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Education

- 2020 MFA in Ceramics, Welch School of Art and Design, Georgia State University
- 2012 BFA in Ceramics, State University of New York College at Buffalo (Buffalo State College)
BS in Metals/Jewelry, State University of New York College at Buffalo (Buffalo State College)

Exhibitions

- 2025 *The Devil's in the Details*, David Ericson Fine Art, Salt Lake City, UT (Invitational)
6th Biannual Cup Show, Hudgens Center for Art, Duluth, GA (Invitational)
- 2024 *Mentor/Mentee*, Art 108, Richmond, VA (Invitational)
- 2023 *Biomorphic Idyl*, Cincinnati, OH (Invitational)
Swan Coach House Gallery Summer Invitational, Atlanta, GA (Invitational)
Folds and Foliage, Anders Gallery, Duluth, GA (Invitational)
- 2022 *Shine*, Echo Contemporary, Atlanta, GA (Invitational)
Callused, Georgia Gallery, Hudgens Center for Art, Duluth, GA (Solo)
24th San Angelo National Ceramics Competition, San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, San Angelo, TX (International Juried)
NCECA 2022 Annual-Belonging, Crocker Museum of Art, Sacramento, CA (International Juried)
Working Our Way Home, Roswell Visual Arts Center, Roswell, GA (International Juried)
- 2021 *Merri-MINT*, MINT Gallery, Atlanta, GA (Invitational)
Little Things, Swan Coach House Gallery, Atlanta, GA (Invitational)
At Odds, Ernest G. Welch Gallery, Atlanta, GA (Solo)
Laughing In Clay, NCECA 2021 Virtual Conference (Invitational)
Pomp & Circumstance, Spruill Art Gallery, Dunwoody, GA (Invitational)
- 2020 *Little Things*, Swan Coach House Gallery, Atlanta, GA (Invitational)
Southern Miss Ceramics National 2020, Virtual Exhibition Only (National Juried)
Me:irl, TAR Projects, Atlanta, GA (National Juried, Digital)
GSU Student Juried Exhibition, Ernest G. Welch Gallery, Atlanta, GA (Juried)
NCECA National Student Juried Exhibition, Artspace, Richmond, VA (National Juried)
GSU Ceramics Grads Showcase, Hartsfield Jackson International Airport, Atlanta, GA (Curated)
- 2019 *Wit and Whimsey*, Clay Center of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana (Juried)
Clay Bodies, Clay Center of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana (Juried)
- 2018 *Mingling in the Remains*, Gallery 100, Atlanta, GA (Curated)
Fourth Annual Cage Space Show, Cage Space Gallery, Atlanta, GA (Juried)
First Annual SLIPS Show, Gallery 650, Atlanta, GA (Juried)
2018 Grad Mixer, Gallery 650, Atlanta, GA (Invitational)
2018 Juried Student Exhibition, Ernest G Welch Gallery, Atlanta, GA (Juried)
Tenable Folly, Soup Experimental Gallery, Tallahassee, FL (Invitational)
- 2017 *Exchange*, University of Georgia, Athens, GA (Invitational)
M(Odd)ified Life, Perrella Gallery, Johnstown, NY (Solo)

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Exhibitions (continued)

- 2016 *Clay? VI*, Kirkland Arts Center, Kirkland, WA (International Juried)
The Engaged Object, Foothills Art Center, Golden, CO (International Juried)
- 2015 *Saratoga Arts Council Members Show*, Saratoga Arts Center, Saratoga, NY (Invitational)
- 2015 *10x10*, Saratoga Arts Center Main Gallery, Saratoga, NY (Invitational)
Into The Light, Clayscapes Gallery, Syracuse, NY (Invitational)
Hudgens Center For the Arts Cup Show, Duluth, GA (National)
Out Of The Round, Arvada Center for the Arts, Arvada, CO (National Juried)
FMCC Alumni Exhibition, Perella Gallery, Johnstown, NY (Invitational)
America's Clayfest III, Blue Line Arts Gallery, Lincoln, CA (International Juried)
Seattle Erotic Art Festival, Seattle, WA (International Juried)
- 2014 *Incite In-Sight*, Lincoln Center Art Gallery, Fort Collins, CO (National Juried)
Clay 3, Warrenville Public Library, Warrenville, IL (National Juried)
Disturb, Hilton Milwaukee City Center, Milwaukee, WI (National Invitational)
- 2012 *(Un)Natural Selection*, Mugabco Incorporated, Buffalo, NY, (Solo)
Cups of Fire-National Ceramic Cup Competition, The Clay Gallery, Ann Arbor, MI (National Juried)
Creative Associates Show, The Deans Gallery, Buffalo State College (Invitational)
Visual Arts Student Exhibition, Czurlis Nelson Gallery, Buffalo State College (Juried)
- 2011 *Coalition for Ceramic Design Annual Show-All Fired Up*, Bacon Gallery, Buffalo State College (Invitational)
Visual Arts Student Exhibition, Czurlis- Nelson Gallery, Buffalo State College (Invitational) (also 2010, 2009)
Coalition for Ceramic Design Annual Show, Bacon Gallery, Buffalo State College, (Juried)(also 2010, 2009)

Employment

- The Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, NY* 2023-present
Lead Preparator
- Clayscapes Pottery, Syracuse, NY* 2023-present
Instructor: wheel throwing
- The Hudgens Center for Art and Learning, Duluth, GA* 2022-2023
Associate Director of Ceramics Studio and Facilities Operations
Instructor: All Levels Wheel Throwing for the Soda Kiln, Intermediate/Advanced Wheel, Handbuilding, handbuilt sculpture, Navigating the Glaze Room.
- Ceramics Studio Manager and Instructor** 2020-2022
Instructor: All Levels Wheel Throwing for the Soda Kiln, Intermediate/Advanced Wheel, Handbuilding, handbuilt sculpture, Navigating the Glaze Room.
- Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA* 2018-2021
Instructor of Record
3-D Design, Wheel Throwing, Handbuilding

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Residency Experience

- 2022 **Artist Invite Artist Residency**, Watershed Center for Ceramic Arts, Newport, ME
Short Term Artist Residency, Red Lodge Clay Center, Red Lodge, MT
- 2021 **Short Term Artist Residency**, Touchstone Center for Craft, Farmington, PA
- 2019 **Artist Residency**, Burren College of Art, Ballyvaughan, Co. Claire, Ireland

Awards and Honors

- 2020 **Honorable Mention**, *GSU Juried Student Exhibition*, Atlanta, GA
- 2018 **Honorable Mention**, *First Annual SLIPS Show*, Atlanta, GA
- 2017 **Anderson Arts Ranch Scholarship Award**, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
Supplemental Funding Grant, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
- 2015 **Honorable Mention**, *Out Of The Round*, Arvada, CO
People's Choice Award, *FMCC Alumni Exhibition*, Johnstown, NY
- 2012 **Creative Associate For The Deans Gallery**, Buffalo State College, Buffalo, NY
Undergraduate Travel Grant, Buffalo State College, Buffalo, NY
- 2011 **Undergraduate Research Grant**, *Combination of Ceramic Forms with Silicone*, Buffalo State College, Buffalo, NY
- 2011 **9th Annual Hyatt's Design Award for Excellence in Ceramics**, Buffalo State College, Buffalo, NY
- 2010 **Honorable Mention in Sculpture**, *C2D Member's Show*, Sugar City Gallery, Buffalo, NY

Curatorial Experience

- 2025 **The Devil's in the Details**, David Ericson Fine Art, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2024 **Mentor/Mentee**, Art 108, Richmond, VA
- 2023 **5th National Hudgens Center Cup Show Invitational**, The Hudgens Center for Art and Learning, Duluth, GA
- 2021 **4th National Hudgens Center Cup Show Invitational**, The Hudgens Center for Art and Learning, Duluth, GA
- 2020 **Laughing in Clay**, NCECA 2021 Virtual Conference, Vfairs & Exhibition Website
- 2018 **Mingling in the Remains**, Gallery 100, Atlanta, GA (Co-Curator)

Related Experience

- 2020 **Created @Clay.T.L**, Instagram page that promotes Atlanta area ceramic artists
- 2019 **Graduate Artist Forum**, Vice President, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
- 2018 **Studio Assistant to Christina West**, Atlanta, GA
Artist talk and Demonstration, North Atlanta Highschool, Atlanta, GA
Teaching Assistant, Handbuilding, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
- 2017 **Graduate Lab Assistant**, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
Surfacing with Watercolor Demo, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
- 2016 **Glaze Mixing Studio Technician**, Clayscapes Pottery, Syracuse, NY (also 2015)
- 2012 **Exhibition Installation Assistant**, Czurlles Nelson Gallery (also 2011, 2010) Buffalo State College, Buffalo, NY
- 2011 **Studio Monitor**, Buffalo State College, Buffalo, NY
- 2008 **Arts and Crafts Coordinator**, Delevan-Grider Community Center, Buffalo, NY

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Professional Organizations

Independent Potters Association (2024- present)

Art Axis (2022-Present)

Provincetown Art Association and Museum Member (2017-2020)

Saratoga Arts Council (2014-2017)

National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) (2010-Present)