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Education

- 2005 – Present: M.F.A., Studio Art (Emphasis: Ceramics)
Southern Illinois University Carbondale
- 2000 – 2003: M.A.T.L., (Emphasis: Teaching English as a Second Language)
University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg
- 2000 – 2002: B.F.A., Art – Sculpture / Three Dimensional Design
(Emphasis: Ceramics)
University of Southern Mississippi
- 1996 – 2000: B.A., Foreign Language (Emphasis: Spanish)
B.A., Anthropology
University of Southern Mississippi

Experience

- Summer, 2008: Resident Artist, Baltimore Clayworks, MD (scheduled)
- 2007 – 2008: Instructor of Record (Beginning Ceramics,) School of Art and Design, SIUC
- 2007 – 2008: Graduate Instructor (Studio Foundation B, 3-D Design,) School of Art and Design, SIUC
- 2006 – 2007: Assistant Exhibit Designer, University Museum, SIUC
- 2006 – 2007: Assistant to Head of Undergraduate Studies (Dr. Sally Gradle,) School of Art and Design, SIUC
- 2006: Ceramic Studio Technician, School of Art and Design, SIUC
- 2005 – 2006: Teaching Assistant (Introduction to Visual Culture,) School of Art and Design, SIUC
- 2004 – 2005: Artist-in-Residence, Burns Pottery, Natchez, MS
- 2003 – 2004: Private Art Instructor
- 2002 – 2003: Student Studio Technician, Department of Art, USM
- 2001 – 2002: Secretary Assistant at the office of Department of Art, USM
- 2000 – 2001: Student Studio Assistant, Department of Art, USM



Exhibitions

- 2008: *seductive elegance*, MFA Thesis Solo Exhibition, Mitchell Gallery, University Museum, SIUC
30th Annual Purchase Award Show, Art Alley, Student Center, SIUC (Juried)
35th Annual Bi-State Art Competition, Meridian Museum of Art, MS (Juror: W. Steve Rucker)
North American Ceramic Cup Show, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI (Juror: Andy Brayman)
Big Fish, Small Pot 3: Third International Small Teapot Competition,
Saddleback College, Mission Viejo, CA (Juror: Guangzhen “Po” Zhou)
2008 NICHE Student Awards Competition,
Buyers Market of American Craft, Philadelphia Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA (Juried)
Love at the Glove, Surplus Gallery, SIUC
Work exhibited at the Global Gallery, Student Center, SIUC
2008 NCECA Regional Student Juried Exhibition,
Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Pittsburgh, PA (Jurors: Alleghany Meadows and Kristen Kieffer)
Ceramics faculty and students show featuring Brad Schwieger, Surplus Gallery, SIUC
Better Than III, Collaboration with Adam Hawk, Blacksmith, Art Alley, Student Center, SIUC
- 2007: *National Juried/Invitational Ceramic Cup Show*,
Gulf Coast Community College, Panama City, FL (Jurors: Jeremy Randall and Sarah Panzarella)
MFA Preview Exhibition, South I Gallery, University Museum, SIUC
Ceramic Sculpture National Juried Exhibition,
Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA (Jurors: Virginia Scotchie and Joe Bova)
Better Than III, Collaboration with Adam Hawk, Blacksmith, Vergette Gallery, SIUC
The Cup & Saucer Exhibition, Where I Fell in Love Gallery, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire, England
1830F: Contemporary Expressions in Clay,

- Springfield Art Association, Springfield, IL (Juror: Brian Gillis)
Saratoga Springs 1st Annual Tea Bowl Competition,
 Beekman Street Artists Gallery, Saratoga Springs, NY (Jurors: Regis Brodie and Leslie Ferst)
National Juried/Invitational Ceramic Cup Exhibition,
 Isadore Gallery, Lancaster, PA (Juror: Deborah Sigel)
7th Annual National Juried Cup Show, Kent State University, OH (Juror: Bill Jones)
Divine Dirt, Fine Line Creative Arts Center, St. Charles, IL (Juried)
Second Annual National Juried Cup Show, University of Arkansas at Monticello, AR (Juror: Matt Long)
34th Annual Bi-State Art Competition, Meridian Museum of Art (Juror: Gary Chapman)
Emerging Excellence: 15 Regional University Programs,
 Mellwood Art and Entertainment Center, Louisville, KY (Invitational)
By The Ounce, Louisville Stoneware, Louisville, KY (Juror: John Neely)
Triskaidekaphobia, Second-year Graduate Student Show, Surplus Gallery, SIUC
2007 First Annual SIUC Juried Art Exhibition, Surplus Gallery, SIUC (Juror: Mel Watkin)
Two by Two: small-scale ceramic sculpture biennial,
 Eastern Washington University, WA (Jurors: Sandra Trujillo and Elisa Nappa)
Love at the Glove, Surplus Gallery, SIUC
Big Muddy Juried Ceramic Exhibition, Clarke College, IA (Juror: Paul Sacaridiz)
- 2006: *First Annual Southern Illinois Music Fest Art Fair*, Shryock Plaza, SIUC
28th Annual Purchase Award Show, Art Alley, Student Center, SIUC (Juried)
33rd Annual Bi-State Art Competition, Meridian Museum of Art (Juror: Jed Jackson)
Pyroplasticity, Ceramics Class Group Show, Vergette Gallery, SIUC
New Kids on the Block, First-year Graduate Student Show, Surplus Gallery, SIUC
Love at the Glove, Surplus Gallery, SIUC
- 2005: *From the Ground Up*, Ceramics Class Group Show, Vergette Gallery, SIUC
2005 People's Choice Art Competition, Meridian Museum of Art (Juried)
 Two-person Show, Art Walk / Street Party (Gallery Walk),
 Roy Eure Interior Design, Hattiesburg, MS (Invitational)
32nd Annual Bi-State Art Competition, Meridian Museum of Art (Juror: Melody Guichet)
- 2004: *Southern Ceramics Council Group Show*, Hattiesburg Visitor Center, MS
- 2003: Solo Show, Winter Art Walk (Gallery Walk), Office of Mr. David Sheley, Architect, Hattiesburg, MS
 Two-person Show, Art Walk / Street Party (Gallery Walk), Gallery Rx, Hattiesburg, MS (Invitational)
Annual Art Student Show, USM Museum of Art (Juror: Jill Chancey)
2003 Mississippi Collegiate Art Competition, Meridian Museum of Art (Juror: Robert Riseling)
- 2002: *Fall 2002 Art Department Senior Show*, USM Museum of Art
Annual Art Student Show, USM Museum of Art (Juried)
- 2001: *Annual Art Student Show*, USM Museum of Art (Juror: Claudia Cartee)

Bibliography

500 Plates and Chargers, Lark Books, 2008

Collections

Student Center, SIUC
 Global Gallery, SIUC
 Saddleback College

Awards

- 2008: Lormina Salter Fellowship, Baltimore Clayworks
 Third Place Student Purchase Award, *30th Annual Purchase Award Show*
 Finalist, *2008 NICHE Student Awards Competition: Ceramics – Sculptural*
- 2007: Full-Tuition Scholarship with Teaching Assistantship, SIUC
 Award of Excellence, *Divine Dirt*
- 2006: Full-Tuition Scholarship with Graduate Assistantship, SIUC
 Favorite Artist by Popular Vote, *First Annual Southern Illinois Music Fest Art Fair*
 Honorable Mention, *28th Annual Purchase Award Show*
- 2005: Full-Tuition Scholarship with Teaching Assistantship, SIUC

Honorable Mention, *2005 Annual People's Choice Art Competition*
2003: Second Place in Ceramics & Honorable Mention, *Annual Art Student Show*
2002: Mississippi Gulf Coast Craftsman Guild Scholarship, USM
2001: First Place in Ceramics, *Annual Art Student Show*
2000: Roger Brinegar Endowed Scholarship, USM
Charlie and Lorita Finnegan Endowment Scholarship, USM

Gallery Representation

A Gallery, Hattiesburg, MS
Andrew Jessup Gallery, Biloxi, MS
Mississippi Craft Center, Ridgeland, MS

Memberships and Activities

National Council on Education for Ceramics Arts (NCECA) since 2004
Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi since 2005
Illinois Artisans Program (2006 – 2008)
Southern Clayworks, SIUC (2005 – 2008)
2007 - 2008: President
2006 - 2007: Propaganda/Communications Officer
Southern Ceramic Council, USM (2003 – 2005, Founding Member)
Demonstrating wheel-throwing technique to local events
Organizing and donating works to charities and fund-raisers
Attending workshops, and visiting and working with artists for collaborative work

Skills

Hand building and wheel-throwing
Kiln operation: gas and electric, high/low oxidation and reduction, and raku firing, and experience with soda and wood firing
Glaze mixing: high/low oxidation and reduction, and raku firing
Experience with instructing students in various levels and ages
Experience with clay, wood, cement, plaster, metals, and other various sculptural materials
Experience with iron, bronze, and aluminum casting; participated in multiple iron pours
Experience with basic jewelry making
Experience with relating machines and equipment and their basic maintenance
Languages: Fluent in Japanese (native) and English with advanced-level Spanish
Basic computer skills with knowledge of Office, Illustrator, Photoshop, and Dreamweaver