

# JESSICA PLEYEL

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## EDUCATION

2017

**Masters of Fine Arts, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA**

*Sculpture Emphasis, Intermedia Minor, Gender Women's and Sexuality Studies Certificate (Projected: Spring 2017, Current GPA: 4.12)*

2016

**Masters of Arts, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA**

*Intermedia Emphasis, Sculpture Minor (Summa Cum Laude, 4.09 GPA)*

2012

**Visiting Masters Student, University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana**

*Playwriting and Costume Design (13 credits, 3.75 GPA)*

**Bachelors of Fine Arts, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI**

*Visual Studies Emphasis, Advertising and Public Relations Minor (Cum Laude, 3.83 GPA)*

## AWARDS/HONORS

2017

**Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies Travel Award**

*Department of Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*

2016

**Ana Mendieta Memorial Scholarship**

*School of Art and Art History, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*

**Adele Kimm Scholarship**

*Department of Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*

**Obermann Graduate Senior Fellowship**

*Obermann Graduate Institute on Engagement and the Academy, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*

**Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies Travel Award**

*Department of Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*

**Graduate Student Senate Supplemental Travel Award**

*Graduate Student Senate, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*

**College of Graduate Students Travel Fellowship**

*College of Graduate Students, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*

**School of Art and Art History Supplemental Travel Award**

*School of Art and Art History, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*

**Outstanding Paper and Presentation Award: To(get)her: Community/Collaboration/Confrontation**

*Jakobsen Memorial Conference, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*

**Outstanding Feminist Activist**

*Campaign to Organize Graduate Students, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*

2015

**Virgil M. Beall Scholarship**

*School of Art and Art History, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*

**Obermann Graduate Fellowship**

*Obermann Graduate Institute on Engagement and the Academy, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*

2014-17

**Graduate Teaching Assistantship**

*School of Art and Art History, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA (\$9000 annually)*

2014

**Ana Mendieta Memorial Scholarship**

*School of Art and Art History, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*

**Strategic Initiative Fund (SIF) Fellowship**

*School of Art and Art History, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*

2012

**Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship**

*Rotary International District 6290, Grand Rapids, MI (\$27000)*

2011

**The Fritz and Thelma Coghlin Scholarship**

*Ox-Bow School of Art and Artists' Residencies, Saugatuck, MI*

**Ox-Bow Work Study Scholarship**

*Ox-Bow School of Art and Artist's Residencies, Saugatuck, MI*

**Phi Kappa Phi Membership**

*The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI*

**Branstrom Fine Arts Award**

*Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI*

2008-12

**State Competitive Scholarship**

*State of Michigan*

2007-12

**Award for Excellence**

*Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI*

**Dean's List**

*Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI*

2007-09

**Michigan Promise**

*State of Michigan*

2007

**Mary and Wilhelm Seeger Award for Foreign Language**

*Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI*

## **EXHIBITIONS/PERFORMANCES**

2017

**To(get)her: Meeting/Melting/Mending IV**

*Des Moines Social Club Viaduct Gallery, Des Moines, Iowa, Solo Exhibition (Projected for April 2017)*

**Nasty Women in Iowa**

*Near Future, Iowa City, Iowa*

**To(get)her: MFA Thesis Exhibition**

*Drewelowe Gallery, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, Solo Exhibition*

2016

**To(get)her: Meeting/Melting/Mending III**

*Visual Arts Building, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*

**Soror Mystica**

*Art Farm, Marquette, NE*

**To(get)her: Meeting/Melting/Mending II**

*Feast Arts Center, Tacoma, WA, Solo Exhibition*

**UpSpeak***Moberg Gallery, Des Moines, IA, Invitational Exhibition***Tell Us: Your Queer Stories***Wild Bill's Coffee Shop, Iowa City, IA, Invitational Exhibition***Awkward Portal***Public Space One, Iowa City, IA, Invitational Exhibition***To(get)her***Ana Mendieta Gallery, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, Solo Exhibition***Masters of Arts Exhibition***Drewelowe Gallery, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA***Feminist Voices Spring Showcase***Public Space One, Iowa City, IA, Juried Exhibition***Rurally Good III***Grin City Collective, Grinnell, IA, Invitational Exhibition***Artifacts of Engagement***Old Capitol Museum, University of Iowa, IA, Invitational Exhibition***2015****CROTCH: Contested Territories***Whitdel Arts, Detroit, MI, Juried Exhibition***Conversations While Whittling: An Exhibition of a Cajun Family's Artworks***Craft House Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI, Solo Exhibition***And We Never Went Hungry: A Dinner of Recipes from Beulah Remont Pleyel***Grin City Collective, Grinnell, IA, Solo Exhibition***To(get)her: Meeting/Melting/Mending***Studio Arts, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA***The Kinsey Institute: Juried Art Show 2015***The Kinsey Institute, Bloomington, IN, Juried Exhibition***Indiana University East Inaugural Juried Art Exhibition: Gender***Whitewater Gallery, Indiana University East, Richmond, IN, Juried Exhibition***Maintenance Mode***Public Space One, Iowa City, IA, Juried Exhibition***Feminist Voices Fall Showcase***Public Space One, Iowa City, IA, Juried Exhibition***Intermedia SHABANG!!!***Public Space One, Iowa City, IA***Intermedia Graduate Exhibition***Ana Mendieta Gallery, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA***Open Projector Showcase***Urban Institute for Contemporary Art, Grand Rapids, MI, Juried Exhibition***Performing Autobiography: A Live Performance of Lived Experiences***Theater B, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA***BYOB (Bring Your Own Beamer)***Public Space One, Iowa City, IA***Small Bytes Microcinema***University of Iowa Main Library, Iowa City, IA, Juried Exhibition, Awarded Honorable Mention***Bijou Open Screen***Bijou Theater, Iowa City, IA, Juried Exhibition***Open Projector Night No. 10***Urban Institute for Contemporary Art, Grand Rapids, MI, Juried Exhibition***Beyond Material***(SCENE) MetroSpace Gallery, East Lansing, MI, Juried Exhibition***2014****Conversations While Whittling: An Exhibition of a Cajun Family's Artworks***Ana Mendieta Gallery, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, Solo Exhibition***FL3TCH3R Exhibition***Reece Museum, Johnson City, TN, Juried Exhibition*

**Gendering Desire: Liberation, Power and Pleasure**

*Koehnline Museum of Art, Des Plaines, IL, Juried Exhibition*

**Exuberant Politics**

*Public Space One, Iowa City, IA, Juried Exhibition*

**Craft/Work**

*Beauty and Brawn Gallery, Chicago, IL, Juried Exhibition*

**Talking the Ziggurat: Peaches & Dream**

*Englert Theater, Iowa City, IA, Invitational Performance*

**Mirror Reflection**

*87 Orange Photography, Grand Rapids, MI, Invitational Exhibition*

**Sheltered: Art Benefit for Animals at Risk**

*Davis Arts Center, Davis, CA, Juried Exhibition*

**Science & Art**

*Arterie Fine Arts Gallery, Naperville, IL, Juried Exhibition, Awarded Second Place*

**Ossuary**

*Herron Gallery, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN, Invitational Exhibition*

**Beyond Material**

*Padnos Gallery, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI, Juried Exhibition*

**2013**

**A/Political: A Radical Art Exhibition**

*Urban Institute for Contemporary Art, Grand Rapids, MI, Juried Exhibition*

**THE FEMAIL PROJECT**

*The ARTicle Gallery, Birmingham City University, Birmingham, United Kingdom, Juried Exhibition*

**Ossuary**

*University of Tennessee Downtown Gallery, Knoxville, TN, Invitational Exhibition*

**2012**

**In Pursuit**

*106 Fulton St., Grand Rapids, MI*

**Women's Center Annual Art Exhibit**

*Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI*

**2011**

**Eating the Art II**

*Padnos Gallery, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI*

**Beyond Words: Performing Gender**

*Cook-DeWitt Center, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI*

**Site Lab: Praxis**

*2 East Fulton, Grand Rapids, MI*

**Trip the Light: Ephemeral**

*Wealthy Street Theater, Grand Rapids, MI, Invitational Performance*

**Indefinitely: A Group Exhibition Exploring Eco-Justice**

*Padnos Gallery, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI, Juried Exhibition*

**2010**

**Michigan: Land of Riches**

*The Old Public Museum, Grand Rapids, MI*

**Eye Beam Ball**

*Padnos Gallery, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI*

**Reset**

*Urban Lights Festival, Division St., Grand Rapids, MI, Juried Exhibition*

**Women's Center Annual Art Exhibit**

*Women's Center, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI*

**The End of Means**

*Padnos Gallery, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI, Solo Exhibition*

**2009**

**Arcadian|Metropolitan**

*Padnos Gallery, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI*

**Interval: On the River**  
*Interurban Bridge, Grand Rapids, MI*  
**Civic Studio: On the River**  
*Interurban Bridge, Grand Rapids, MI*

## RESIDENCIES

2016

**Feast Arts Center**  
*Tacoma, WA*  
**Felicity Farm Art Residency**  
*Houston, TX*  
**Art Farm**  
*Marquette, NE*  
**Duckyard**  
*New Orleans, LA*

2015

**Grin City Collective**  
*Grinnell, IA*  
**Art Farm**  
*Marquette, NE*

2011

**Ox-Bow School of Arts and Art Residencies**  
*Saugatuck, MI*

## COLLECTIONS

2017

**Near Future**  
*Iowa City, IA*

2016

**Public Space One's Zine Library**  
*Iowa City, IA*  
**Independent Publishing Resource Center**  
*Portland, OR*  
**Iowa Women's Archive**  
*University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*

2015

**Iowa Digital Archive**  
*University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*

2013

**Ossuary—A Project by Laurie Beth Clark**  
*Madison, WI*

## CURATORIAL EXPERIENCE

2016

**We Are Survivors**  
*Public Space One, Iowa City, IA*

2013

**Word|Image**  
*The West Michigan Photography Collective, Mlive Building, Grand Rapids, MI*

**Micro|Macro**  
*Art.Downtown, The Republic, Grand Rapids, MI*

2012

**Ingest|Digest|Protest**  
*Mess Hall Gallery, Chicago, IL*  
**Women's Center Annual Art Exhibit**  
*Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI*

2011

**Evolution: Women's Center Annual Art Exhibit**  
*Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017-Present

**Graduate Instructor of Record: *Elements of Sculpture***  
*Sculpture Department, School of Art and Art History, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*

2016-Present

**Teaching Assistant: *Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies Practicum***  
*Department of Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*  
**Teaching Assistant: *Studio Art, Feminist Practice, and Social Justice***  
*Department of Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*  
**Advisory Board Member, Obermann Graduate Institute**  
*Obermann Graduate Institute on Engagement and the Academy, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*

2016

**Research Assistant**  
*Sculpture Department, School of Art and Art History, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*

2015-Present

**Instructor: *Healthy Relationships and Art for Beginners***  
*Iowa Correctional Institution for Women, Mitchellville, IA*

2014-2015

**Graduate Instructor of Record: *Introduction to Intermedia/Intermedia 1***  
*Intermedia Department, School of Art and Art History, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*

2013-2014

**Talent Acquisition/Admissions Officer**  
*Kendall College of Art and Design, Grand Rapids, MI*

2013

**Costume and Video Intern**  
*The Grand Rapids Ballet Company, Grand Rapids, MI*  
**Teen Volunteer Coordinator**  
*John Ball Zoo, Grand Rapids, MI*

2012

**Art Therapy and Photography Intern**  
*ABAN, Aburi, Ghana*

2011-12

**Visual Studies Studio Worker**  
*Art and Design Department, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI*

2010-12

**Advertising and Curating Intern**  
*Women's Center, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI*

2011

**Reality Show Contestant**  
*Allt för Sverige! Meter TV, Produced in Sweden*

2008-11

**Guest Program Facilitator**  
*John Ball Zoo, Grand Rapids, MI*

## CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

2016

**Panelist, UpSpeak**

*Moberg Gallery, Des Moines, IA*

**Presenter, The 18th Annual Jakobsen Memorial Conference**

*Iowa Memorial Union, Iowa City, IA*

**Panelist, We Are Survivors**

*Public Space One, Iowa City, IA*

**Panelist, Mindset Movement: Empowered Adversity**

*Englert Theater, Iowa City, IA*

**La Pocha Nostra Workshop with Guillermo Gomez-Peña and Ballitronica Gomez**

*University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA*

**Visiting Artist, To(get)her and other Social Justice Works**

*Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, IA*

**Guerrilla Girl Panelist, Social (In)Justice Gallery Talk**

*University of Iowa Museum of Art, Iowa City, IA*

2015

**Participant, Storytelling Workshop with Peter Aguero: Moth GrandSLAM Champion**

*Iowa Writer's House, Iowa City, IA*

**Guest Speaker, Visual Studies Department**

*Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI*

2014

**Panelist, Feminism and Craft and Crochet Workshop**

*Craft/Work, Beauty and Brawn Gallery, Chicago, IL*

2013

**Panelist, Discussions on Documentation**

*Avenue for the Arts, Grand Rapids, MI*

**Curator and Public Relations**

*West Michigan Photography Collective, Grand Rapids, MI*

2012

**Collaborative Playwright**

*That Takes Ovaries, Wealthy Street Theater, Grand Rapids, MI*

2011-12

**Editor**

*In Our Own Words, Women's Center, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI*

2010-2012

**Advertising and Curating Intern**

*Women's Center, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI*

2009-10

**Art Instructor**

*Z's Play Days, John Ball Zoo, Grand Rapids, MI*

2009

**Public Relations Practitioner**

*Civic Studio, Grand Rapids, MI*

**Participant**

*NoshNight: Slide Wars, Israel's Grand Rapids, MI*

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Ceramic shell, Standard Investment, Alginate Casting, Plaster/Urethane/Latex Molds, Body Molds, Bronze/Aluminum/Iron Casting, Crochet, Costume Construction, Wood Carving/Fabrication, Final Cut Pro, Premiere Pro, Photoshop, InDesign, Illustrator, Audition, Microsoft Office, Audacity, Digital Camera/Video/Sound Equipment