

TAYLOR A. MEZO

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EDUCATION	<i>Bachelor's in Fine Art, Ceramics</i> Governors State University, University Park, IL Cum Laude, graduation in Fall 2019	2016-2019
WORK EXPERIENCE	<i>Registration / Administrative Assistant</i> Pittsburgh Center for Arts and Media, Pittsburgh PA	2021-Present
	<i>Winter Studio Assistant</i> Penland School of Crafts, Spruce Pine NC	2022-Present
	<i>Intern, Ceramics Studio Technician</i> Touchstone Center for Crafts, Farmington, PA	2020
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist with daily operations surrounding the ceramics studio• Studio maintenance and cleaning• Presenting and demonstrating techniques via Zoom• Problem solving a variety of technical problems with creative solutions	
	<i>Teacher's Assistant and After School Care</i> Kankakee Valley Montessori School, Bourbonnais, IL	2018-2020
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist lead teachers in daily activities• Includes observing, supervising, and disciplining children and organizational duties	
	<i>Housekeeping Work-Study</i> Arrowmont School of Arts and Craft	2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsible for cleaning facilities and dormitories• Multi Managing daily work tasks with workshops	
	<i>Intern</i> Peoria Art Guild, Peoria, IL	2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitating daily operations such as answering phones and directing attendees• Converted the original gallery documentation from paper to digital files using microsoft Excel• Installing and uninstalling exhibitions	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<i>Pittsburgh Center for Arts and Media, Pittsburgh PA</i> In-person and online adult ceramics classes and kids summer camps.	2021-
	<i>Sweetwater Center for the Arts, Sewickley PA</i> Adult ceramic and jewelry classes	2022
	<i>Center for Contemporary Craft, Pittsburgh PA</i> Adult handbuilding and ceramic jewelry classes	2022-

	<i>The Neighborhood Academy, Pittsburgh PA</i>	2021-22
	Daily after school ceramics programs for kids ages 14-18	
	<i>Touchstone Center for Crafts, Farmington PA</i>	2020
	Demonstrating/Teaching artist via zoom.	
RESIDENCIES	<i>Arrowmont Spring Pentaculum</i>	May 2022
	Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg TN	
	<i>Winter Resident</i>	Jan 2020-23
	Penland School of Craft, Spruce Pine NC	
	<i>Short Term Resident Artist</i>	Feb 2020
	Peters Valley School of Craft, Sussex County NJ	
	<i>Resident Artist</i>	2020-21
	Pittsburgh Center for Arts and Media, Pittsburgh PA	
GROUP / INVITED ARTIST / SOLO EXHIBITION RECORD	<i>Modern Rust</i>	2023
	NCECA concurrent group exhibition, featuring women, BIPOC, and LGBT+ ceramic artists from Pittsburgh, shown at Studio San Giuseppe Gallery in Mount St Joseph University, Cincinnati OH.	
	<i>Present Touch</i>	
	NCECA concurrent group exhibition featuring emerging contemporary ceramic artists, Baker Hunt Art and Cultural Center, Cincinnati OH.	
	<i>The Michiana Pottery Tour Invitational</i>	
	Invited/Group show of artists featured on the Michiana Pottery Tour. Highland Gallery in South Bend, IN.	
	<i>Material Mugs</i>	
	Invited to showcase 5 mugs at Companion Gallery in Humboldt, TN.	
	<i>Pride Exhibition</i>	
	Invited artist, a mixed media exhibition featuring artists who identify as lgbtq+. East Carolina University, Greenville NC.	
	<i>Contemporary Pattern</i>	
	Invited to showcase a mix of mugs and vessels that incorporate patterns. Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN.	
	<i>It's My Party And I'll Cry If I Want To</i>	
	Invited artist to a group show of artists showcasing table settings at the Department of Contemporary Art in Tampa, FL	
	<i>Salad Days Pottery Show & Sale</i>	
	Invited to Watershed's annual pottery show and sale that coincides with their Salad Days event. Edgecomb, ME.	
	<i>Clay to Table</i>	

Invited artist to a group show and sale of contemporary pottery.

Those Who Teach **2022**
Group Exhibition of teaching artists at the Pittsburgh Center for Arts and Media,
Pittsburgh PA

Half Empty / Half Full
Group exhibition of pittsburgh potters at Madkat Studios in Elizabeth, PA

Back and Forth
Group exhibition of former interns from Touchstone Center for Crafts. Pittsburgh PA

HOT HOUSE
Group exhibition of artists from Pittsburgh who focus on maximalism. Pittsburgh PA

Queer & Dear **2021**
Group exhibition of queer ceramic artist at Saltstone Ceramics, Seattle WA

CRAFTED
Invited Artist, handmade cup show and sale at Contemporary Craft, Pittsburgh PA

Design, Form, & Function
Invited Artist, Exhibition at McCord Gallery in Palos Park IL

The Tropic of Color
Invited Artist, Exhibition at Vestige Gallery in Pittsburgh PA

Gentle Geometry
Solo Exhibition at the Pittsburgh Center for Arts and Media

Open House Exhibition **2020**
Group Exhibition at Touchstone Center for Crafts, Farmington PA

Alone Together, A Miniature Group "Solo" Exhibition
Group exhibition featuring solo cups at Little Library Gallery, Farmington PA

Print on Clay **2019**
Group Exhibition at the GSU Visual Arts Gallery, University Park IL

Workstudy Exhibition
Group exhibition at the Arrowmont Studios Gallery, Gatlinburg TN

**JURIED EXHIBITION
RECORD**

Earth & Fire **2023**
Oglebay Institute, Wheeling WV

Juried National VII
Red Lodge Clay Center, Red Lodge MT

High Fire
Wildfire Ceramic Studio & Gallery, Missoula MT

Cup: The Intimate Object XIX
Charlie Cummings Gallery, Gainesville FL

Teapots IX **2022**
Baltimore Clayworks, Baltimore MD

Full Spectrum

Brew House Association, Pittsburgh PA

Crosscurrents

Oglebay Institute Stifel Fine Arts Center, Wheeling WV

Clay National XVI: Say It With Clay

Carbondale CLay Center, Carbondale CO

Bowl Lotta Love

Core Clay Center, Cincinnati OH

Mug Madness

Saltstone Ceramics, Seattle WA

Southern Miss Ceramics National

University of Southern Mississippi

Small Favors

The Clay Studio, Philadelphia PA

2021

Craftforms 2021

Wayne Art Center, Wayne PA

Hella Cups

Applied Contemporary, Oakland CA

Strictly Functional Pottery National

Lancaster Museum of Art, Lancaster PA

Juried National VI

Red Lodge Clay Center, Red Lodge MT

Annual Spring Show

Erie Museum of Art, Erie PA

Hand to Mouth

Sweetwater Center for the Arts, Sewickley PA

Filled Up

New Harmony Clay Project, New Harmony IN

SIP A Ceramic Cup Show

Juried Exhibition, Savannah Clay Community, Savannah GA

2020

Last Call V

Juried Exhibition, Companion Gallery, Humboldt TN

6th Annual Dirty South Cup Competition

River Oaks Square Art Center, Alexandria LA

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Art Students League of Denver, CO

Kansas City Teabowl National

KC Clay Guild, Kansas City MO

Lip Service

Saratoga Clay Arts Center, Schuylerville NY

Kansas City Teabowl National

Juried Exhibition, KC Clay Guild, Kansas City MO

2019

Drink 2

Juried Exhibition, Silpe Gallery at University of Hartford, West Hartford CT

Strictly Functional Pottery National

Juried Exhibition, Market House Craft Center, Petersburg PA

2019 Workstudy Exhibition

Group Exhibition, Arrowmont Studios Gallery, Gatlinburg TN

Function Fest

Juried Exhibition, Clay Center of New Orleans, New Orleans LA

Working Pots

Juried Exhibition, James May Gallery, Algoma WI

Print on Clay

Group Exhibition, The GSU Visual Arts Gallery, University Park IL

2019 Biennial Quad State Exhibition

Juried Exhibition, Quincy Art Center, Quincy IL

Twin Cups

Juried Exhibition, MWSU Clay Guild, Saint Joseph MO

The Cup Show

Juried Exhibition, Clay Art Vegas, Las Vegas NV

The Almighty Cup

Juried Exhibition, Gandee Gallery, Fabius NY

Cheers! Drink Up! Celebrating the Clay Drinking Vessel

Juried Exhibition, Commonwheel Artist Co-op, Manitou Springs CO

2018

The President's Show

Juried Exhibition, The GSU Visual Arts Gallery, University Park IL

All Student Show

Group Exhibition, The GSU Visual Arts Gallery, University Park IL

RETAILERS

Arrowmont Supply Store

Gatlinburg, TN

2019-

Moon Cookie Gallery

Kankakee, IL

2021-

Baltimore Clayworks

Baltimore, MD

2021-

	Saltstone Ceramics Seattle, WA	2021-
	Touchstone Center for Crafts Gallery Farmington, PA	2020-
	Visual Index Gallery Winston-Salem, NC	2022-
	Small Mall PGH Pittsburgh, PA	2021-23
	Center for Contemporary Craft Pittsburgh, PA	2021-
	Plough Gallery Tifton, GA	2022-
	Core Clay / The Mason Gallery Cincinnati, OH	2023-
GRANTS/AWARDS	Ceramics Monthly 2022 Emerging Artist Featured in the May 2022 issue of Ceramics Monthly	2022
	Lyndon Emerging Artist Program (LEAP) One of five finalists of the LEAP award, on behalf of Contemporary Craft.	2021
	Friends of Arrowmont Scholarship Full workshop tuition rewarded to recipients based on financial need and personal artistic goals.	2019
	Dr. William E. Engbretson Endowed Scholarship in Art and Sculpture Awarded to one art major at Governor State University every year who exhibits excellence in the creation of fine arts.	2018
SPECIAL PROJECTS/ OTHER	A featured artist in NYC's Strada Gallery, for their July 2023 Capsule Collection.	
	Participating artist in Clay to Table's 2023 Show.	
	Invited artist for the 2023 Michiana Pottery Tour, hosted at Justin Rothshank's stop.	
	Worked with administration and studios, over the period of 7 months, to create a ceramics residency program at the Pittsburgh Center of Arts and Media. With the main goal of enriching the ceramic community within the center and surrounding area, and developing the resident professionally. (2021-22)	
	Featured in the September 2022 issue of Ceramics Monthly in the Exposure section as a part of the Clay National XVI at Carbondale Clay Center.	
	Assistant to Sunshine Cobb, during her Handbuilding Pottery workshop at Penland School of Crafts in 2022.	
	Commissioned by the Fairmont Pittsburgh Hotel to create three, 2ft tall vases for their fireplace and elevator lobby.	

Created 250 slipcasted, glazed, and decaled cups for the annual Wine & Dine benefit at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park in University Park, IL. (2018)