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**Education:**

**Master of Fine Arts** Ceramics concentration University of Tennessee,  
Knoxville, Tn 2008

**Bachelor of Fine Arts** 3-d studies University of South Florida Tampa, Fl  
cum laude, Minor in Art History 2003

**Professional Experience:**

**Owner/Operator** Mighty Mud Studios 2013 to present Clay supplies, Gallery, Artists  
Studios, Workshops, Visiting artists, Resident artists program

**Downtown Maryville Arts Committee** 2025 to present. Mission to create, manage,  
and promote a monthly 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Art Walk

**Juror** 2023 Appalachian Art Show, Kingsport Art Guild

**Instructor** 2023 Arrowmont school of arts and crafts: Legacy: Appalachian Arts  
for Appalachian teachers

**Owner/Operator** Mighty Mud Mixer 2018 to present. Online ceramic glaze  
website offering dry mix of stock recipes and/or your recipes

**Mayors Makers Council** 2018-2021 Mission to raise awareness of Knoxville's local  
maker movement and associated micro-economies; promote local  
goods and services; and address government policies and regulatory  
issues that impact maker businesses.

**Visiting Lecturer in Art** Maryville College 2022-Present: Ceramics all levels,  
Sculpture, Art Appreciation, and Various Art history courses

**Adjunct Professor** Maryville College 2016-2022: Ceramics I,II, III and Sculpture

**Instructor** 2012-2016 Walters St Community College, Courses taught: Art  
Appreciation; Art History I; Art History II; Sculpture I,II,III; Ceramic Throwing,  
Ceramic Hand-building, and Ceramic Special Topics

**Co-Chair** Nexus Indoor Sculpture Show 2014 Knoxville, Tn

**Panel Discussion** Formation of artist collectives/co-ops. 2013 Knoxville, Tn Arts and  
Culture Alliance

**Assistant Preparator** 2012-2016 Knoxville Museum of Art

**Instructor** 2006 to present Classes Mighty Mud Studios Ceramic Throwing and  
Handbuilding all levels

**Instructor** Roane State Community College: Art Appreciation, Beginning Drawing  
2009-2012

**Instructor** Throwing Workshop East Tennessee Teacher Association 2009

**Visiting Artist** Panel Discussion, Salisbury University, Salisbury, MD 2009

**Visiting Artist Lecture** University of Alabama at Huntsville 2008

**Instructor of Record** University of Tennessee Beginning Throwing 2006, 2007, 2008

**Instructor of Record** University of Tennessee Foundation 3-d design 2007

**President** UT Potters Ceramic Student Organization 2006 to 2008

**Visiting Artists Lecture** Maryville College 2007

**Graduate Teaching Assistant** University of Tennessee Wood Sculpture 2006  
**Director** 1010 Gallery 2006/2007 developed new space and web presence  
**Graduate Teaching Assistant** University of Tennessee  
Beginning Throwing 2005, 2006  
**President** USF Ceramic Student Organization "Lil Muddies Fun Bunch" 2004  
**Area Coordinator** Painting & Drawing University of South Florida 2004, 2005  
**Shop Technician** Ceramics/ Sculpture University of South Florida 2004

**Selected Grants/Awards/ Honors:**

**2020 Visiting Artist** Maryville College, Maryville, Tn  
**2018-2021 Mayors Makers Council** Mayoral appointment  
**2007 UTK SARIF Grant** Ceramic Mold Development Project, Associate Professor  
Sally Brogden  
**2006 UT Potters Award** Materials Scholarship  
**2006 Campbell's Ceramic Supply Award**  
**2005 Design Competition winner for USF 9/11 Memorial**  
Public Art Project, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Plaza  
University of South Florida  
**2003 Daisy Koonig Memorial Scholarship Award**  
"M.O.D." Contemporary Art Museum Annual Juried Student Art Show  
**2003 Purchase Award and Honorable Mention \$500** South Cobb Arts Alliance  
The Mablehouse 16th Annual Juried Art Show  
**2003 Talent Grant \$500** College of Visual and Performing Arts, University of  
South Florida  
**2003 3-d Honors Studio** University of South Florida Spring and Fall  
**2003 2-d Honors Studio** University of South Florida Fall

**Solo and Two person shows:**

**2024 Bowl and Vase show** Solo show Blackberry Farms Gallery, Maryville, Tn  
**2023 "Repetition on a Theme, and some wood fire stuff..."** Solo show Mighty Mud  
Gallery, Knoxville, Tn  
**2018 Artfields "Vestige"** Lake City, South Carolina Art Team  
Large scale, site specific, outdoor installation  
**2017 Ceramics/Sculpture/Students etc...** Solo show, Clayton  
Center for the Arts, Maryville, Tn  
**2010 "Level"** Art Team Show Fluorescent Gallery, Knoxville, Tn  
**2010 "Sensing Space"** Solo and Art Team Show Anne Street Gallery, NY  
**2009 "Passages"** Solo and Art Team Show Electronic Gallery Salisbury University  
**2008 "Access"** Solo and Art Team Show Union Grove Gallery at University of  
Alabama at Huntsville  
**2008 "Now"** MFA Thesis Show University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tn.  
**2007 "Ascrete"** Collaboration with Robmat Butler. 1010 Gallery, Knoxville, Tn.  
**2006 Untitled** Solo show Campbell's Ceramic Supply Knoxville, Tennessee  
**2004 "After Measures"** Solo BFA Thesis show. William and Nancy Oliver Gallery  
Tampa, FL  
**2003 "Left of Centre"** Collab with Robmat Butler. Centre Gallery, Tampa, FL

**Selected Group and Juried Shows:**

**2025 "We are the Maker City"** Red Gallery, Invitational group show

**2020 Dogwood Arts & Monsters Made with Love**, Charity Invitational Central Depot Knoxville, Tn  
**2017 Ceramics/Sculpture/Students etc...** Solo show Blackberry Gallery Clayton Center for the Arts, Maryville, Tn  
**2015 Flatop** 3 person Sculptural Installation, Striped Light Knoxville, Tn  
**2015 Arts In the Airport** Tyson McGee Airport, Tn  
**2014 Faculty Art Show** Walters State Community College Morristown, Tn  
**2014 Collectives and Co Ops** Group Show Balcony Gallery, Knoxville, Tn  
**2013 Ossuary** National Traveling show - repository of bones  
**2012 Nexus** National Annual Juried Indoor Sculpture Show, juror Allen Peterson Knoxville, Tn  
**2012 Faculty Art Show** Roane State Community College Harriman, Tn  
**2011 Traveling "Point Time"** Association for Visual Arts Chattanooga  
**2011 "Point Time: A Geographic Confluence of Artists"** curated by Jean Hess ETSU Slocumb Gallery Johnson City, Tn William King Museum Abingdon, Va  
**2011 "Reoccurring Currents"** Present and Past influences on the University of South Florida Ceramics Program NCECA Tampa, Fl  
**2010 Dogwood Arts Festival**, Mighty Mud Gallery Knoxville, Tn  
**2008 Grand Re-opening** Invitational Show, Three Flights Up Gallery, Wing Space, Knoxville, Tn  
**2008 Crafting Content: Ceramic Symposium, National Juried Show** University of Arkansas, juror John Perreault Fayetteville, Ak  
**2007 Emerging Excellence NCECA Southeast Universities Show** Louisville, Ky  
**2007 Arts and Cultural Alliance Student Show** Knoxville, Tn  
**2007 "Constructed Realities"** Invitational Show, Three Flights Up Gallery Knoxville, Tn  
**2006 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Ewing Gallery Juried Show** Knoxville, Tn  
**2006 "The Grotto 7"** Invitational and charity auction World Grotto Knoxville Tn  
**2006 "Pretty in Porcelain II" Juried Show hosted by the Ceramic Brigade** Co-Host and Participant – 1010 Gallery Knoxville, Tn  
**2005 "Pretty in Porcelain" Juried Show hosted by the Ceramic Brigade** Co-Host and Participant - Centre Gallery Tampa, Fl  
**2004 "Inaugural Invitational" hosted by the Ceramic Brigade** Co-Curator and Participant - William and Nancy Oliver Gallery Tampa, Fl  
**2005 Gala Corina "Milagro"** Annual Juried Show Tampa, Fl  
**2004 Mablehouse Annual National Juried Show** South Cobb Arts Alliance Mableton, Ga. Permanent Collection  
**2004 USF Annual Juried Student Art Show** Contemporary Art Museum Tampa, Fl  
**2003 USF 3-d Honors Studios Group Show "Va Va Voom"** Covivant Gallery Tampa, Fl  
**2003 All Florida Show Annual Juried Show Centre Gallery** Tampa, Fl  
**2003 USF Annual Juried Student Art Show Contemporary Art Museum** Tampa, Fl Juror Elyse Goldberg  
**2002 USF Annual Juried Student Art Show Contemporary Art Museum** Tampa, Fl Juror Jerry Salz

**Collections:**

**Rebel Kitchen**, Knoxville, Tn Tableware: Plates and bowls various sizes

<https://www.rebelkitchenknx.com/>

**Bluhen Botanicals**, Café Ware: Mugs, plates, saucers, etc...

<https://bluhenbotanicals.com/>

**Mablehouse**, South Cobb Arts Alliance Mableton, Ga

**Ewing Gallery**, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tn

**Gannon Art Center**, Chattanooga, Tn

**Reviews/ Press:**

**2018 Mighty Mud Maker City Intro:** <https://youtu.be/2gi44hIXd4w>

**2013 Mighty messy mighty...** <http://www.wbir.com/story/news/local/five-at-four/2013/12/26/mighty-mud-pottery-shop/4206611/>

**2013** East Knoxville: Businesses will host block party, Terry Shaw

**2012 'Nexus 2012'** Challenges Notions About Dogwood Arts Festival Art, Metro Pulse, By Heather Joyner Spica

**2011 "Our Artistic Neighbors"** The Pulse, Chattanooga, Tn Michael Crumb

**2008 "The Art-Team to Hit UAH for Gallery Show"** The Exponent, Huntsville, Al  
Kate Blake

**2008 "New Dimension"** Metropulse, Knoxville, Tn Chris Buckner

**2003 "Left of Centre Show Heats up Centre Gallery"** The Oracle July 2003,  
Andrew Pina