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EDUCATION

2007 M.F.A. (Ceramics) Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois.
1998 B.A. Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2010-Present CERAMICS CHAIR-Museum of Fine Arts Houston/The Glassell School of Art and The University of Saint Thomas, Houston, Texas.
Fall 2009 INTERIM CHAIR (Ceramics)-Lone Star College-North Harris, Houston, Texas.
2008-2009 ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR (Ceramics, Art Appreciation and Art History) Lone Star College-North Harris, Houston, Texas.
2007-2008 INSTRUCTOR (Ceramics/Drawing)--Armory Art Center, West Palm Beach, Florida.
2006-2007 TEACHING ASSISTANT (Ceramics)--Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville.
Fall 2005 TEACHING ASISTANT (3D Design) --Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville.

RESIDENCIES

2009-2010 Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, Texas.
2008-2009 Lone Star College-North Harris, Houston, Texas.
2007-2008 Armory Art Center, West Palm Beach, Florida.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2011-2013 Board Member, National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts.
2011-Present Resident Artist Committee, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, Texas.
2013-Present Artist Advisory Committee, Fresh Arts, Houston Texas
2010-2011 PRESIDENT--Clay Houston Organization
2002-Present National Council of Education for the Ceramic Arts
2008-Present ClayHouston Board of Directors
2006-2008 College Art Association
2006-2007 VICE PRESIDENT—Wagner Potters Association, S.I.U.E.

WORKSHOPS CONDUCTED

- 2010 Pearl Fincher Museum of Art, Spring, Texas.
2010 Tomball Art League, Tomball, TX
2009 "Ideas and Methods in Ceramic Sculpture", North Harris College, Houston, TX
2008 Armory Art Center, West Palm Beach, Florida.
2008 Flagler Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, Florida.
2007 Governor French Academy, Belleville, Illinois
2004,03,01 Paramount Arts District, Saint Cloud, Minnesota

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- 2014 VISITING ARTIST—Mary Washington University, Fredericksburg, Virginia.
2012 VISITING ARTIST—Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches Texas.
2010 VISITING ARTIST--University of Texas, Tyler, Texas.
2008 SLIDE LECTURE—Clay Houston Organization, Houston, Texas.
2008 VISITING ARTIST—Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida.
2008 PARTICIPANT--Crafting Content Symposium, University Arkansas, Fayetteville.
2008 SLIDE LECTURE--Armory Arts Center, West Palm Beach, Florida.
2007 JUROR-- "Rez Hall Art Exhibition", Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville.
2006 LECTURE-- "Thinking About Religion: African and Asian Arts".
Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville.
2006 WOODSHOP TECHNICIAN
Southern Illinois University Art Department, Edwardsville, Illinois.

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2009 *Helen Drutt Studio Fellowship*
2009 *First Place*, Tasimjae Exhibition, Beaumont, Texas.
2009 *Third Place*, Spirit of Clay Exhibition, Hanson Gallery, Houston, Texas.
2008 *Juror's Choice Award*, \$500 in Ceramic Object/Conceptual Material Exhibit.
2006 *Luis Jimenez Award*. \$1000 Grand prize in outdoor sculpture competition.
2006 *Gateway Foundation Grant*. \$500 towards completion of public sculpture.
2006 *Research Grant*. \$500 toward development of photographic documentation.
2005 *Travel Grant*. \$500 to travel to Japan for exhibition.
2004 *Chancellor's List*
1994 *Dean's List*
1993 *Fine Arts Scholarship*

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2014 "Delight in Decomposition", Mother Dog Studios, Houston, Texas.
"Delight in Decomposition", Helen Richter Watson Art Gallery, Texas A&M International University, Laredo, Texas.
- 2013 "Earth Abstracts: Fragments", Northwest Lakeview Gallery, Fort Worth, Texas. 2011
- 2012 "Detritus", Mary E. Bawdin Sculpture Garden, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, Texas.
"New Archeology", Mary Masterson Gallery, Lone Star College-Montgomery, The Woodlands, Texas.
- 2010 "Entropic Devices", The Art Studio Inc., Beaumont, Texas.
- 2009 "Jeff Forster: New Work", In conjunction with MFAH Garth Clark Collection display. Harris County Public Library, Spring, Texas.
"Fragile Truth", Main Gallery, Box13 Artspace, Houston, Texas.
"Ruinous Industry", Fine Arts Gallery, North Harris Community College, Houston Texas.
- 2007 "Remnants", M.F.A. Thesis Exhibition, Governor French Academy, Belleville, Illinois.
- 2004 "Beyond Ordinary Perception"; Paramount Arts District, Saint Cloud, Minnesota.

SELECT OTHER EXHIBITIONS

- 2014 "Color Up/Color Down", Russ Pittman Park, Bellaire Texas.
"3D Faculty Exhibition", Kinder Morgan Building Lobby, Houston Texas.
"Glassell Studio School Faculty", Blaffer Gallery, Glassell School of Art, Houston Texas.
- 2013 "REady MADE", Cecily E. Horton Gallery, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, Texas.
"Stoked in Texas", Winter Street Studios, Houston, Texas.
"Naturalization" Courtyard, 2 Houston Center, Houston, Texas.
"Roughneck", Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston Texas.
"Large Scale Sculpture", Lone Star College-North Harris Campus.
- 2012 "Before Time: We Stand and Crumble", UTSA Satellite Space, Blue Star Contemporary Art Complex, San Antonio, Texas.
"Carbon Core 4", 18 Hands Gallery, Houston, Texas.
"Hot Ash", Gallery M2, Houston, Texas.
- 2011 "Crafting Lives", Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, Texas.
"A.I.R. Alumni Exhibition", The Armory Art Center, West Palm Beach, Florida.
"Clay Across Texas", E4 Gallery and Sculpture Park, Armadillo Clay, Austin, Texas.
- 2010 "Jillian Conrad and Jeff Forster", Art League Houston, Houston, Texas.
"Clay West International", Nora Eccles Harrison Museum of Art, Logan, Utah.
"Materials deStructured", poissant Gallery, Houston, Texas.
"18th San Angelo National Ceramic Competition", San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, San Angelo, Texas.

- 2010 "Artists in Academics: Works by Houston Arts Faculty", Beeville Art Museum, Beeville, TX.
"Currents: Contemporary Ceramics", Focus Gallery, Gainesville, Florida.
"Remediation of Empire" (Collaboration with Gabriel Craig)), Craft Garden, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, Texas.
"The Big Show", Lawndale Art Center, Houston, Texas.
- 2009 "Biennial Juried Ceramics Exhibition", Northern Arizona University Art Museum, Flagstaff, Arizona.
"Wichita National All Media Craft Exhibition", The Wichita Center for the Arts, Wichita, Kansas.
"From the Ground Up XXIV", Museum of Art, Las Cruces, New Mexico.
"Elements of Time", The Merz Project, In conjunction with NCECA, Phoenix Arizona.
"Jersey Shore Clay National", M.T. Burton Gallery, Surf City, New Jersey.
"Shake and Bake", Gallery at the Art Institute of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona.
"Confluence of Four", 18 Hands Gallery, Houston, Texas.
"Inspiration in Education", Texas University Ceramic Education Programs, 18 Hands Gallery, Houston, Texas.
"University of Dallas Regional Ceramic Competition", Haggerty Gallery, Dallas, Texas.
"Tasimjae", The Art Studio INC., Beaumont, Texas.
"Spirit of Clay", Hanson Galleries, Houston, Texas.
"Fire and Earth", Lone Star College-North Harris Art Gallery, Houston, Texas.
- 2008 "Ceramic Object/Conceptual Material" Kittrell Gallery, Fayetteville, Arkansas.
"Fresh A.I.R.", Artist in Residence Exhibition. Colaciello Gallery, West Palm Beach, Florida.
"Inner Thoughts"; Meyerhoffer Gallery, Lake Worth, Florida.
"Strictly Functional Pottery National", Market House Craft Center, East Petersburg, and Wayne Art Center, Wayne, Pennsylvania.
"Painting with Fire", Oswego Center for the Arts, Lake Oswego, Oregon.
"The Dinner Party Invitational", Eissey Gallery, Palm Beach Community College, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.
- 2007 "National Juried Ceramics Exhibition"; Lawrence Art Center, Lawrence, Kansas.
"The National Juried Wood Fired Exhibition"; Thrown Together Clay Center, Louisville, Kentucky.
"Emerging Excellence: 14 Regional University Programs"; Arts Center, Louisville, Kentucky.
"Varsity Art XI"; Art Saint Louis, Saint Louis, Missouri.

- 2007 "SCC Multimedia Invitational"; Art Gallery, Saint Charles Community College, Saint Charles, Missouri.
"Perspectives in Clay"; Cox Science Center Gallery, University of Miami, Miami, Florida.
"Invading Spaces", Installation Exhibition at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville Illinois.
- 2006 "Star Brick Clay National"; Star Brick Gallery, Nelsonville, Ohio.
"Sculpture on Campus, Exhibition and Competition" S.I.U.E., Illinois.
"Spanning the Ceramic Spectrum" Maves Art Center, Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois.
"Juried Graduate Student Exhibition", New Wagener Gallery, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois.
"Sculptors at Wagener", Art East Studio Tour at Bus Depot, Edwardsville, Illinois.
"Student Exhibition", Art East Studio Tour, Art and Design Building, Edwardsville, Illinois.
- 2005 "Fire and Ash"; Rok Gallery, Mitsuke, Japan. Invitational
"Jersey Shore Clay National"; M.T. Burton Gallery, Surf City, New Jersey.
"It's Only Clay", Bemidji Community Arts Center, Bemidji, Minnesota
"Surfaces Within & Without", Art Saint Louis, Saint Louis, Missouri.
"Grand Opening", Frescoe Gallery, Edwardsville Illinois.
"Made on a Tuesday", Main Street Gallery, Edwardsville, Illinois.
"Juried Graduate Student Exhibition", New Wagener Gallery, Edwardsville, Illinois.
- 2003 "It's Only Clay", Bemidji Community Arts Center, Bemidji, Minnesota.