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EDUCATION

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

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Adjunct Instructor of Ceramic Arts University of Akron & Cuyahoga Community College (East Campus)	2025–present
3-D Art Lecturer Tri-C Community College, Highland Hills, OH	2024–25
Assistant Professor of Art Kent State University, Kent, OH	2019–23
Travelling Art Instructor Art Mobile Montana, Helena, MT	2019
Freelance Educator - 2014–20 <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Lillstreet Art Center· Northern Clay Center· Archie Bray Foundation· Holter Museum· Crow Reservation High School	
Instructor of Ceramics and Art Appreciation Concordia University, St. Paul, MN	2014–15
Instructor of Intermediate Ceramics University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN	2014
Teaching Assistant University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN	2011–14
Community Education Instructor Portland Community College, Portland, OR	2007–11
Ceramic Lab Technician Portland Community College, Portland, OR	2006–11
Ceramic Coordinator & Arts Educator Bucks Rock Arts Camp, New Milford, CT	2005–06

ARTIST RESIDENCIES

Pentaculum Arrowmont School of Art and Craft, Gatlinburg, TN	2020
Artist in Residence Holter Museum, Helena, MT	2017–18

Long-Term Resident Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT	2015–17
Anonymous Potter Fellow Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN	2014–15

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

Digital Debut Belger Crane Yard Gallery, Kansas City, MO	2016
Curious Cabinet Feed Gallery, Bloomington, IN	2007

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

Simple Cup · KOBO Gallery, Seattle, WA	2025
10th Annual Ceramics Invitational · Radius Gallery, Missoula, MT	2025
NCECA: Ashtrays Class or Trash · Abode Gallery, Richmond, VA	2024
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	2023
Other Lands · Monument Gallery, Hudson, NY	2022
Kindred Object · Artists Archives of the Western Reserve, Cleveland, OH	2021
Biennial Faculty Show · CVA Gallery, Kent, OH	2021
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	2020
Art of Repetition · Gallery One Visual Arts Center, Ellensburg, WA	2019
Montana Clay Tour · Mel Grin and David Peters Studio, Helena, MT	2019
Pipe Dream · Now Space, Los Angeles, CA	2018
Handmade For Your Valentine · Clay Akar Gallery, Iowa City, IA	2018
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	2017
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	2016
Closer · Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI	2015
Winter Ware · Circa Gallery, Minneapolis, MN	2015
Plate · Mudfire Gallery, Decatur, GA	2015
Immersive Stages · NCECA, Milwaukee, WI	2014
Drink This · The Workhouse International Ceramic Cup Show, Lorton, VA	2014
Minty Fresh · Quarter Gallery, Minneapolis, MN	2013
Cups of Fire, National Competition · Clay Gallery, Ann Arbor, MI	2012
One and Only · John Michael Kohler, Sheboygan, WI	2011
Impressions · Angie Newman Johnson Gallery, Alexandria, VA	2007

CURATED EXHIBITIONS

Kent State National Ceramics Invitational: Drawing the Line 2020
Downtown Art Gallery, Kent, OH

HONORS & AWARDS

Best of Show - Sip a Ceramic Cup Show, Savannah Clay Community, Savannah, GA 2020
Lillstreet Art Center Fellow - Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT 2016
Joan Lincoln Fellow - Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT 2015
Anonymous Potter Studio Fellow - Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN 2014
Graduate Travel Research Grant - University of Minnesota, MN 2013
Best of Show: Drink This - The Workhouse, Lorton, VA 2011

ARTIST LECTURES

Hot Dog Day Visiting Artist & Brat Off Juror - Ohio University, Athens, OH 2025
Visiting Artist Talk and Demonstration - Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI 2024
Visiting Artist Talk - Portland Community College, Portland, OR 2023
Artist Talk - Carleton College, Northfield, MN 2023
Ceramics and Community: Panel Talk - Holter Museum of Art, Helena, MT 2018
Visiting Artist Series - Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA 2016
UM Bray Days: Annual Artist Lecture Series - University of Montana, Missoula, MT 2015
Visiting Artist Talk and Demonstrator - The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 2015
Guest Artist Talk - Tokyo University, Tokyo, Japan 2013
Artist Talk - Carleton College, Northfield, MN 2013

COLLECTIONS

The Rosenfield Collection: Contemporary Functional Ceramic Art Collection, TX

PUBLICATIONS

Ceramics: Contemporary Artists Working In Clay 2016
by Kate Singleton
Michelle Summers Interview 2013
DPI Magazine, March 2013, Vol. 167
Exposure 2013
Ceramics Monthly, February 2013, Vol. 61, No. 2