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Education

2020 Master of Fine Arts in **Ceramics**
New York State College of Ceramics (NYSCC) at Alfred University, Alfred, NY

2015 Bachelor of Fine Arts in **Art Education** & Bachelor of Arts in **Ceramics**
Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM), Moorhead, MN
Summa cum laude, Dean's List 6 semesters

2012 Associate of Arts in **Visual Arts**
Bismarck State College, Bismarck, ND
Phi Theta Kappa Society 2 years

Teaching Experience

2022-current **Pottery Instructor**, Throw Ceramics, Missoula, MT

Art Instructor, Workroom Montana, Missoula, MT

2022-2024 **Adjunct Assistant Professor**, University of Montana, Missoula, MT
Foundations of Visual Arts Education, Ceramics

2021-2025 **Youth Programs Instructor**, Missoula Art Museum, Missoula, MT

2020-2023 **Instructor**, The Clay Studio of Missoula, Missoula, MT
Beginning Pottery, Mold Making, Lidded Vessels, Pouring Vessels, Open Instruction, Private Lessons, Youth and Family Programming

2018-2020 **Instructor**, Beginning Ceramics
Teaching Assistant, Sophomore Wheel Throwing, John Gill, Instructor
Teaching Assistant, Junior Pottery, Matt Kelleher, Instructor
Teaching Assistant, Kiln Construction and Design, Shawn Murray, Instructor

2019-2020 **Summer Camp Ceramics Instructor**, Belvoir Terrace, Lenox, MA

2016-2018 **Art Teacher**, Shanley High School & Sullivan Middle School, Fargo, ND

2015-2016 **Long-Term Substitute Art Teacher**, Davies High School, Fargo, ND
Teaching Artist, Plains Art Museum, Fargo, ND

2014-2018 **College for Kids & Teens Ceramics Instructor**, MSUM, Moorhead, MN

Professional Experience

2025 **Workroom Montana,** Co-owner, Community Arts Center, Missoula, MT
Flecks + Specks, Co-owner, colored ceramic grog business, Missoula, MT
2024 **Artist in Residence**, Alfred University Summer School, Alfred, NY
2023 **Short-Term Artist in Residence**, University of Montana, Missoula, MT
Artist Talk, American Pottery Festival, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN
Artist Talk, Radius Gallery, Missoula, MT

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Artist Workshop Assistant, Virgil Ortiz, NCECA conference, Sacramento, CA
Artist Amplified Presenter, Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT
2022 **Virtual Studio Visit**, The Center for Contemporary Art, Bedminster, NJ
Artist Panel, Co-Panelist with Lauren Mabry and Rebecca Zweibel, The Center for Contemporary Art, Bedminster, NJ
Short-Term Artist in Residence, Alfred University, Alfred, NY
2020-2022 **Artist in Residence**, The Clay Studio of Missoula, Missoula, MT
2014-2015 **Student Worker,** Ceramics Department, MSUM, Moorhead, MN
Visiting Artist Lecture Series Assistant, School of Art, MSUM, Moorhead, MN

Workshop Instructor

2026 **Visiting Artist Workshop**, ClayroomSF, San Francisco, CA
Visiting Artist Workshop, Cornell Studio Supply, Dayton, OH
2025 **Visiting Artist Workshop**, Boise State University, Boise, ID
Visiting Artist Workshop, Fort Boise Art Center, Boise, ID
Workshop Presenter, Clay Con West, St. George, UT
2024 **Visiting Artist Workshop**, Alfred University, Alfred, NY
Visiting Artist Workshop, Montana State University Billings, Billings, MT
Visiting Artist Workshop, McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL
2023 **Rocket Kiln Building Workshop**, University of Montana, Missoula, MT
Artist Demo, American Pottery Festival, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN
2022 **Visiting Artist Workshop**, University of Montana, Missoula, MT
Workshop Assistant, Rocket Wood Kiln Building with Lisa Orr, Superior, MT
Visiting Artist Workshop, MSUM, Moorhead, MN
Visiting Artist Workshop, Tarrant County Community College, Arlington, TX

Selected Exhibitions

2026 ***Last Call XI***, Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN
Pairings, Carbondale Clay Center, Carbondale, CO
Imbibition, Ellen Kayrod Gallery, Detroit, MI
Dialogue, Abel Contemporary, Stoughten, WI
100 & Under: Small Works, Arrowmont Knoxville Gallery, Knoxville, TN
Yunomi Invitational, ClayAkar, Iowa City, IA
Artist Feature, ClayAKAR, Iowa City, IA
Mocktail Invitational, Highland Gallery, South Bend, IN
2025 ***Material Mugs X***, Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN
Last Call X, Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN
Solo Show, In Tandem Gallery, Bakersville, NC
Above Board, NCECA Concurrent Online Exhibition
Pairings, Carbondale Clay Center, Carbondale, CO
Mocktail Invitational, Highland Gallery, South Bend, IN
8 Fluid Ounces, Glassell Gallery, Baton Rouge, LA
Red Hot!, Schaller Gallery, Baroda, MI
Yunomi Invitational, ClayAkar, Iowa City, IA
Between The Lines, The. Clay Studio of Philly, Philadelphia, PA
Americano Invitational, ClayAKAR, Iowa City, IA

Cup Show, Worchester Center for Crafts, Worchester, MA

2025 ***Hot Montana***, Schaller Gallery, Baroda, MI

2024 ***Snack Time***, Montana State University Billings, Billings, MT
Holiday Exhibition, Radius Gallery, Missoula, MT
Thanksgiving Table: The Butter Dish, ClayAKAR, Iowa City, IA
Americano Invitational, ClayAKAR, Iowa City, IA
Solo Show, ClayAKAR, Iowa City, IA
Solo Show, Signature Gallery, Atlanta, GA
Pairings, Carbondale Clay Center, Carbondale, CO
Yunomi Invitational, ClayAkar, Iowa City, IA

2023 ***Teeter Totter***, Solo Exhibition, The Mason Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
Emergence, Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden, Cincinnati, OH
In The Zone, The Clay Studio of Missoula, Missoula, MT
Brimful, Indiana University East, Richmond, IN
Solo Show, In Tandem Gallery, Bakersville, NC
The Wichita National Ceramics Invitational, Reuben Saunders Gallery, Wichita, KS
Pairings, Carbondale Clay Center, Carbondale, CO
Artist Feature, In Tandem Gallery, Bakersville, NC
Thanksgiving Table: The Butter Dish, ClayAKAR, Iowa City, IA
Cup: The Intimate Object XIX, Charlie Cummings Gallery, Gainesville, FL
Americano Invitational, ClayAKAR, Iowa City, IA
In Living Color, Red Lodge Clay Center, Red Lodge, MT
Yunomi Invitational, ClayAkar, Iowa City, IA
How to Grow a Garden City, Radius Gallery, Missoula, MT

2022 ***Swell***, Solo Exhibition, The Clay Studio of Missoula, Missoula, MT
On The Rocks, Wildfire Ceramic Studio, Missoula, MT
Solo Show, ClayAKAR, Iowa City, IA
Thanksgiving Table: The Butter Dish, ClayAKAR, Iowa City, IA
Americano Invitational, ClayAKAR, Iowa City, IA
Holiday Show, Radius Gallery, Missoula, MT
Solo Show, In Tandem Gallery, Bakersville, NC
Pairings, Carbondale Clay Center, Carbondale, CO
Faculty Art Exhibition, Gallery of Visual Arts, University of Montana, Missoula, MT
Material Mugs VII, Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN
Yunomi Invitational, ClayAkar, Iowa City, IA
Cup: The Intimate Object XVIII, Charlie Cummings Gallery, Gainesville, FL
Dallas Pottery Invitational, Dallas, TX

2021 ***Clay Studio of Missoula***: Trackside Gallery, Spokane, WA
Form and Function: Gulf Coast State College, Panama City, FL
Hella Cups, Applied Contemporary, Oakland, CA
Artist Feature, Charlie Cummings Gallery, Gainesville, FL
Artist Feature, ClayAKAR, Iowa City, IA
Playground, Wildfire Ceramic Studio, Missoula, MT
Last Call VI, Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN, Juried
Above Board 2021, Online NCECA exhibition, Invitational

2021 ***High Fired***, Wildfire Ceramic Studio, Missoula, MT
Dirty South Mug Competition, River Oaks Square Art Center, Alexandria, LA, Juried

Yunomi Invitational 2020, ClayAkar, Iowa City, IA

2020 **Student Juried Exhibition,** NCECA Conference, Richmond, VA
Lip Service, Saratoga Clay Arts Center, Schuylerville, NY, Juried
In Through the Out Door, Robert C. Turner Gallery, Alfred University, Alfred, NY
Double Take, Alfred Ceramic Art Museum, Alfred, NY
Grand Valley Exhibition and Forum, Richmond, VA
Small Favors, The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA, Juried
Last Call V, Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN, Juried
Confluence, NYSCC Robert C. Turner Gallery, Alfred, NY
Cup: The Intimate Object XVI, Charlie Cummings Gallery, Gainesville, FL, Juried
Yunomi Invitational 2020, ClayAkar, Iowa City, IA
Thanksgiving Table: The Butter Dish, ClayAkar, Iowa City, IA (forthcoming)
Americano Invitational, ClayAkar, Iowa City, IA (forthcoming)
Strictly Functional Pottery National, online, www.strictlyfunctionalpottery.net, Juried
Hold Me, Dunedin Fine Art Center, Dunedin, FL

2019 ***Inter-Disciplinary***, Robert C. Turner Gallery, Alfred University, Alfred, NY

2018 ***A Place at the Table***, Plains Art Museum, Fargo, ND
Pop Up Show, NYSCC Paining Studios, Alfred, NY

2017 ***Soda2***, Mantle Gallery, Louisville, KY, Juried
Friends of Make Room Exhibition, Make Room, Fargo, ND, Invitational
Art Educators' Exhibition, APT- The Arts Partnership, Fargo, ND, Juried
3rd Annual Dirty South Cup Competition, River Oaks Square Art Center, Alexandria, LA Juried
Pace, Solo Exhibition, Make Room, Fargo, ND
Diptych/Triptych, Bismarck Downtown Artist Coop (BDAC), Bismarck, ND

2016 ***Art Educators' Exhibition***, Rourke Art Museum, Moorhead, MN, Juried

2015 ***Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition***, Roland Dille Center for the Arts Gallery (RDCA Gallery), MSUM, Moorhead, MN
Dirty South Mug Competition, River Oaks Square Art Center, Alexandria, LA Juried
Art Educators' Exhibition, Plains Art Museum, Fargo, ND
America's ClayFest III, Art League of Lincoln, Lincoln, CA
Student Juried Show, RDCA Gallery, MSUM, Juried

2014 ***Student Juried Show***, RDCA Gallery, MSUM, Juried
Mini Madness: A Mini Exhibition, RDCA Gallery, MSUM, Moorhead, MN
Banded, Fargo North High School, Fargo, ND

2013 ***3rd Annual Foot in the Door Show***, Bismarck Downtown Artist Co-op (BDAC), Bismarck, ND
Black & White, Fargo North High School, Fargo, ND

2012 ***2nd Annual Foot in the Door Show***, BDAC, Bismarck, ND
Art in Bloom, BDAC, Bismarck, ND

2011 ***Foot in the Door Show***, BDAC, Bismarck, ND
Living Masterpieces, Dakota Stage Ltd., Bismarck, ND
Curator, artist, and presenter of *Dogs Playing Poker*

Festivals and Pottery Tours

2025 ***Montana Clay Tour***, Helena, MT

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MADE Fair, Adams Center, Missoula, MT
2024 ***MADE Fair***, Adams Center, Missoula, MT
2023 ***American Pottery Festival***, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN
Flower City Pottery Invitational, Flower City Arts Center, Rochester, NY
Montana Clay Tour, Helena, MT
2022 ***Dallas Pottery Invitational,*** Dallas, TX

Grants and Awards

2023 **Grant Recipient**, Arts Missoula Grants Program
2022 **2022 Emerging Artist**, Ceramics Monthly
2021 **Excellence in Craft Fellowship**, Clay Studio of Missoula, Missoula, MT
Best in Show, *Form and Function*: Gulf Coast State College, Panama City, FL, Juror: Molly Bishop
Best in Show, *7th Annual Dirty South Cup Call and Competition*, River Oaks Square Art Center, Alexandria, LA, Juror: Dan Anderson
Juror, *Playground*, Juried show, Wildfire Ceramic Studio, Missoula, MT
2017 **Juror's Choice Award**, *3rd Annual Dirty South Cup Call and Competition*, River Oaks Square Art Center, Alexandria, LA, Juror: Matt Long
2015 Recipient of **School of Art Excellence Scholarship**, MSUM, Moorhead, MN
2014 **Student Award**, *Student Juried Show*, Roland Dille Center for the Arts Gallery, MSUM, Hilary Wilder, Juror
2011 **Outstanding Student Award**, BSC Bismarck, ND
Visual Arts Foundation Scholarship, BSC, Bismarck, ND
Bismarck State College Foundation Academic Scholarship, Bismarck State College, Bismarck, ND
2010 **Bismarck State College Foundation Academic Scholarship**, Bismarck State College, Bismarck, ND

Galleries

2024-Current ***Rueben Saunders Gallery,*** Wichita, KS
Abel Contemporary, Stoughton, WI
Holter Museum, Helena, MT
2023-Current ***Twisted Vessel Gallery***, Pigeon Forge, TN
2022-Current ***In Tandem Gallery***, Bakersville, NC
Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN
Radius Gallery, Missoula, MT
2021-Current ***Charlie Cummings Gallery***, Gainesville, FL
2020-Current ***The Clay Studio of Missoula***, Missoula, MT
ClayAKAR, Iowa City, IA
2013-Current ***Bismarck Downtown Artist Co-op***, Bismarck, ND

Skills

Kilns: Firing electric, gas, salt, soda, wood, and raku kilns, electric kiln repair, kiln building and maintenance.
Ceramic Materials: Formulating and mixing clay bodies, glazes, slips, and terra sigillatas, material testing and research.

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Ceramic Processes: Fusion 360, 3D printing, mold making, plaster lathing.
Gallery: Art handling, installation, lighting, graphic design: Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, Lightroom

Publications

Ceramics Monthly, January 2026, *Cone 10 Toys and Joys, written by Erin Shafkind*
Ceramics Monthly, May 2022, *Contest: 2022 Emerging Artists*
Pottery Making Illustrated, Jan/Feb 2022 Issue, pg. 29, Author: *Porcelain With A Twist*
Ceramics Monthly, October 2021 Issue, pg. 96, *Spotlight: Drawn to Ceramics*
Ceramics Monthly, November 2021 Issue, pg. 13, *exposure*

Collections

Alfred Ceramic Art Museum, Alfred University, Alfred, NY
Dan Anderson, Private Collection, Edwardsville, IL
John and Andrea Gill, Private Collection, Alfred, NY
Glenn Phillips, Private Collection, Los Angeles, CA
Louise Rosenfield, Private Collection, Dallas, TX