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EDUCATION

The University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

M.F.A. Studio Art

Area of Concentration: Ceramics

2017

Thesis: Memories to Objects: Taking Inspiration from Family Tradition

Truman State University, Kirksville, Missouri

M.A. in Education

Area of Concentration: Visual Arts Education

2011

Thesis: "The Effects of Creative Writing in the Visual Arts Classroom"

Truman State University, Kirksville, Missouri

B.F.A. in Visual Arts

Area of Concentration: Ceramics

2010

Senior Thesis: Clay and Wood

Truman State University, Kirksville, Missouri

B.A. in Visual Arts

2010

Area of Concentration: Painting

Senior Thesis: Graffiti in the Gallery

TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, South Carolina

Associate Professor of Ceramics and Art Education

2022- Present

Led the redevelopment of both the Ceramics and Art Education curriculum, worked on restructuring of the visual art program for reaccreditation while teaching, designing, and promoting student success and guidance in Ceramics, 3-D Design Foundations, Art Appreciation, and Art Education. In addition, maintained supplies and equipment in the Ceramics/Sculpture studio and the Woodshop.

South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, South Carolina

Assistant Professor of Ceramics and Art Education

2017 - 2022

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South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, South Carolina

Program Coordinator for Visual Art

2018 - 2021

Analyzed and evaluated the curriculum for all degree and course offerings to provide leadership in the restructuring and updating programs. I led unit meetings to balance the unit budget, organize recruiting and retention efforts, created course scheduling for each semester and worked with the unit while reporting to our accreditation agency (NASAD) as an accredited member institution.

The University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

Instructor of Record

2014 – 2017

Developed course syllabus and curriculum, administered student assessments in Ceramics I. Collaborated with the head of the Ceramics Department and other instructors while providing instruction to both art majors and non-majors.

Oak Harbor High School, Oak Harbor, Washington

Pottery and Design Teacher

2012 – 2014

Created course syllabi and curriculum, administered student assessments in Pottery, Advanced Pottery, and Black and White Design while collaborating with other art teachers in the school district for art shows and professional development.

Parkway School District, St. Louis, Missouri

Substitute Teacher

2011 – 2012

Provided support for educators as needed throughout the school, maintained a functioning classroom in the absence of the regular classroom teacher, and adapted to the many styles of classroom functions as the assignment changed frequently.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, South Carolina

President of Faculty Senate

2021 - Present

Led and chaired the faculty of South Carolina State University. Represented the faculty as an Ex-Officio member on the Board of Trustees. In addition to listening to concerns, creating proposals, organizing, working on many committees, I regularly met with the President and Provost to raise concerns and advocate for faculty and programing while working to push the University forward.

South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, South Carolina

Vice-President of Faculty Senate

2019 - 2021

Represented the faculty of South Carolina State University by listening to concerns, creating proposals, and working on many committees. This position includes tasks like attending Board of Trustee meetings and meeting with the Provost and President of the University on a regular basis while always advocating for the faculty as a whole and on some individual cases. Most recently this work included administrative and pandemic related issues.

The University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

President - KU Ceramics Club

2015 – 2017

Planned and organized sales, shows, visiting artists, and events. Petitioned student government and funding opportunities to allow for the establishment of a visiting artist series to supplement the curriculum and needs of the wide range of students in the ceramics department to the total of \$40,000 over two years.

The University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

Studio Assistant - Ceramics

2014 – 2017

Worked with the studio technician to maintain equipment and facilities in working order. Build shelves for storage and organization, mixed glazes and slips, prepared wood, and repaired and built kilns including electric, gas and wood.

Peters Valley School of Craft, Layton, New Jersey

Summer Studio Assistant - Ceramics

2016

Facilitated the needs of workshop artists, students, and the Ceramics Director throughout the summer workshop season. Duties included, mixing clay and glaze, firing kilns of all types, assisting the artists during demonstrations, instructing students, and maintaining a clean, well-stocked studio.

Truman State University, Kirksville, Missouri

Ceramic Studio Assistant

2007 – 2010

Provided support to the Ceramics professor and students by maintaining a clean studio, mixing clay and glazes, loading and collecting data of electric, gas and atmospheric kilns.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Penland School of Craft Distinguished Fellow

2022

Ceramic Centric – Honorable Mention

2019

701 Center for Contemporary Art – Art Prize Finalist

2018

Almighty Cup Show – Honorable Mention

2018

South Carolina State University - Junior Faculty Travel Grant

2018

Fine Contemporary Craft Exhibition – First Place

2017

Almighty Cup Show – Honorable Mention

2017

Wichita Arts Council Juried Show – Third Place

2016

University of Kansas – Ceramics Club Travel Award

2016

Peters Valley School of Craft - Summer Studio Assistantship Residency

2016

Anderson Ranch Arts Center - Partnership Scholarship

2015

University of Kansas - School of the Arts Travel Grant

2015

University of Kansas – Graduate Teaching Assistantship

2014-17

WORKSHOPS, RESIDENCIES, AND SPEAKING EVENTS

Penland School of Craft Summer Workshop Instructor – Penland, North Carolina	2024
Speedball Demonstrating Artist – NCECA Conference, Richmond Virginia	2024
Clemson University Visiting Artist, Woodfiring lead – Clemson, South Carolina	2022
Penland School of Craft Winter Residency – Penland, North Carolina	2022
Clemson University Visiting Artist – Clemson, South Carolina	2021
Hampton County Art Council Visiting Artist – Hampton, South Carolina	2021
Mid-Atlantic Keramik Exchange Residency – Reykjavik, Iceland	2019
Laser Cutting and 3D Scanning Workshop - University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina	2019
Visiting Artist Lecture - University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina	2019
Community Forum Panelist – South Carolina Clay Conference, Newberry, South Carolina	2019
Visiting Artist Demonstration Workshop – Truman State University	2019
Visiting Artist Workshop – Kirksville Public Schools	2019
NASAD Annual Meeting Open Forum Moderator - Historically Black Institutions	2018
Demonstration Workshop – Sandhill School, Columbia South Carolina	2018
Keynote Panelist – Lifeguards Unlimited Leadership Conference, St. Louis, Missouri	2018
Artist Talk – I.P. Stanback Museum, South Carolina State University	2018
Artist Lecture – South Carolina State University	2018
Artist Talk – Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts	2017

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

<i>Fake Flowers, in the meantime</i>	
Acline Studios, Lake City, South Carolina	2025
<i>In the meantime</i>	
Stanley Arts Center, Hampton, South Carolina	2025
<i>Emergence: A Survey of Southeastern Studio Programs</i>	
The Bascom: A center for the Visual Arts, Highlands, North Carolina	2025
<i>Speedball Art Products Print Artist Show</i>	
Iredell Arts Council, Statesville, North Carolina	2024
<i>Small Town/Big World: Conceptions of Community</i>	
Stanley Arts Center, Hampton, South Carolina	2023
<i>Raise a Toast</i>	
Edwardsville Arts Center, Edwardsville, Illinois	2022
<i>SC State University Faculty Exhibition</i>	
Stanley Arts Center, Hampton, South Carolina	2022
<i>A Fine Hand</i>	
Orangeburg Fine Arts Center, Orangeburg, South Carolina	2021
<i>Incubation</i>	
Peters Valley Gallery, Peters Valley School of Craft, Layton, New Jersey	2020
<i>Artfields</i> * cancelled	
ArtFields Competition, Lake City, South Carolina	2020
<i>The Great Divide</i>	
Morean Center for Clay, St. Petersburg, Florida	2019-20
<i>Dirt in the Wrong Hands</i>	
Quaid Gallery, Tampa, Florida	2019
<i>Mid-Atlantic</i>	
The Nordic House, Reykjavik, Iceland	2019
<i>Artfields</i>	
ArtFields Competition, Lake City, South Carolina	2019
<i>Ceramic Centric</i>	
Foundry Art Centre, St. Charles, Missouri	2019
<i>Dreamwork</i>	
Truman State University Art Gallery, Kirksville, Missouri	2019
<i>Homage</i>	
Palmetto Curatorial Exchange, SC-ETV Studios, Columbia, South Carolina	2019
<i>701 Center For Contemporary Art Prize</i>	
701 Center for Contemporary Art, Columbia, South Carolina	2018
<i>Material Mugs III: Underglaze</i>	
Companion Gallery, Humbolt, Tennessee	2018

<i>The Almighty Cup</i> Gandee Gallery, Fabius, New York	2018
<i>Last Call III</i> Companion Gallery, Humbolt, Tennessee	2018
<i>Palliative Pour</i> Threadbare Cider House, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania	2018
<i>Resistance, Reform and Reasoning: The Orangeburg Massacre and Its Aftermath, 50 Years Later</i> I.P. Stanback Museum and Planetarium, Orangeburg, South Carolina	2018
<i>Are We All Here?: Solo Exhibition</i> FAB Gallery, Orangeburg, South Carolina	2018
<i>Geaux Cups</i> Clay Center of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana	2018
<i>Fine Contemporary Craft</i> ArtSpace, Raleigh, North Carolina	2017
<i>Biennial Sculpture Exhibition</i> Tryon Fine Arts Center, Tryon, North Carolina	2017
<i>The Almighty Cup</i> Gandee Gallery, Fabius, New York	2017
<i>Kansas City Clay Guild Tea Bowl National Juried Exhibition</i> Bredin-Lee Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri	2017
<i>University of Kansas and Kansas State University Ceramics Graduate Student Exhibition</i> SeedCo. Studios, Lawrence, Kansas	2017
<i>To Remember Them: Solo Exhibition</i> Trap Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri	2017
<i>Memories to Objects: Solo Exhibition</i> The White Schoolhouse, Lawrence, Kansas	2017
<i>Kansas State University and University of Kansas Ceramics Graduate Student Exhibition</i> Student Union Gallery, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas	2017
<i>Group Exhibition</i> Guerilla Gallery, Lawrence, Kansas	2017
<i>Arts Council Juried Exhibition</i> CityArts Main Gallery, Wichita, Kansas	2016
<i>The Clay Cup: Vessel, Icon, Canvas</i> George Caleb Bingham Gallery, Columbia, Missouri	2016
<i>Atmospheric Firings: Life on the Range</i> Yantra, Lawrence Kansas	2016
<i>Ninth Annual Cup Show: Form and Function</i> Amelia Center Gallery, Panama City, Florida	2016
<i>The Almighty Cup</i> Gandee Gallery, Fabius, New York	2016
<i>Arts at the Port: Juried Art Exhibition</i> Port Transit Shed Event Center, Anacortes, WA	2016
<i>Making Matters: Fresh Perspectives in Fine Craft, Vol. 2</i> Sally D. Francisco Gallery, Peters Valley School of Craft, Layton, New Jersey	2016
<i>Hinting at a Narrative: Solo Exhibition</i> Kansas Union Gallery, Lawrence, Kansas	2016
<i>Bricolage: Group Exhibition</i> Art Emergency, Lawrence, Kansas	2016
<i>Earth>Water>Fire: The Art of the Mug</i> Phoenix Underground, Lawrence, Kansas	2016
<i>Graduate Student Exhibition</i> Art and Design Gallery, Lawrence, Kansas	2016
<i>The Almighty Cup</i> Gandee Gallery, Fabius, New York	2015
<i>2015 Bellingham National Salon des Refusés</i> Whatcom Museum, Bellingham, Washington	2015
<i>The Art of Gastronomy</i> Healdsburg Center for the Arts, Healdsburg, California	2015
<i>Unmonumental</i> Columbia, Missouri	2014
<i>Graduate Student Exhibition</i> Art and Design Gallery, Lawrence, Kansas	2014

B.A Thesis Exhibition

Truman State University, Kirksville, Missouri

2010

B.F.A. Thesis Exhibition

Truman State University, Kirksville, Missouri

2009

Annual Juried Student Show

Truman State University, Kirksville, Missouri

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