

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>Winter Studio Assistant</i> Penland School of Crafts, Spruce Pine NC •	2022
	<i>Intern, Ceramics Studio Technician</i> Touchstone Center for Crafts, Farmington, PA <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	2020
	<i>Teacher's Assistant and After School Care</i> Kankakee Valley Montessri School, Bourbonnais, IL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist lead teachers in daily activities• Includes observing, supervising, and disciplining children and organizational duties	2018-2020
	<i>Housekeeping Work-Study</i> Arrowmont School of Arts and Craft <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsible for cleaning facilities and dormitories• Multi Managing daily work tasks with workshops	2019
	<i>Intern</i> Peoria Art Guild, Peoria, IL <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	2015
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 jewelry classes	
	<i>The Neighborhood Academy, Pittsburgh PA</i> Daily after school ceramics programs for kids ages 14-18	
	<i>Touchstone Center for Crafts</i>	2020

Demonstrating/Teaching artist via zoom.

RESIDENCIES

Winter Resident Jan 2020
Penland School of Craft, Spruce Pine NC

Short Term Resident Artist
Feb 2020
Peters Valley School of Craft, Sussex County NJ

Spring Pentaculum (Cancelled due to Covid-19) May 2020
Arrowmont School of Arts and Craft, Gatlinburg TN

Resident Artist 2020-21
Pittsburgh Center for Arts and Media, Pittsburgh PA

Short Term Resident Artist (Rescheduled due to Covid-19) Feb 2022
Red Lodge Clay Center, Red Lodge MT

GROUP / INVITED ARTIST / SOLO EXHIBITION RECORD

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

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

Small Favors 2021
The Clay Studio, Philadelphia PA

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

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

delectTABLE 2020: The Fine Art of Dining

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 Gellery, University Park IL

All Student Show

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

RETAILERS

Arrowmont Supply Store

Gatlinburg, TN

2019-

Moon Cookie Gallery

Kankakee, IL

2021

SLUG Shop

Gatlinburg, TN

2019-20

Baltimore Clayworks

Baltimore, MD

2021-

Saltstone Ceramics

Seattle, WA

2021-

Touchstone Center for Crafts Gallery

Farmington, PA

2020-

Small Mall PGH

Pittsburgh, PA

2021-

GRANTS/AWARDS

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

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

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.