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Born: Portland, Oregon, USA 1981

- **Education**

- ● 2014: MFA, Ceramics, University of Minnesota, MN
- ● 2005: BFA, Ceramics, Alfred University, Alfred, NY
- ● 2001: Coursework, Portland Community College, Portland, OR

- **Academic Employment**

- **2025–Present · Adjunct Instructor of Ceramic Arts**

- University of Akron & Cuyahoga Community College (East Campus)**

- ● 2024 -25: Tri-C Community College, 3-D Art Lecturer, Highland Hills, OH
 - ● 2019-2023: Assistant Professor of Art, Kent State, Kent, OH
 - ● 2019: Travelling Art Instructor, Art Mobile Montana, Helena, MT
 - ● 2014-2020: Freelance Educator
 - ○ Lillstreet Art Center
 - ○ Northern Clay Center
 - ○ Archie Bray Foundation
 - ○ Holter Museum
 - ○ Crow Reservation High School
 - ● 2014-15: Instructor of Ceramics and Art Appreciation, Concordia University, St. Paul, MN
 - ● 2014: Instructor of Intermediate Ceramics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
 - ● 2011-14: Teaching Assistant, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
 - ● 2007-11: Community Education Instructor, Portland Community College, Portland, OR
 - ● 2006-11: Ceramic Lab Tech, Portland Community College, Portland, OR
 - ● 2006: Ceramic Coordinator and Arts Educator, Bucks Rock Arts Camp, New Milford, CT
 - ● 2005: Ceramic Arts Educator, Bucks Rock Arts Camp, New Milford, CT
- **Artist Residencies**
 - ● 2020: Pentaculum, Arrowmont School of Art and Craft, Gatlinburg, TN
 - ● 2017-18: Artist in Residence, Holter Museum, Helena, MT
 - ● 2015-17: Long-Term Resident, Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT

- • 2014-15: Anonymous Potter, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN
- **Solo Exhibitions:**
 - • 2016: Digital Debut, Belger Crane Yard Gallery, Kansas City, MO
 - • 2007: Curious Cabinet, Feed Gallery, Bloomington, IN
- **Group Exhibitions**
 - • 2025: Simple Cup, KOBO Gallery, Seattle, WA
 - • 2025: 10th Annual Ceramics Invitational, Radius Gallery, Missoula
 - • 2024: NCECA: Ashtrays Class or Trash, Abode Gallery, Richmond, Va
 - • 2023: Transference: Amelia Center Gallery, Gulf Coast State College, FL
 - • 2023: NCECA: Western Reserve Currents, Curated Storefront, Cincinnati, OH
 - • 2023: Now & Then: Seven Decades of Kent State Ceramics, Kent, OH
 - • 2022: Other Lands, Monument Gallery, Hudson, NY
 - • 2021: Kindred Object, The Artists Archives of the Western Reserve, Cleveland, OH
 - • 2021: Biennial Faculty Show, CVA Gallery, Kent, OH
 - • 2020: The Cup The Mug, Main Street Arts, Clifton Springs, NY
 - • 2020: Sip: A Ceramic Cup Show, Savannah Clay Community, Savannah, GA
 - • 2020: 5th Annual Ceramics Invitational, Radius Gallery, Missoula, MT
 - • 2019: Art Mobile: Traveling Art Exhibition, MT
 - • 2019: Art of Repetition, Gallery One Visual Arts Center, Ellensburg, WA
 - • 2019: Montana Clay Tour, Mel Grin and David Peters Studio, Helena, MT
 - • 2018: Pipe Dream, Now Space, Los Angeles, CA
 - • 2018: Handmade For Your Valentine, Clay Akar Gallery, Iowa City, IA
 - • 2017: Archie Bray at the Kolva-Sullivan Gallery, Spokane, WA
 - • 2017: Second Year Archie Bray Fellowship Show, Holter Museum, Helena, MT
 - • 2017: NCECA Bray Resident Artist Show, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, OR
 - • 2016: Archie Bray at the Kolva-Sullivan Gallery, Spokane, WA
 - • 2016: First Year Archie Bray Fellowship Show, Holter Museum, Helena, MT
 - • 2016: NCECA Bray Resident Artist Show, Belger Crane Yard Gallery, Kansas City, MO
 - • 2015: Closer, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
 - • 2015: The Fogelberg, Red Wing, and APS Artists exhibition, Minneapolis, MN
 - • 2015: Winter Ware, Circa Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
 - • 2015: Plate, Mudfire Gallery, Decatur, GA
 - • 2014: Brown Study, UMN MFA Group Thesis Show, Minneapolis, MN
 - • 2014: Immersive Stages, NCECA, Milwaukee, WI
 - • 2014: Drink This, The Workhouse International Ceramic Cup Show, Lorton, VA
 - • 2014: Laundry Fresh, Quarter Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
 - • 2014: Winter Ware, Circa Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
 - • 2013: Minty Fresh, Quarter Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
 - • 2012: Friends with Benefits, Quarter Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
 - • 2012: Cups of Fire, National Competition, Clay Gallery, Ann Arbor, MI
 - • 2011: One and Only, John Michael Kohler, Sheboygan, WI
 - • 2011: Drink This, The Workhouse, Lorton, VA

- • 2011: Fresh Works, Quarter Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- • 2007: Impressions, Angie Newman Johnson Gallery, Alexandria, VA
- **Honors and Awards**
 - **2020 Best of Show, Sip a Ceramic Cup Show**, Savannah Clay Community, Savannah, GA
 - **2016 Lillstreet Art Center Fellow**, Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT
 - **2015 Joan Lincoln Fellow**, Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT
 - **2014 Anonymous Potter Studio Fellow**, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN
 - **2013 Graduate Travel Research Grant**, University of Minnesota, MN
 - 2011 Best of Show: Drink This, The Workhouse, Lorton, VA
- **Artist Lectures**
 - • 2025: Hot Dog Day Visiting Artist and Brat Off Juror, Ohio University, Athens, OH
 - • 2024: Visiting Artist Talk and Demonstration, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
 - • 2023: Visiting Artist Talk, Portland Community College, Portland, OR
 - • 2023: Artist Talk, Carleton College, Northfield, MN
 - • 2018: Ceramics and Community: Panel Talk, Holter Museum of Art, Helena, MT
 - • 2016: Visiting Artist Series, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA
 - • 2015: UM Bray Days; Annual Artist Lecture Series, University of Montana, Missoula, MT
 - • 2015: Visiting Artist Talk and Demonstrator, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
 - • 2013: Guest Artist Talk, Tokyo University, Tokyo Japan
 - • 2013: Artist Talk, Carleton College, Northfield, MN
- **Curated Exhibitions**
 - • 2020: Kent State National Ceramics Invitational; Drawing the Line, Downtown Art Gallery, Kent, OH
- **Collections**
 - • The Rosenfield Collection: Contemporary Functional Ceramic Art Collection, TX
- **Publications**
 - • 2016: Ceramics: Contemporary Artists Working In Clay, by Kate Singleton
 - • 2013: Michelle Summers Interview, DPI Magazine, March 2013, Vol 167
 - • 2013: Exposure, Ceramics Monthly, February 2013, Vol 61, Number 2