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EDUCATION

ESTIMATED 2017

MFA, Ceramics Candidate, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania,
Edinboro, PA.

2014 BFA, Ceramics, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.

SOLO/TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2017

- Featured Artist, In Tandem Gallery, Bakersville, NC.
- Featured Artist, Lillstreet Gallery, Chicago, IL.

2016

- Featured Artist, Charlie Cummings Gallery, Gainesville, FL.
- Featured Artist, Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN.

2015

- [CANDID]acy: Works by Didem Mert, Bates Gallery, Edinboro, PA.
- Counter Regimen: Works by Ashley Bevington and Didem Mert, Bates Gallery, Edinboro, PA.

2014

- Research & Development: Works by Jenny Reed and Didem Mert, 5th Street Gallery, Cincinnati, OH.
- inter[re]actions, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.

INVITATIONAL SHOWS

2017

- Cousins in Clay, Michael Kline Pottery, Bakersville, NC.

2016

- 30x5:Americano Invitational, AKAR, Iowa City, IA.
- Annual Ceramic Show: Cups, Three Wheel Studio, Providence, RI.
- Winter Show 2016, Greenhill, Greensboro, NC.
- Vesels of Merriment 2016, Grovewood Gallery, Asheville, NC.
- Steinfest: Present Day Interpretations, Claymakers, Durham, NC.
- Cup: The Intimate Object XII, Charlie Cummings Gallery, Gainesville, FL.
- 13th Annual Ceramics Invitational, Artisan Gallery in Paoli, WI.
- Our Cups Runnneth Over, The Society of Arts and Crafts, Boston, MA.
- 4th Annual Steinfest, Claymakers, Durham, NC.
- **The Cup Collaboration 2016, Box Hill Community Art Centre, Melbourne, Australia.**
- Lillstreet Holiday Show, Lillstreet Gallery, Chicago, IL.
- Vessels of Merriment, Grovewood Gallery, Asheville, NC.

NATIONAL JURIED EXHIBITIONS

2016

- Lillstreet Gallery Expo at 50th NCECA, Kansas City, MO.
- Planes, AKAR, Iowa City, IA.
- Earth, Water, Fire, The Art of the Mug, The Phoenix Gallery, Lawrence, KS.
- Shippensburg University Ceramics Invitational, Shippensburg, PA.
- **Cheers!, Metalta, Alberta, Canada.**
- Irons In the Fire, Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN.
- Cup Show, GoggleWorks, Reading, PA, juried by Jeremy Randall.
- The Clay Studio National II, The Clay Studio of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA, juried by Elisabeth R. Agro, Nancy M. McNeil Associate Curator of Contemporary Craft and Decorative Arts, Philadelphia Museum of Art, and Jennifer Zwilling.
- 93rd Annual Spring Show, Erie Art Museum, Erie, PA, juried by Virgil Marti.
- AKAR Yunomi Invitational 2016, AKAR, Iowa City, IA.
- Last Call, Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN, juried by Matthew Schiemann.
- Working Pots, James May Gallery, Algoma, WI, juried by Simon Levin.

2015

- CHIMERA 2015, The Erie Art Museum, Erie, PA.
- **International Tool Show, Metalta, Alberta, Canada.**
- Cup: The Intimate Object XI, Charlie Cummings Gallery, Gainesville, FL, juried by Charlie Cummings.
- Edinboro University, Clay Place at Standard Ceramics, Carnegie, PA, juried by Lee Rexrode.
- Strictly Functional Pottery National 2015, Market House Craft Center, Lancaster, PA, juried by Matt Long.
- The Clay Studio 2015 MBK Graduate Student Exhibition, The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA, juried by Marge Brown Kalodner, Jennifer Zwilling, and Stanley Shapiro.
- The Hudgens 1st National Juried & Invitational Cup Exhibition, Duluth, GA, juried by Carr McCuiston.
- Artists Under 30, Gallery One One, Cincinnati, OH, juried by Chelsea Borgman.
- Digital Debut, Red Star Studios/Belger Crane Yard Studios, Kansas City, MO.
- AKAR Yunomi Invitational 2015, AKAR, Iowa City, IA.
- Constella Exhibition, Memorial Hall, Cincinnati, OH.
- Spring Show 2015, The Erie Art Museum, Erie, PA.
- Keystone Collegiate Exhibition, Brockway Center for the Arts and Technology, Brockway, PA, juried by Bill Strickland.

NATIONAL JURIED EXHIBITIONS (CONTINUED)

2014

- Clarion County Arts Council Cup Show, Clarion, PA.
- 7th Annual Cup Show: Form and Function, Amelia Center Gallery, Panama City, FL, juried by Chandra DeBuse.
- CHIMERA 2014, The Erie Art Museum, Erie, PA.
- Daily Ritual: The Ceramic Cup, Saxonburg Area Artists Co-op, Saxonburg, PA.
- Biennial Cup Show, Morean Center for Clay, St. Petersburg, FL, juried by Matthew Schiemann.
- 5th Street Gallery, Cincinnati, OH.
- Emoji Show, Rock Paper Scissors, Cincinnati, OH.

2013

- Constella Exhibition, Memorial Hall, Cincinnati, OH.
- Artifacts from the Inferno: Contemporary Wood-fired Ceramics, Baltimore Clayworks, Baltimore, MD, juror Jack Troy.
- The Battle of the Bowls, The Academy of Fine Arts, Amherst, VA, juror Mike Jabber.
- All is Chaos, Artisan Enterprise Center, Covington, KY, juror Dustin Pike.
- Vessels: All the Eyes Can Hold, Kennedy Heights Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH, jurors Lynn Conaway and Carole Staples.
- Northern Kentucky University's 2013-2014 Scholarship Recipient Show, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.
- Emerging Voices, Gallery One One, Cincinnati, OH, juror Martin Meersman.
- Northern Exposure, Passages Gallery, Cincinnati, OH, juror Kevin Munte. Summerfair's Emerging Artists Juried Exhibition, Clifton Cultural Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH.

2012

- MULTIPLICITY, Gallery One One, Cincinnati, OH.
- The Fantastic Eleven, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.
- MUG Shots: National Juried Cup Exhibition 2012, LUX Center for the Arts, Lincoln, NE, juror Gail Kendall.
- 119th Annual Juried Exhibition, The Cincinnati Women's Art Club, Cincinnati, OH, jurors Francine Reiley and Lawrence Rudolech.
- Coffee, Tea, or...?, Terra Incognito, Oak Park, Illinois, juror David Toan.
- Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition 2012, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY, juror Katie Rentzke.

NATIONAL JURIED EXHIBITIONS (CONTINUED)

2011

- MULTIPLICITY, Gallery One One, Cincinnati, OH.
- Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition 2011, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY, juror Maureen Bloomfield.
- Lady Parts, The Southgate House, Newport, KY, juror Sarah Relajo.

2010

- Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition 2010, Northern Kentucky University Highland Heights, KY, juror A.C. Frabetti.
- 117th Annual Juried Exhibition, The Cincinnati Women's Art Club, Cincinnati, OH.
- Ceramic Show, The Southgate House, Newport, KY, juror Rick DeForrest.

2009

- Cincinnati Overture Awards Finalists of 2009 Show, Aronoff Center for the Arts, Cincinnati, OH.

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

2016

- Assistant to Jeremy Randall, Arromont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN.
- Assistant to Tracy and David Gamble, Penland, NC.

2015-PRESENT

- Edinboro University's Club President, Edinboro, PA.

2015

- Assistant to Jerilyn Virden in her home studio, Greensboro, VT.

2014-PRESENT

- Graduate Assistant at Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA.
Ceramics
Art Education (2014-2015)

2011-2014

- Wood kiln firing leader, Ceramics Department, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.

2012

- Built wood kiln, Gil Stengel and Yuki Muroe's property, Burlington, KY.

2010-2013

- Work-Study Student Intern, Ceramics Department, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.

2011-2013

- Studio Assistant to ceramic artist and professor Ana England, Cincinnati, OH.

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

2011

- Assistant, African Art Institute, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.

2009-2014

- Studio Technician and Teacher, Queen City Clay, Cincinnati, OH.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2017

- Workshop presenter, Pewabic Pottery, Detroit, MI.

2016

- Workshop presenter, Ohio Ceramic Supply Ravenna, OH.
- Workshop presenter, Queen City Clay, Cincinnati, OH

2016

- Workshop presenter, Mayco/Buckeye Ceramic Supply, Hilliard, OH.
- Workshop presenter, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH.

2015

- Workshop presenter, Cornell Studios, Dayton, OH.
- Workshop presenter, Queen City Clay, Cincinnati, OH.
- Workshop presenter, Brockway Center for the Arts and Technology, Brockway, PA.

2014

- Workshop presenter, Queen City Clay, Cincinnati, OH.

2013

- Teacher, Queen City Clay, Cincinnati, OH.
 - Hand building I
 - Basic Molds
 - Wheel I
 - Alternative Firing

2012

- Workshop presenter/instructor, Finneytown Secondary School, Cincinnati, OH.
- Teaching Assistant for Professor Ana England, Raku and Primitive Firing course, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.
- Teacher, Queen City Clay, Cincinnati, OH.
 - Hand building I
 - Barrel firing/Wheel II & III
 - Naked raku/Wheel II & III
- Teaching Assistant, Queen City Clay, Cincinnati, OH.
 - Wheel I

2011

- Guest instructor, Queen City Clay, Cincinnati, OH.
 - Raku firing

2009

- Teaching Assistant for John Lanzador, Art Class Grades K-2, Maddux Elementary School, Cincinnati, OH.

VISITING ARTIST LECTURES

2017

- Workshop presenter, Pewabic Pottery, Detroit, MI.

2016

- Workshop presenter, Mayco/Buckeye Ceramic Supply, Hilliard, OH.
- Workshop presenter, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH.

2015

- Cincinnati Art Underground, Cincinnati, OH.
- GASP, Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA.
- Brockway Center for the Arts and Technology, Brockway, PA.

2013

- Finneytown Secondary School, Art Department, Cincinnati, OH.

2010

- Anderson High School, Art Department, Cincinnati, OH.

PUBLICATIONS

2016

- Akar's Yunomi Invitational Isn't About Teabowls...It's Way More Interesting, by Jeremiah Butters, <http://ceramicartistsnow.com/2016/05/18/akar-yunomi-invitational/>.
- cFile's list of Potters to Watch in 2016, <https://cfileonline.org/contemporary-pottery-to-watch-in-2016/>
- Featured artist in an AMACO ad in March issue of Ceramics Monthly and Pottery Making Illustrated, Westerville, OH.
- Hand-Crafted Cuisine: by Didem Mert, Pottery Making Illustrated, page 10-12, Westerville, OH.

2015

- Soapbox Media: New contemporary art gallery opens in Over-the-Rhine, <http://www.soapboxmedia.com/devnews/111715-cincinnati-art-underground.aspx>
- AEQAI: Under 30: A Showcase of Millennial Talent at C-LINK Gallery , <http://aeqai.com/main/2015/09/under-30-a-showcase-of-millennial-talent-at-c-link-gallery/>

2014

- Ceramics Monthly's Undergraduate Showcase 2014, page 50, Westerville, OH.
- Art Appreciation: Custom Textbook for Northern Kentucky University, back cover, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.
- Inside NKU, <http://www.nku.edu/features/2014/august/mert.html>, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.
- The Northerner, Page 6, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.

PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

2013

- Cincinnati Enquirer: Finding Order in a World Full of Chaos, http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20131013/ENT07/310130022/Art-review-Finding-order-world-full-chaos?odyssey=tab%7Ctopnews%7Ctext%7CArts%20&%20Theater&nclick_check=1, Cincinnati, OH.
- Art Ascent: Mother Earth, Page 32 and 33, <http://www.magcloud.com/browse/issue/603703>, www.artascent.com.
- Loch Norse Magazine, Page 51, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.
- The Cincinnati Enquirer, <http://local.cincinnati.com/share/story/202265>, Cincinnati, OH.
- Her Magazine, http://hercincinnati.com/articles/2012/12/19/natural_industrialist, Cincinnati, OH.

2012

- Loch Norse Magazine, Page 34, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights KY.

2011

- City Beat, <http://citybeat.com/cincinnati/article-23393-art-lady-parts.html>, Cincinnati, OH.
- The Northerner, Page 9, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.

RESIDENCIES

2015

- Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts (two week residency), Newcastle, ME.

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

2016

- Purchase Award, Working Pots, James May Gallery, Algoma, WI, juried by Simon Levin.

2015

- Best Handbuild (\$200), Strictly Functional Pottery National 2015, Market House Craft Center, Lancaster, PA, juried by Matt Long
- Purchase Award, The Hudgens 1st National Juried & Invitational Cup Exhibition, Duluth, GA, juried by Carr McCuiston.
- Kiln God Scholarship (\$500), Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts, Newcastle, ME.
- Summer General Work Study Scholarship (\$870), Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC.
- 2nd place (\$40), Clarion County Arts Council Cup Show, Clarion, PA.
- Three Arts Scholarship (\$8,300), Three Arts Scholarship Fund, Cincinnati, OH.

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS (CONTINUED)

2016

- **Purchase Price for Perminate Collection, Medalta, Alberta, Canada**
- Purchase Prize, James May Gallery, Algoma, WI.

2015

- Best Handbuilt (\$200), Strictly Functional Pottery National 2015, Market House Craft Center, Lancaster, PA, juried by Matt Long.
- 2nd place (\$40), Clarion County Arts Council Cup Show, Clarion, PA.

2014

- Three Arts Scholarship (\$8,300), Three Arts Scholarship Fund, Cincinnati, OH.
- John L. Magro Foundation Scholarship (\$1,000), John L. Magro Foundation, Cincinnati, OH.

2013

- Full in-state tuition scholarship for the fall semester of 2013 (merit based), Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.
- Three Arts Scholarship (\$1,500), Three Arts Scholarship Fund, Cincinnati, OH.

2012

- Hyde Park Art Show Scholarship (\$1,500), Hyde Park Art Show, Cincinnati, OH.
- Full in-state tuition scholarship for the year 2012-2013 (merit based), Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.
- Merit Award (\$50), Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY, juror Katie Rentzke.
- John L. Magro Foundation Scholarship (\$1,000), John L. Magro Foundation, Cincinnati, OH.

2011

- Full in-state tuition scholarship for the year 2011-2012 (merit based), Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.
- John L. Magro Foundation Scholarship (\$400), John L. Magro Foundation, Cincinnati, OH.

2010

- Full in-state tuition scholarship for the year 2010-2011 (merit based), Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY.
- Best in Show (\$100), Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY. juror A.C. Frabetti.

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS (CONTINUED)

2010 (CONTINUED)

- Best Ceramic Piece (\$50), Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY, juror A.C. Frabetti.
- Best Mixed Media Piece (\$50), Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY, juror A.C. Frabetti.

GALLERY REPRESENTATION

- Lillstreet, Chicago, IL.
- Studio KotoKoto, San Diego, CA.
- Eutectic Gallery, Portland OR.
- Plough Gallery, Tifton, GA.
- James May Gallery, Algoma, WI.
- Cincinnati Art Underground, Cincinnati, OH.
- Queen City Clay, Cincinnati, OH.
- AKAR Architecture and Design, Iowa City, IA.
- Charlie Cummings Gallery, Gainesville, FL.
- Taos Clay, Taos, NM.
- (KoT) Contemporary Functional Craft, Ellsworth, ME.
- Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN.

VIRTUAL REPRESENTATION

- Art Axis, www. <http://artaxis.org>, anonymous jurors.

COLLECTIONS

- Medalta, Alberta, Canada.
- James May Gallery, Algoma, WI.
- The Hudgens Center for the Arts, Duluth, GA.
- Judy Stein, Cincinnati, OH.
- Kelly O'Donnell (assistant director at the Weston Arts Center), Cincinnati, OH.

REFERENCES

- Ben Clark, Owner of Queen City Clay, (513)312-9623, lakegage@hotmail.com
- Lee Rexrode, Professor of Ceramics at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, (814)732-2309, lrexrode@edinboro.edu