, and instructing classes
2022	<b>Workshop and Firing Technician</b> , Simon Levin, Virgil Ortiz and Mike Tavares at WVU Ceramics, Finished construction of tube wood kiln, Fabricated insulated stoke doors, extended chimney, prepped glazes, clay, wadding, established semi-private visiting artist space, assisted in loading, firing, and shut down procedures
2020 – 2022	<b>WVU Production Assistant</b> , Produce wares for two annual sales, skills with jigger jolly, ram press, mold making, sale organization, firing
2021 – 2022	<b>President</b> , WVU Clay Club, Reinstated official club status, organized visiting artist opportunities
Summer 2021	<b>Studio Assistant</b> , Julia Galloway, Missoula, MT, juliagalloway.com Throwing forms, kiln repair, glaze research, personal research
Summer 2020	<b>Summer Artist in Residence</b> , University of Montana <b>Resident Artist</b> , Deer Shed Studio, Shoji Satake and Jen Allen’s Backyard Shed, during initial COVID outbreak, no regular school access <b>Summer Kiln Assistant</b> , WVU, Hired on to tear down 4 medium to large hardbrick kilns, assisted in the installation of 5 Blaauw Kilns
Fall 2019	<b>International Residency and Exchange Program</b> , WVU Ceramics, Pottery Workshop, JDZ, Program Coordinator Shoji Satake, attended for all fall semester
Summer 2018	<b>Studio Assistant</b> , Chris Gustin & Gustin Ceramics LLC, Dartmouth, MA, gustinceramics.com. Studio renovation, fabrication, construction, tile production, glazing, personal research
Summer 2017	<b>Slip Caster</b> , Christopher Spitzmiller Inc, Manhattan, NY, NY, christopherspitzmiller.com, mold making, sales, production, personal research <b>Studio Technician</b> , BKLYN Clay Studio, Brooklyn, NY, bklynclay.com Mixing glazes, loading member work, studio management, personal research
2016 – 2018	<b>Art Department Secretary</b> , Department of Art, University of Mississippi
2015 – 2019	<b>Mud Daubers Ceramic Organization</b> , Ceramics Department, University of Mississippi
Summer 2015	<b>Study Abroad</b> , Florence University of the Arts (FUA), Florence, Italy

## Teaching Experience

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Fall 2024 - Present	<b>Beginning Ceramics 340</b> , Instructor of Record
Fall 2022 - Present	<b>Intermediate Ceramics / Handbuilding 341/342 Stacked Class</b> , Instructor of Record
2019 – 2022	<b>Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA)</b> , West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, Shadowed and Taught Individual sections <b>Spring 2022</b> Foundations for Art Majors

**Fall 2021** Drawing for Art Majors  
**Spring 2021** Ceramics Lead Production Assistant  
**Fall 2020** Intro to Ceramics for Non-Majors  
**Spring 2020** Intro to Ceramics for Non-Majors

### Workshops, Lectures & Events

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2024	<b>Presenter</b> , Zoom Artist Talk and Q&A, Westminster College Ceramics Department, coordinator Summer Zickefoose
2023	<b>Participant</b> , Equitable Hiring Practices Workshop, University of Mississippi <b>Participant</b> , Woodfiring, University of Mississippi
2022	<b>Participant</b> , WVU Inaugural Tube Kiln Firing, Simon Levin and Virgil Ortiz Workshop <b>Participant</b> , Woodfiring, University of Mississippi
2021	<b>Presenter</b> , WVU China Program, Freshman Elective Class, Professor Alison Helm, WVU Engineering Building, Morgantown, WV
2019	<b>Lecturer</b> , Learning Arts Center "Artist Lecture Series", WVU China Program, Pottery Workshop, Jingdezhen, Jiangxi, PRC
2015-2019	<b>Participant</b> , Woodfiring, University of Mississippi

### Awards and Scholarships

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2024	<b>Poster for Show, On The Daily Coffee and Tea</b> , Studio & Gallery, Durango, Co, juror Lorna Meaden <b>Included in Poster</b> , Southern Miss Ceramic National and Cups of Contemplation
2019	<b>Poster for Show, Margarita Invitational</b> , Companion Gallery, Invitational
2016	<b>Studio Potter Award</b> , NCECA National Juried Student Show 2019, Minneapolis, MN <b>Anderson Ranch Fellowship Scholarship</b> Provided assistance to attend one workshop at the Ranch

### Solo Exhibitions

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2023	<b>Companion Gallery</b> , Solo Show, Humboldt, TN
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### Invitational and Group Exhibitions

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2024	<b>Helene Relief Exhibition</b> , Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN <b>Spring 2024 Exhibition</b> , Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN <b>Workhouse Ceramics BrewWorks Invitational Exhibit</b> , Lorton, Virginia <b>Good Habit Pottery Co Pop Up</b> , Richmond, VA <b>Margarita Invitational</b> , Companion Gallery, Juror Brett Kern <b>Material Mug IX</b> , Companion Gallery <b>Westminster College Group Show</b> , Amelia Stamps, Sara Anderson and myself, Foster Art Gallery, New Wilmington, PA <b>Crafted for the Holidays</b> , The Store at Contemporary Craft, Pittsburgh, PA <b>Last Call IX</b> , Companion Gallery, Juror Andrew Clark
2023	<b>Material Mug VIII</b> , Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN
2022	<b>MFA Thesis Exhibition</b> , West Virginia University
2021	<b>Companion Gallery</b> , Clay Siblings Holiday Benefit Exhibition, Invitational, Humboldt, TN
2019	<b>BFA Thesis Exhibition</b> , University of Mississippi <b>International Student Group Exhibition</b> , Mufei Gallery, Pottery Workshop, WVU Ceramics Program, Jingdezhen, Jiangxi, PRC

### Juried Exhibitions

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2024	<b>Tea</b> , Artspace, NCECA affiliated exhibition, Richmond, VA, Juror Mitch Iburg <b>Southern MS Cups of Contemplation</b> , The University of Southern Mississippi Museum of Art, Hattiesburg, MS, Jurors Tom and Elaine Coleman
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- Southern MS Ceramic National**, The University of Southern Mississippi Museum of Art, Hattiesburg, MS, Jurors Tom and Elaine Coleman
- Wood, Soda, Salt**, Department of Visual Art, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY, juror Kait Arndt
- On The Daily Coffee and Tea**, Studio & Gallery, Durango, Co, juror Lorna Meaden
- Functional Fall: Put A Lid On It**, Clay Art Center, Port Chester, NY, Jurors Doug Peltzman and Jen Allen
- Its Only Clay**, Watermark Art Center, Bemidji, MN, juror Mark Lambert
- Yellow Springs Ceramics National Exhibition**, Chester Springs, PA, Juror Chris Staley
- Seventeenth Annual Cup Show: Form and Function**, Amelia Center Gallery, Panama City Florida, Juror Martha Grover
- Spring Honors Art Showcase**, Yoknapatawpha Arts Council, Powerhouse, Oxford, MS, Student and Faculty show, juried by students
- 2023 **Mississippi Clayworks**, Blues in Clay, Juried Show, Tupelo, MS, juror Antoinette Badenhorst and Gail Morton
- Wichita Ceramic National**, Juried Exhibition, Ruben Saunders Gallery, Wichita, KS, Jurors Chotsani Dean and David Hiltner
- 2021 **Last Call VIII**, Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN, Juror Chanakarn Semachai
- Companion Gallery**, Last Call VII, National Juried Exhibition, Humboldt, TN, Juror Tim Kowalczyk
- George Caleb Bingham Gallery**, The Clay Cup V: Vessel, Icon, Canvas, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, Juror Kevin Snipes
- Annual Cup Show**, The Worcester Center for Crafts, Worcester, MA, Juror Kelly Justice
- 2019 **Student Juried Show**, WVU, Morgantown, WV
- NCECA National Student Juried Exhibition**, Soo Visual Arts Center, Minneapolis, MN, Jurors Linda Nguyen Lopez and Steven Young Lee
- 2018 **Strictly Functional Pottery National**, Kevin Lehman Pottery, Lancaster, PA, Juror Ben Carter
- Companion Gallery**, Last Call III, Humboldt, TN, Juror Brett Kern
- Student Summer Exhibition**, Meek Gallery, Art Department, University of Mississippi (Ole Miss), Oxford, MS, Juror Justin Bowles, Christian Brothers University
- 2017 **Savannah Clay Community**, SIP: A Ceramic Cup Show, Savannah, GA, Jurors Anthony Debreceeny, Kimberly Riner, and Keith Wallace Smith
- Companion Gallery**, Last Call II, Humboldt, TN, Juror Jen Allen

#### Juried Exhibitions - continued

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- 2016 **Barksdale Gallery**, Water Rights Show, Oxford, MS, Coordinator, Virginia Rougon Chavis
- 2015 **Companion Gallery**, Irons in the Fire, Humboldt, TN, Juror Justin Rothshank
- Student Summer Exhibition**, Meek Gallery, Art Department, University of Mississippi (Ole Miss), Oxford, MS, Juror Michael Williams, Nicholls State University

#### Workshops / Lectures Attended

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- 2024 **John Balistreri**, University of Mississippi
- NCECA**, Richmond, VA
- 2023 **Mississippi Clay Conference**, Tupelo, MS
- NCECA**, Cincinnati, OH
- 2022 **Simon Levin and Virgil Ortiz**, Woodfiring Workshop
- NCECA**, Sacramento, CA
- John Balistreri**, University of Mississippi
- 2021 **NCECA**, Virtual, Assisted WVU Booth
- 2020 **Brad Schweiger**, WVU
- 2019 **Resident Artist Lecture Series**, Pottery Workshop, JDZ

- 2018 **Brad Schweiger**, University of Mississippi  
**Linda Christianson and Simon Levin**, Union University  
**Matt Schiemann**, University of Mississippi  
**NCECA**, Pittsburgh  
**NCECA Preconference Workshop**, Jen Allen, Debra Schwartzcopf and Kurt Anderson,  
West Virginia University
- 2017 **Chandra DeBuse and Tommy Frank**, University of Mississippi  
**NCECA**, Portland
- 2016 **Put A Lid On It**, Kent McLaughlin and Suzie Lindsay, Anderson Ranch, attended via  
Merit Scholarship  
**Von Venhuizen**, University of Mississippi  
**NCECA**, Kansas City
- 2015 **David Hiltner**, University of Mississippi

### **Publications**

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- 2024 **Ceramics Monthly Emerging Artist**  
**Ceramics Monthly Process Article**, Thrown and Altered Basket  
**Potterscast Interview**, It's a Lab, Paul Blais, date  
**The Holcad**, The Westminster College Student Newspaper, "College art gallery  
features ceramic works from 3 artists", September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**Studio Potter**, Swinging Door Conversion, Kiln Archive, Published October 26<sup>th</sup>, Editor  
Randi O'Brien
- 2022 **Mechanisms of Nourishment**, MFA Thesis, West Virginia University
- 2019 **Studio Potter Magazine**, "Defining the Game" September issue, published  
by Studio Potter  
**Breath: Capturing Energetic Forms In Pottery**, Undergraduate Honors Thesis,  
University of Mississippi