

# BETHANY RUSEN

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## EDUCATION

- 2010 MFA magna cum laude (with distinction) in Ceramic Sculpture  
*University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, North Dartmouth, MA*
- 2003 BFA cum laude in Ceramic Sculpture  
*Tyler School of Art, Temple University, Philadelphia PA*
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2012-Present **Ceramics Studio Manager & Technician**  
*Ceramics Instructor wheelthrowing and handbuilding  
Main Line Art Center / Haverford PA*
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*Main Line Art Center / Haverford PA*
- 2012-Present **Ceramics Instructor** wheelthrowing and handbuilding  
*Delaware Art Museum / Wilmington DE*
- 2010 **Ceramics Instructor / Artist in Residence**  
*Nantucket Island School of Design and the Arts (NISDA) / Nantucket MA*
- 2009-2010 **Work Study Manager / Coordinator**  
*Ceramics Department / University of Massachusetts Dartmouth / North  
Dartmouth MA*
- 2009 **Teaching Assistant for James Lawton Ceramics III: Junior Level Tableware**  
*University of Massachusetts Dartmouth / North Dartmouth MA*
- 2009-2010 **UMass Dartmouth College Graduate Committee (CGC)**  
*Artisanry Student Representative / University of Massachusetts*
- 2007-2009 **Instructor of Record**  
*3D Design Foundation Workshop: Ceramics, Ceramics I: Handbuilding,  
Ceramics II: Wheelthrowing  
College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA)  
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth / North Dartmouth MA*
- 2008-2009 **UMass Dartmouth Ceramics Club President**  
*College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA)  
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth / New Bedford MA*
- 2006-2007 **Claymobile Outreach Program** assistant and head instructor  
*The Clay Studio / Philadelphia PA*
- 2006 **Art Quest Summer Program** jewelry, sculpture and book arts instructor  
*Germantown Academy / Fort Washington PA*
- 2005-2006 **Mentorship Program for High School Students**  
*Houston Center for Contemporary Craft / Houston TX*
- 2005 **After School Art Program** paper arts instructor  
*Project Rowhouses / Houston TX*
- 2002-2003 **Weekend Art Workshop for High School Students & Adults** ceramics  
*instructor / Tyler School of Art / Elkins Park PA*

## AWARDS / GRANTS / RESIDENCIES

- 2015 **Installation work at Philadelphia International Airport** (upcoming)  
2012-2013 **Artist in Residence** *Please Touch Museum / Philadelphia PA*  
2013 **Nevelson / Cornell: Mixed Media & Found Objects**  
*one day workshop at The Resource Exchange / Philadelphia PA*  
2012 **Kickstarter Grant** *in support of Please Touch Museum Residency*  
2011 **Slide Slam 2011 Participant** *Real Art Ways / Hartford CT*  
2010 **Artist in Residence / Ceramics Instructor**  
*Nantucket Island School of Design and the Arts (NISDA) / Nantucket MA*  
2010 **3<sup>rd</sup> Place Juror's Award** : Clay on the Wall :: 2010 Clay National  
*Texas Tech University School of Art / Lubbock TX*  
2009 **Ceramics Club Scholarship Award** in support of a collaborative project with  
*Aleksander Bohnek UMass Dartmouth / North Dartmouth MA*  
2007-2009 **Graduate Teaching Assistantship** *UMass Dartmouth / North Dartmouth MA*  
2007-2010 **Academic Merit Scholarship** *UMass Dartmouth / North Dartmouth MA*  
2005-2006 **Artist in Residence** *Houston Center for Contemporary Craft / Houston TX*  
2004 **Frances Bishop Merritt Work Study Scholarship**  
*Haystack Mountain School of Crafts / Deer Isle ME*  
2004 **Book Arts Workshop** with Barbara Tetenbaum and Pati Scobey  
*Haystack Mountain School of Crafts / Deer Isle ME*  
2004 **Rudolf Staffel Award for Ceramics** *Tyler School of Art / Elkins Park PA*  
2003 **Tyler Art Workshop in Scotland**  
*Tyler School of Art, Temple University / Glasgow School of Art / Philadelphia PA*
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## SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

(\*solo exhibitions marked by asterisk)

- 2014 **The Clay Studio National** *The Clay Studio / Philadelphia PA*  
2013 **We are the Simulacrum** *Chesapeake Art Center / Baltimore MD*  
**wall work** *The Resource Exchange / Philadelphia PA*  
**both / and** *Two person show with A.M. Martens / Saratoga Clay Arts Center / Schuylerville NY*  
**\*Personal Possession** *Please Touch Museum / Philadelphia PA*  
**Recent Work** *Welcome Gallery / Main Line Art Center / Haverford PA*  
2012 **Faculty Exhibition** *Main Gallery / Main Line Art Center / Haverford PA*  
**Little Big** (Invitational Charity Fundraiser) *NAPOLEON, Philadelphia, PA*  
**Stitched Up** *The UGLY Gallery / New Bedford MA*  
**Small Favors VII** *The Clay Studio / Philadelphia PA*  
2011 **Crafting Live(s): Artist in Residence Alumni Exhibition**  
*Houston Center for Contemporary Craft / Houston TX (catalogue)*  
**ACGA Clay and Glass National Juried Competition** *City of Brea Art Gallery / Brea CA*  
2010 **\*birds i have known** *The Silo Gallery / Nantucket Island School of Design & the Arts / Nantucket MA*  
**Seventh Annual Marge Brown Kalodner Graduate Student Exhibition**  
*The Clay Studio / Philadelphia PA*  
**Boston Young Contemporaries** *808 Commonwealth Ave Gallery, Boston University / Boston MA*  
**MFA Graduate Thesis Exhibition** *University Art Gallery / New Bedford MA*

- Temples** *Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion / Philadelphia PA (in conjunction with NCECA)*
- College Clay Collective** *Firehouse Gallery / Genesee Pottery / Rochester NY*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Concordia Continental Ceramics Competition**  
*Concordia University / St. Paul MN*
- Clay on the Wall : 2010 Clay National** (3<sup>rd</sup> Place Juror's Prize)  
*Texas Tech University School of Art / Lubbock TX (catalogue)*
- 2009** **Sixth Annual Marge Brown Kalodner Graduate Student Exhibition**  
*The Clay Studio / Philadelphia PA*
- 2008** Graduate Sources Invitational Exhibition *Braitmayer Art Center, Tabor Academy*
- Selections from the Sixth Bureau:** an exhibition of works by alumni of Tyler School of Art *Sullivan Hall / Temple University / Philadelphia PA*
- \*What It Feels Like For A Girl.** *Gallery 244 / UMass Dartmouth*
- LO! A Collection of Secreted Tales and Objects of Wonder**  
*Machines with Magnets Gallery / Pawtucket RI*
- NCECA Regional Student Juried Exhibition** *Pittsburgh Center for the Arts / Pittsburgh PA*
- \*Two Pieces** *Gallery 244 / UMass Dartmouth / New Bedford MA*
- 2007** **Glimpse:** First Year Graduate Student Exhibition *Gallery 244 / UMass Dartmouth / New Bedford MA*
- 2006** **\*Small Houses** *Artist in Residence Exhibition / Houston Center for Contemporary Craft / Houston TX*
- 2005** **Tyler Ceramics Past and Present 1950-2005** *The Icebox Projects Space Crane Arts Building / Philadelphia PA*
- 2004** **A Spot of Tea : Contemporary Teapots** *Langman Gallery / Willow Grove PA*
- Wee Works on Paper** *United States / Scotland Consortium (US/SCOT) / The Art Institute of Seattle Seattle WA*
- 2003** **Tyler School of Art Teapot Exhibition** *The Clay Studio / Philadelphia PA*
- \*[word]** : BFA Thesis Exhibition *Penrose Gallery / Tyler School of Art / Elkins Park PA*

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## VISITING ARTIST LECTURES / PRESENTATIONS / CRITIQUES

- 2013** Lecture, Saratoga Clay Arts Center, Schuylerville, NY, May 24.  
Lecture/Presentation, Undergraduate Critiques, Lebanon Valley College Fine Arts Department, Annville PA, March 27-28.
- 2012** Lecture, Harvard University Ceramics Department, Office for the Arts at Harvard, Cambridge, MA, September 11.

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## PUBLICATIONS

- 2011** "Staff Favorites from "Crafting Live(s): 10 Years of Artists in Residence"  
<http://craftthouston.blogspot.com/2011/09/staff-favorites-from-crafting-lives-10.html>
- "Capsule Art Reviews: Crafting Live(s): 10 Years of Artists in Residence"  
<http://www.houstonpress.com/2011-09-01/culture/capsule-art-reviews-crafting-live-s-10-years-of-artists-in-residence-emily-halbardier-deep-green-hayden-fosdick-paper-compounds-marc-swanson-the-second-story-project-row-houses-2011-summer-studios/>

- 2010** "The MFA Factor : UMass Dartmouth"  
*November 2010 / Ceramics Monthly*  
"MFA Candidates Show Impressive Work"  
*David Boyce / The Standard Times, New Bedford, MA*  
"Clay on the Wall :: 2010 Clay National"  
*Catalogue essay by juror Elaine Henry*
- 2008** "2008 Regional Student Juried Exhibition"  
*September 2008 / Ceramics Monthly*
- 2003** Tyler School of Art Biannual Catalogue  
*Tyler School of Art / Elkins Park PA*
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## **TECHNICAL ABILITIES**

- Hand building and wheel throwing techniques
  - Clay formulation and glaze calculation
  - Building, firing and maintaining electric, raku, gas, salt/soda and wood fire (catenary and anagama) kilns
  - Mold making and casting in clay
  - Fabrication techniques in wood, metal, plaster
  - Book making and book arts techniques
  - Figure drawing and figure modeling in clay
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## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- College Art Association (member since 2009)
- National Council on Education in the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) (member since 2001)