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EDUCATION

- 2025-2028** MFA Indiana University Bloomington, Ceramics
2022- 2024 Post-Baccalaureate Indiana University Southeast, Ceramics
2022 BFA Appalachian State University, Concentration in Painting and Ceramics, Departmental Honors

SOLO* AND DUO EXHIBITIONS

- 2027** *Water Bound*, Fried Fruit Gallery, Wilmington, NC (*Forthcoming*)*
Solo Exhibition, Companion Gallery, Indianapolis, IN (*Forthcoming*)*
2026 *Tranimals* with Drew Scanlon, Kore Gallery, Louisville, KY
2024 *Canceled* with Drew Scanlon, Hite Institute of Art at The University of Louisville, Louisville, KY
2022 *If I Was An Altar Boy*, Nth Degree Gallery, Boone, NC*
2022 *Imprint* with Sierra Schweitzer, Looking Glass Gallery, Boone, NC

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026** *Summer Solstice Exhibition*, Private Residence, Curated by Companion Gallery, Indianapolis, IN
Another Forest, Louisville Visual Art Gallery, Louisville, KY
Claybash 2026, Hunterdon Art Museum, Clinton, NJ
National Juried Student Exhibition, National Council for Education on the Ceramic Arts (NCECA), Detroit, MI
Speaking Volumes, 27th Letter Books, Detroit, MI
Liquid, Ferndale, MI. National Council for Education on the Ceramic Arts (NCECA), Detroit, MI
Ancestral Futures, ARC Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
Between Us, Elizabeth Holden Gallery, Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, NC
Inspired by Inquiry, McCalla Center, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Maybe Kudzu Covering My Body: Camouflage in Contemporary Art in the American South, The Cressman Center, Louisville, KY
Graduate Exhibition, Indiana University Southeast, New Albany, IN
2025 *Ornament Exhibition*, SOCO Gallery, Charlotte, NC
The State of Clay in Indiana IV, Indiana Clay Conference, Muncie, IN
Alumni Exhibition, Wey Hall Gallery, Boone, NC
Brilliant Hues and Intimate Forms, The Kinsey Institute and Second Story Studios, Nashville, IN
Like a Girl, Patina Gallery, Indianapolis, IN
Embodied, Michigan Mudd Conference, Cloudhouse Gallery, Kalamazoo, MI
Maybe Kudzu Covering My Body: Camouflage in Contemporary Art in the American South, Tiger Strikes Asteroid Gallery, Greenville, SC
Formed by Nature (NCECA 2025), Cottonwood Clay Studio, Salt Lake City, UT
Connections, Lillstreet Art Gallery, Chicago, IL
Vessels, Union Street Gallery, Chicago Heights, IL
2024 *Don't Say Hey*, Invitational by Mark Erroll. Dedo Maranville Fine Arts Gallery, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA
Distinctive Drinkware, Touchstone Center for Crafts, Farmington, PA
Pots and Prints, University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Odessa, TX
Intersection X Redirection, Artworks Richmond, National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA), Richmond, VA
Esprit de Corps- 2023 Ceramics Pentaculum at Arrowmont, National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA), Richmond, VA
The Crow Show, The Gallery at Arts Illiana, Terre Haute, IN
2023 *Student Exhibition*, Indiana University Southeast, New Albany, IN
Wall to Table, Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana, Evansville, IN
Origins, Baltimore Clay Center, Baltimore, MD

- Distribueery*, Pendleton Art Center, National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA), Cincinnati, OH
Handcrafted, Maria V. Howard Arts Center, Rocky Mount, NC
- 2022** *Student Exhibition*, Indiana University Southeast, New Albany, IN
In the Weeds, Houseguest Gallery, Louisville, KY
Hispanic & Latinx Heritage: The Tapestry of America, The Cultural Center of Cape Cod, South Yarmouth, MA
FRESH Exhibition, Artspace, Raleigh, NC
BFA Senior Class Exhibition, Smith Gallery, Boone, NC
Art and Design Expo, Smith Gallery, Boone, NC
- 2021** *Toxic Youth*, Nth Degree Gallery, Boone, NC
Protest in Print, King Street Arts Collective, Boone, NC
Draw You In, King Street Arts Collective, Boone, NC

PRIVATE COLLECTORS

- 2026** John Green and Sara Green's Private Collection, Indianapolis, IN

GRANTS, HONORS, AWARDS

- 2026** *Honorable Mention*, Claybash 2026, Hunterdon Art Museum, Clinton, NJ
Grant in Aid, Scholarship Award, Indiana University
National Society of Arts and Letters Showcase, Bud Klein Award
- 2025** *Graduate Student Fellowship*, National Council for Education of the Ceramic Arts (NCECA)
Craft Emergency Relief Fund (CERF+), Emergency Preparedness Recipient
Maxwell Hanrahan Award, Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts
- 2024** *Highly Commended Artist Award*, Homiens Art Prize
Craft Emergency Relief Fund (CERF+), Recipient.
- 2023** *Sculpture Award*, Juried Student Exhibition, Indiana University Southeast
Appalachian Visions Scholarship, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts and Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropy
The Jody and Peter Petschauer Scholarship, Appalachian State University in tandem with Penland School of Craft
Nominated for the Appalachian Visions Scholarship for Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts by Andrea Keys Connell
- 2021** Nominated for the ASPN Residency at the Red Lodge Clay Center by Andrea Keys Connell

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2026** *Presenter*, Panel discussion for *Maybe Kudzu Covering My Body: Camouflage in Contemporary Art in the American South*, The Cressman Center, Louisville, KY
Presenter: Transformed Narratives- Resource and Community Building, National Council for Education of the Ceramic Arts (NCECA), Detroit, MI
- 2025** *Student Gallery Curator/Prep (Current)*, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Studio Technician (Current) Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Artist Lecture, Touchstone Center for Crafts, Farmington, PA
Artist Lecture: Post Graduation, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
- 2024** *Artist Lecture*, University of Louisville Ceramics Studio, Louisville, KY
Exhibition Organizer/Curator, Intersection X Redirection, Artworks Richmond, National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA), Richmond, VA
Artist Talk, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
- 2022** *Community Appearance Commission Member*, Town of Boone, NC
Printmaking Club President, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
- 2021** *Lecture: Reimagining the Queer Experience Through Reynolda's Collection*, Reynolda House Museum of American Art, Winston-Salem, NC
Education Intern, Reynolda House Museum of American Art, Winston-Salem, NC

RESIDENCIES

- 2027** Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts Summer Residency, *Imaginary Friends (Upcoming)*
Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, *Winter Pentaculum Resident (Upcoming)*
- 2025** Touchstone Center For Crafts, *Short Term Resident*

- Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts Summer Residency, *Cultural and Nostalgic Storytelling*
 Azule Artist Residency, *Short-Term Resident*
2024 Red Lodge Clay Center, *Short-Term Resident*
2023 Pocosin School of Fine Craft, *Summer Resident*
 Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, *Spring Pentaculum Resident*

ASSISTANTSHIPS/APPRENTICESHIPS

- 2026** *Assistant to the Clay Coordinator*, Penland School of Craft, Penland, NC
Instructor Assistant, Michelle Solorzano, Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts, Edgecomb, ME
2025 *Symposium Assistant*, Utilitarian Clay Symposium, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
Instructor Assistant, Candice Methe, Penland School of Craft, Penland, NC
Instructor Assistant, Melissa Weiss, Touchstone Center for Crafts, Farmington, PA
Studio Assistant, Women Working in Clay Symposium, Hollins University, Roanoke, VA
Workshop Assistant, Tableware For Two, Melissa Weiss
2024 *Instructor Assistant*, Shikha Joshi, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
Studio Apprentice, Melissa Weiss, Asheville, NC
Studio Intern, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
2022 *Studio/Workshop Assistant*, Lisa Clague, Bakersville, NC
2021 *Technical Assistant*, Screen Printing Studio, Professor April Flanders

TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

- 2026** *Workshop Instructor*, Companion Gallery, Indianapolis, IN
Workshop Instructor, Women and Queers in Clay, Gasworks Studio, NYC, NY
2025 *Instructor*, Community Clay Class through Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
Art Educator, James and Rosemary Phalen Leadership Academy, Indianapolis, IN
2024 *Demonstrator*, Ceramics I Class, Instructor Drew Scanlon, University of Louisville, KY
Instructor Assistant, Painting I Class, Instructor Megan Bickle. University of Louisville, Louisville, KY
Co-Instructor, High School Arts Class. Central High School, Louisville, KY

PUBLICATIONS

- 2026** *Exhibition Catalogue*, Companion Gallery, Coordinates of Belonging Exhibition
A film inside a barn, a sculpture in a pond, a red-eyed rabbit in the kitchen, [Mirror Indy](#)
Summer solstice art show connects with natural world, [Indianapolis Business Journal](#)
NCECA Exhibition Catalogue, National Council for Education of the Ceramic Arts.
[Exhibition Review](#), Kuzdu Jelly, Louisville, KY
2021 *Spring Catalog*, The Peel Literature and Arts Review
Presentation Recording, Reynolda Museum of Art