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EDUCATION

- 2009-2011 Master of Fine Arts - Ceramics, Department of Art and Art History,
University of Colorado. Boulder, CO
- 2000-2005 Bachelor of Fine Arts - Ceramics, Department of Art, University of
Wisconsin. Madison, WI
- 2002 Chinese Language Studies, University of International Business and
Economics. Beijing, China

SOLO AND TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 *Baroque Selfies (solo exhibition)*, Leon Gallery, Denver CO
- 2013 *Food Fight (solo exhibition)*, Vertigo Art Space, Denver, CO
- 2012 *The Eye Awake (two-person exhibition)*, Boulder Museum of
Contemporary Art at the Andrew J. Macky Gallery, Boulder, CO
- Weightless (solo-exhibition)*, Rude Gallery, Rocky Mountain College of
Art and Design, Denver, CO
- Anthony Camera and Matthew Harris (two-person exhibition)*, Vertigo
Art Space, Denver, CO
- 2010 *Matthew Harris and Xu Yong (two-person exhibition)*, Northeastern
Illinois University Fine Arts Center Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2009 *Beyond China (solo exhibition)*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2007 *To China and Back (solo exhibition)*, Lillstreet Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2004 *Waterline (BFA solo exhibition)*, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 *Jokes of Nature*, Redline, Denver, CO
- Bright Young Things*, GOCA, University of Colorado – Colorado Springs
- Fig and Wasp*, Hyperlink Gallery, Zhou B Art Center Chicago, IL

- 2014 *USA Pro Challenge Bike Art Project*, Denver International Airport, Denver, CO
- Super Human*, Plus Gallery, Denver, CO
- Then and now and then*, David B Smith Gallery, Denver, CO
- What if...*, Neurotitan Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- Be a Cloud Not a Grid*, Vertigo Art Space, Denver, CO
- 2013 *Draft Urbanism: First Draft*, Biennial of the Americas, McNichols Civic Center Building, Denver, CO
- Imagined Realities* (Curated by Cortney Stell), Biennial of the Americas, Sustainability Park, Redline Art Center, Denver, CO
- Launch Pad 2: Land*, Wittemyer Ranch, Boulder, CO
- Seen/Unseen*, Hinterland Art Space, Denver, CO
- Soft Subversions* (Curated by Cortney Stell and Amber Cobb), Pirate: Contemporary Art, Denver, CO
- 2012 *Stuff(ed)* (Curated by Amber Cobb), Laundry on Lawrence, Denver, CO
- Faculty Exhibition*, Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design, Denver, CO
- Body & Screen*, Gaddis Geeslin Gallery, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas
- Fonlad Digital Arts Festival*, Itinerarios Contemporaneos – Zero, Coimbra, Portugal
- Transmission*, Florence Quater Gallery, Southwest University of Visual Arts, Tucson, AZ.
- Small Favors VII*, Harrison Gallery, The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA
- 2011 *MFA Thesis Exhibition*, University of Colorado Art Museum, Boulder, CO
- Chain Letter* (Curated by Christian Cummings and Doug Harvey), Shoshana Wayne Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- This is a Recording: Video Art and Video Documentation of Performance Art* (curated by Sama Alshaibi and Gary Setzer), Conrad Wilde Gallery, Tucson, AZ
- Working Title*, Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art, Boulder, CO

- 2010 *Where I'm From*, Art Ark Gallery, San Jose, CA
Ambiguande, Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art, Boulder, CO
- 2009 *Sixth Annual Ceramics Invitational*, Artisan Gallery, Paoli, WI
The Ceramic Print, Lillstreet Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2008 *Bling*, Santa Fe Clay, Santa Fe, NM
Postmodern Sculpture, Lillstreet Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2007 *SOFA New York*, Ann Nathan Gallery, Park Avenue Armory, New York, NY

AWARDS, RESIDENCIES, AND NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2014 Professional Development Grant, Center for Learning Innovation, Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design

Artist-in-Residence, "Living Gallery", Phillip J. Steele Gallery, Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design, Denver, CO

Sculpture workshop scholarship, Anderson Ranch Art Center, Snowmass, CO
- 2013 Public sculpture commission, Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design, Denver, CO. *Commissioned for a permanent outdoor sculpture installed on the college's campus.*

Artist-in-Residence, Demiurge Design, Denver, CO

National Endowment for the Arts Grant, Our Town Project- Public Sculpture Commission, Denver, CO. *Commissioned for an outdoor sculpture to be exhibited in Denver's Sustainability Park.*
- 2011 Brooks Scholarship, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO
- 2006-2008 Artist-in-Residence, Lillstreet Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2006 General Ceramics Scholarship, Anderson Ranch Art Center, Snowmass, CO
- 2005-2006 Artist-in-Residence, Hurricane Mountain Clay Studios, Keene, NY
- 2005 Campus Art Collaboration Scholarship, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
For a permanent installation in one of the most historic buildings on UW-Madison campus
- 2004 Senior Honors Research Award, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
For research into the early development of Chinese stoneware glazes.

2002 Hilldale Research Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
For nine months research in China into the use of ancient firing methods by contemporary Chinese ceramicists.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

2016 Michael Paglia, “Review: Matthew Harris Goes for Baroque at Leon”,
Westword Magazine, August 24, 2016,
(<http://www.westword.com/arts/review-matthew-harris-goes-for-baroque-at-leon-8236091>)

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Cfile Daily, August 10, 2016, (<https://cfileonline.org/exhibition-matthew-harris-baroque-selfies-leon-gallery-denver-contemporary-ceramic-art-cfile/>)

Cori Anderson, “Grotesque Selfies – The Strange Art of Denver’s Matthew Harris”,
303 Magazine, May 19, 2016,
(<http://303magazine.com/2016/05/grotesque-selfies-the-strange-art-of-denvers-matthew-harris/>)

2015 Michael Paglia, “Art Review: Jokes of Nature at Redline Laughs at the Beauty of the Grotesque”,
Westword, September 30, 2015
(<http://www.westword.com/arts/art-review-jokes-of-nature-at-redline-laughs-at-the-beauty-of-the-grotesque-7192570>)

Shana Nys Dambrot, “Jokes of Nature Walks a Fine Line Between Grotesque and Gorgeous”,
The Creators Project, September 13, 2015
(<http://thecreatorsproject.vice.com/blog/jokes-of-nature-walks-a-fine-line-between-grotesque-and-gorgeous>)

“Artist Spotlight”, *Booooooom*, September 6, 2015
(<http://www.booooooom.com/2015/06/09/matthew-harris/>)

2014 Susan Froyd, “Another 100 Colorado Creatives: Tobias Fike”,
Denver Westword Blog, May 15, 2014 (<http://blogs.westword.com>)

“Tobias Fike. Then and now and then”,
Wall Street International, May 9, 2014 (<http://wsimag.com>)

2013 Theresa Anderson, “Tobias Fike and Matthew Harris at Vertigo Art Space”,
October 17 (www.theresaandersonart.com)

- “Matt Harris Completes Second Demiurge Fabrication”, *Demiurge Design*, September 20 (www.demiurgedesign.com)
- “Matthew Harris and Tobias Fike Interview”, *Untitled Art Show*, No. 236, September 18 (www.untitledartshow.com)
- Paddy Johnson, “First Draft: A Survey of Denver’s Artistic Talent”, *Artfcity*, August 20 (www.artfcity.com)
- 2012 Susan Froyd, “Soft Materials Take Shape in Stuff(ed), Tonight at Laundry at Lawrence”, *Denver Westword Blog*, November 16 (<http://blogs.westword.com>)
- 2011 *Lark Studio Series: Ceramic Sculptures*, New York: Lark Books, p. 130
- 2010 “Studio Visit: Matthew Harris,” *Ceramics Monthly*, March, pp. 26-28
Interviewed by editor Sherman Hall
- 2009 Helenmary Sheridan, “Broken China: Matthew Harris pieces together the old and new at the Hyde Park Art Center,” *Chicago Weekly*, June 4, University of Chicago (www.chicagoweekly.net)
- “Art Thing with Matt Harris,” *Chicago Amplified*, June 2, Chicago Public Radio (www.wbez.org/amplified)
- 500 Ceramic Sculptures: Contemporary Practice, Singular Works*, New York: Lark Books, p. 235 (Artists selected by Glen R. Brown)
- 2008 *Access Ceramics*, Juried Online Ceramic Artist Database
- ArtAxis*, Juried Online Artist Network
- 2007 Darrell Roberts, “Q & A With Matt Harris: Not Your Typical Ceramist,” *ArtStyle*, November (www.chicagoarts-lifestyle.com)
- To China and Back solo exhibition featured in Upfront, *Ceramics Monthly*, April, p. 26

TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

- 2014–Present Head of 3D Fine Arts, Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design.
Denver, CO
- 2014 Lead Faculty, Ceramics Department, Red Rocks Community College.
Denver, CO.
- 2013 Adjunct Instructor, Visual Arts Program, Red Rocks Community College.
Denver, CO

- 2012 - 2013 Adjunct Instructor, Department of Fine Arts, Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design. Denver, CO
- 2012 Adjunct Instructor, Division of Continuing Education, University of Colorado. Boulder, CO
- 2010-2011 Graduate Part Time Instructor, Department of Art and Art History University of Colorado. Boulder, CO
- 2006-2009 Instructor, Ceramics and Printmaking Departments, Lillstreet Art Center. Chicago IL
- 2006 Instructor, ArtReach, Lillstreet Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2004-2005 Instructor, Pre-College Enrichment Opportunity Program for Learning Excellence, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2004-2005 Instructor, College Access Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison

LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, AND DEMONSTRATIONS

- 2014 Faculty Grant Presentation, Center for Learning Innovation, Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design, Denver, CO
- 2012 Exhibiting Artist Talk, *A Night in the Museum*, Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art. Boulder, CO
- New Faculty Lecture, Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design. Denver, CO
- 2010 Artist Talk, *The Big Feed*, M12 Art Collective. Yuma, CO
- 2009 Exhibiting Artist Talk, *Art Thing*, Hyde Park Art Center. Chicago, IL
- Workshop Instructor, *The Ceramic Print*, 38th Southern Graphics Council Conference: Global Implications, Columbia College. Chicago, IL
- 2008 Visiting Artist Lecturer and Demonstrator, Illinois State University. Normal, Illinois
- Workshop Instructor, *Screen Printing on Clay*, Lillstreet Art Center. Chicago, IL
- 2007 Workshop Instructor, *Narrative Ceramics Sculpture*, Lillstreet Art Center. Chicago, IL
- Exhibiting Artist Lecture, Lillstreet Art Center. Chicago IL
- 2006 Visiting Artist Lecturer and Demonstrator, University of Wisconsin-Platteville

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH

- 2002-2003 Field research in China on folk pottery, rural kilns, factories, and ancient kiln ruins in the provinces of Sichuan, Yunnan, Guangxi, Fujian, Zhejiang, Jingdezhen, Yixing, Foshan, Dehua, etc.
- Worked as an independent guest artist in both Ceramic Sculpture Factory, Jingdezhen and The Central Academy of Fine Arts, Beijing, China
- Member of the USA team at the 17th International Ice and Snow Sculpture Competition, Harbin, China
- 2001 Ceramics research in Cusco, Peru