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BORN

1970 Charleston, South Carolina

EDUCATION

2005 University of California, Berkeley, MFA

2000 University of Southern California, BFA

1994 United States Marine Corps, Sergeant

Awards:

Regional Award for Excellence, NCECA 2022, Sacramento CA 2022

Art and Healing Network Award: Art for Social Change, Stinson Beach, CA 2015

United States Artists Berman Bloch Fellow, Los Angeles, CA 2010

Lighton International Artists Exchange Program, Grant, Kansas City, MO 2010

Emerging Artist, National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts, Phoenix AZ 2009

The Gorusebeck Family Foundation, Grant, Stanford CA 2006

The Harry Lord Ford Award University of California at Berkeley, 2005

The J. Ruth Kelsey Merit Travel Award, University of California at Berkeley 2005

Collections:

Renwick Museum Permanent Collection

Everson Museum

Scripps College

Arizona State University Ceramics Research Center

Work:

1989-1994 United States Marine Corps, Sergeant

2000-2001 University of Southern California, Studio Technician

2005-Present University of California at Berkeley, Senior Laboratory Mechanician

2005-Present University of California at Berkeley, Visiting Lecturer (summer)

SELECTED GROUP and SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *Esprits libres exhibition*, Fondation Bernardaud, Limoges, France.
VET ART Pop-up Community Arts Café, Sacramento Capitol Steps, Sacramento CA
Uniting US: Celebrating Art and Engagement Inspired Wellness, Library of Congress, Washington DC
Occupation, Uniting US, Walter Reed Medical Center, George Mason University, Washington DC
Occupation, Veterans Rally Point/Voluntown Peace Center, Norwich CT
- 2021 VET ART Pop-up Community Arts Café, Cal Veterans Services, Berkeley CA
VET ART Pop-up Community Arts Café, Museum of Northern California Art, Chico CA
- 2020 COVID 19
- 2019 *Little Piece of Lead*, National Veterans Art Summit, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
Rat Trap, NCECA Show, California Building, Minneapolis, MN
Finding the Authentic Self, Sabes Jewish Community Center Art Gallery, St. Luis Park, MN
*F**K plastic cups*, Adeline's Lab Gallery, Berkeley, CA
- 2018 *A Different 1%*, Cypress College, Cypress CA
Power of the Cup, Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill, CA
Turning Tales, KALA Art Institute, Berkeley, CA
US, Clay Art Center, Port Chester, NY
Artist/Veteran, Haystack Center for Community Programs, Deer Isle, MA
Rethink Vets, Greater Pittsburgh Arts, Council, Pittsburgh, PA
Bay Area Clay/ Legacy of Social Conscious, Pence Gallery, Davis, CA
MONCA Honors Our Veterans, Museum of Northern California Art, Chico, CA
Dirty Canteen, California Polytechnic State University, San Louis Obispo, CA
Veteran's Views: Art by Those Who've Served, Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara, CA
- 2017 *Standard Deviations*, Hunter College, New York, NY
From Funk to Punk: Left Coast Ceramics, Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY
Bay Area Clay/ Legacy of Social Conscious, Arts Benicia, Benicia, CA
BC to BC: A survey of contemporary ceramics from Baja California to British Columbia, San Diego Art Institute, San Diego, CA
Down Range, Umpqua Valley Arts Association, Roseberg, OR
Bay Area Clay/ Legacy of Social Conscious, Hoffman Gallery of Contemporary Art Lewis & Clark College, Portland, OR
Occupation, Oregon College of Arts and Crafts, Portland, OR
LH Project, Ace Hotel, Portland OR
Pots in Action, Ash Street Projects, Portland OR
United by Hand: Work and Service by Drew Cameron, Alicia Dietz and Ehren Tool, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX
- 2016 *Not Alone: Exploring the Bonds Between and With Members of the Armed Forces*, San Francisco Art Commission Galleries, San Francisco, CA
The Dirty Canteen: Contemporary Art Made by Military Veterans, College of the Redwoods, Eureka, CA
Postscripts to Revolution, Southern Exposure, San Francisco, CA
Welcome to the Left Coast, The Luggage Store, San Francisco, CA
Ehren Tool: Meditation on the Impacts of War, Minnesota Street Project, San Francisco, CA
Connections: Contemporary Craft at the Renwick Gallery, Renwick Gallery, Washington, DC
Unconventional Clay, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, MO
Ehren Tool, Space One Eleven, Birmingham, AL

- 2015 *Meditation on the Impact of War*, 22913rd Street (Minnesota Street Project), San Francisco, CA
Service Records: Documenting the Veteran Experience through Art, Union Art Gallery, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, WI
A Nation of Makers: Works From The American Craft Collection, Idyllwild Arts, Idyllwild, CA
Action/Reaction, Prairie State College, Chicago Heights, IL
Out of Thousands, Long Beach City College, Long Beach, CA
The Uncertainty of a Life in Security: Veterans Back Home, University of Texas San Antonio, TX
Statement Piece: Erik Gronberg and Ehren Tool, Arizona State University Art Museum, Tempe, AZ
Into The Woods, Granville Gallery, Paris France
Pas de Bol, Vent des Foret, Fresnes-au-Mont, France
Art and Other Tactics: Contemporary, Museum of Craft and Design, San Francisco, CA
Art and Other Tactics: Contemporary, Craft and Folk Art Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Service: Military, Arts and Transformation, American Jewish University, Los Angeles, CA
The CURRENTS: IMPACT, Focus Gallery, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
Emergency/Emergence: Art After War, The Merced County Arts Council, Merced, CA
Pedagogic Clay 2, Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, CA
- 2014 *One Death Is A Tragedy*, Pro Arts, Oakland, CA
Occupation, National Veterans Art Museum, Chicago, IL
Occupation, Palo Alto Art Center, Palo Alto, CA
Surrealism and War, National Veterans Art Museum, Chicago, IL
Occupation, The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA
Clay Provocateurs, Pence Gallery, Davis, CA
- 2013 *Art of InJustice*, The Cup, Muncie IN
Citizen, Soldier, Citizen, Lubeznik Center for the Arts, Michigan City, IN
Art about War, at "Pathways Home Conference", Sheraton Four Points, Los Angeles, CA
Westbobou Festival, Augusta, GA
Our Veterans, San Pablo Art Gallery, San Pablo, CA
Local Color with Dirty Canteen, Escondido Arts Partnership Municipal Gallery, Escondido, CA
Art out of War, Joseph Center for Arts and Culture, Joseph OR
Finding Home: Artwork by Veterans, Rosenberg Library, City College of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
War and Healing, Euphrat Museum of Art, De Anza College, Cupertino, CA
Clay in the Bay, de Saisset Museum, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA
Intersecting Paths: Arts & Healing, Hebrew Union College, Los Angeles, CA
- 2012 *In War: Schoenherr Gallery, North Central College, Naperville, IL*
Veterans Voices 3: Bridgehead Gallery, Alameda, CA
Agit Props: University Art Gallery, CSU Chico, Chico CA
Veteran Expression, Fe Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA
Production or Destruction, Craft and Folk Art Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Yelling Clinic, Berkeley Art Center, Berkeley, CA
40+ Years of Richard Shaw's Students, Worth Ryder Gallery, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
Making Mends, Bellevue Arts Museum, Bellevue, WA
Humble Occupation, Stray Dog hosted by Project Slogan, Aberdeen, Scotland, UK
- 2011 *Iraqimemorial.org, EFA Project Space, New York, NY*
Hey! Modern art et pop culture, Halle Saint Pierre, Paris, France
Ehren Tool, Red Star Studios Gallery, Kansas City, MO
SuperVision, Dorthy Herger Gallery, Salano Community College, Fairfield, CA
Faculty Connections, L H Horton Jr. Gallery, Delta College, Stockton, CA
- 2010 *200 war stories: Ehren Tool*, Bongouit Showroom, Berlin, Germany
Criss Crossing, Cal State Pomona, Santa Clara, CA
DIY: A Revolution in Handicrafts, Society for Contemporary Craft, Pittsburgh, PA
Art of Transformation, JFK University, Berkeley, CA
Gestures, Museum of Contemporary Craft, Portland, OR
Dis/Arming Domesticity, Community Arts Center, Wallingford, PA
To Die For, Projects Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
Iraqimemorial.org, Sheppard Fine Arts Gallery, University of Nevada, Reno, NV
Printmakers Go to War, Swarthmore College Library, Swarthmore, PA
- 2009 *War Work*, The College of Wooster Art Museum, Wooster, OH
Pandemic, Overtone, Los Angeles, CA
Veterans' Voice, K Gallery, Alameda, CA
Nor Cal Clay II, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA
War Work, Carleton College Art Gallery, Northfield, MN
Insights of Life from the Shadows of Death, Red Door Gallery, Oakland, CA
What the Future May Hold: Artists Consider the Post-Bush World, Santa Fe Clay, Santa Fe NM

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