



John Roberts

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EDUCATION

M.F.A. with major emphasis in ceramics. May 2001. Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia.
B.F.A. with major emphasis in ceramics. July 1998, Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas.

EMPLOYMENT

Ceramics Program Director – Callanwolde Fine Arts Center, Atlanta, Georgia.

July 2017 – Present

Head of Ceramics Department, teaching up to 5 classes per quarter, and managing up to 12 ceramics assistants/monitors.

Visiting Artist Lecturer – Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia.

August 2015 – June 2017

Teach 3-D Design and Beginning and Advanced Pottery Classes

Project Coordinator – Chastain Arts Center, Atlanta Georgia.

May 1999 to August 2015.

Head of the ceramics department.

Gallery Assistant: Head Installer, Co-Curator for Chastain Gallery Exhibits.

Office Assistant: Advised and registered students for classes. Point of contact for facility maintenance, and all Chastain Arts Center Instructors.

Lab Assistant, Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas.

August 1996 to May 1998.

Mixed Clay, Prepared and mixed glazes, fired kilns, and maintained the studio.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer/Instructor – Ceramics Department, Chastain Arts Center, Atlanta Georgia.

May 1999 to August 2016.

Instructed: Beginning and advanced wheel and handbuilding classes, and studio assistantship classes.

Adjunct Instructor – Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia

August 2014 – December 2014

Taught beginning pottery class

Graduate/Teaching Assistant, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia

August 1999 to May 2001.

Taught beginning handbuilding class. Taught Wheel I and wheel II class. Fired and built kilns. Prepared and mixed glazes. Repaired kilns and wheels. Maintained studio area.

Ceramics Instructor, Pinkneyville Art Center, Norcross, Georgia.

January to March 2000.

Part time instructor teaching beginning and advanced wheel throwing

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Juror – “Works in Clay”, Roswell Art Center West, Roswell, Georgia

May 2011

Juried the finalists for Roswell Art Center West's biannual ceramics exhibition.

Curator – “Traditions & Transformations”, Chastain Arts Center Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia.

August 2007

Curated and installed a group invitational exhibition, displaying a collection of Rick Berman's early 20th century southern pottery alongside Atlanta's contemporary potters and sculptors.

Co-Curator – “Rapid Eye Movement: Art inspired by Dreams”, Fargason Gallery, Anniston, Alabama

June 2004

Curated a group show with Sarah Landrum exhibiting ceramic sculpture and paintings.

LECTURES / WORKSHOPS CONDUCTED

Visiting Artist Workshop, The Art Place, Marietta, Georgia.

April 2013

Hands on workshop and slide lecture: Advanced throwing techniques with major emphasis on bottle shapes and stacked forms.

Visiting Artist Demonstration/Lecture, The Art Place, Marietta, Georgia.

June 2012

T.A.P. into Clay Conference: Featured guest artist demonstrating wheel throwing techniques.

Visiting Artist Workshop, John C. Campbell Folkschool, Brasstown, North Carolina.

May 2011.

Instructed a week long ceramics workshop. Projects included throwing functional ware and decorative vases.

Visiting Artist Demonstration/Lecture, Fargason Center Gallery, Aniston, Alabama.

June 2004.

Demonstrated throwing and figurative sculpting techniques coinciding with my work displayed in the group exhibition "Rapid Eye Movement: Art Inspired by Dreams".

PUBLICATIONS

SCAA 25th Juried Exhibition Catalog, Kristen Miller Zohn, Juror's Statement, 2012

Ovations: Fired Works, Heatherly Wakefield, Macon Arts Alliance, 2012

Northside Neighbor, Noreen Lewis Chochran, "Clay Mates", 2009

Atlanta Journal Constitution – Art Review, Catherine Fox, "Dreamscape, Freudian Imagery Inform Surreal Ceramic Sculptures", 2003

Atlanta Journal Constitution-Review, Catherine Fox, "Artists Seek to Understand Violence, Terror", 2003

AWARDS

Form and Function Award, Strictly Functional National, Market House Craft Center, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 2017

Award of Excellence, 25th National Juried Exhibition, South Cobb Arts Alliance, Mableton, Georgia, 2012.

Honorable Mention, Georgia Artists Juried Exhibition, Abernathy Arts Center, Atlanta, Georgia, 2012.

Honorable Mention, 15th National Juried Exhibition, South Cobb Arts Alliance, Mableton, Georgia, 2002.

1st Place Award – Sculpture, Russel's Original Art Review, Russel, Kansas, 1996.

MEMBERSHIPS

Chastain Friends of the Arts

High Museum of Art

Decatur Arts Alliance

National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts

Student League of Independent Potters (President 1999-2000)

GALLERY REPRESENTATION

MudFire Gallery, Decatur, Georgia

The Gallery at Macon Arts Alliance, Macon, Georgia

Ember Gallery, Chattanooga, Tennessee

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2017 *Strictly Functional Pottery National*, Market House Craft Center, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Perspectives, Invitational, Oconee Cultrual Arts Foundation, Watkinsville, Georgia.

2016 *Summer Swan Invitational*, Swan Coach House Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia

2015 *Ceramix*, Group Exhibition, Hartsfield Jackson Airport – E Concourse, Atlanta, Georgia

2014 *Rail Arts District "Featured Artist"*, Group Exhibition, Paradise Studios, Decatur, Georgia

Everyone Has a Dark Side, Solo Exhibition, MudFire Gallery, Decatur, Georgia

2013 *Summer Swan Invitational*, Swan Coach Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia.

Fired Works, Invitational, Central City Park, Macon, Georgia.

2012 *Perspectives*, Invitational, Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation, Watkinsville, Georgia

Moving Forward: Atlanta's Emerging Artists, Lovett School Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia

SCAA Juried Exhibition, Mable House Gallery, Mableton, Georgia

T.A.P. into Clay Conference, Group Exhibition, The Art Place, Marietta, Georgia

Georgia Artists Juried Exhibition, Abernathy Arts Center Gallery, Sandy Springs, Georgia

Fired Works, Invitational, Central City Park, Macon, Georgia

Georgia Clay Workers, Group Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Art, Atlanta, Georgia

2011 *Summer Swan Invitational*, Swan Coach House Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia

Damn Right I Got the Blues, Group Exhibition, Mudfire Gallery, Decatur Georgia.

- 2010 *Decatur Arts Festival Juried Exhibition*, Dalton Gallery, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia
Perspectives, Invitational, Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation, Watkinsville, Georgia
- 2009 *ACC-SE Juried Exhibition*, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia
MOCA Ceramics Exhibition, Group Exhibition, Museum of Contemporary Art, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2008 *Perspectives*, Invitational, Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation, Watkinsville, Georgia.
CLAY-TL, Group Exhibition, MudFire Gallery, Decatur, Georgia.
- 2007 *Put a Lid on It*, Juried Exhibition, MudFire Gallery, Decatur, Georgia
Revisited, Solo Exhibition, Clay West Gallery, Roswell, Georgia
Traditions and Transformations, Invitational, Chastain Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia: Curator
- 2006 *The Company we Keep*, Group Exhibition, Chastain Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2005 *Baggage*, Solo Exhibition, Clay West Gallery, Roswell, Georgia
- 2004 *Infestation*, Solo Exhibition, Sycamore Place Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia.
Rapid Eye Movement: Art Inspired by Dreams, Group Exhibition, Fargason Center Gallery, Anniston, Alabama.
- 2003 *The People Upstairs*, Solo Exhibition, Callanwolde Fine Arts Center Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia.
Random Acts of Violence: Artists Respond to Terrorism and War, Group Exhibition, City Gallery East, Atlanta, Georgia.
The Atlanta Biennial, Juried Exhibition, The Contemporary, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2002 *Culture Shock*, Invitational/Group Exhibition, Suntrust Plaza Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia.
Dream II, Solo Exhibition, The Berse Gallery at Chastain Arts Center, Atlanta, Georgia.
The 15th National Juried Art Exhibition, Mable House Cultural Center, Mableton, Georgia.
- 2001 *A Dream*, MFA Thesis Exhibition, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia.
NCECA 2001 Regional Student Juried Exhibition, Juried Exhibition, Rock Hill, South Carolina.
- 1999 *Triple Play*, Group Exhibition, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia.
3 Eyed Mice, Group Exhibition, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia.
Annual Juried Student Exhibition, Juried Exhibition, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 1998 *Summer Student Exhibition*, Juried Exhibition, Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas.
The ABC Show, Bhoms Coffee House, Hays, Kansas.
Inspirations and Expressions, Group Exhibition, Stone Gallery, Hays, Kansas.
- 1997 *Russell's Original Art Review*, Juried Exhibition, Russell, Kansas.
Undergraduate Student Exhibition, Juried Exhibition, Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas.
Summer Student Exhibition, Juried Exhibition, Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas.
- 1996 *Russell's Original Art Review*, Juried Exhibition, Russell, Kansas.
Undergraduate Student Exhibition, Juried Exhibition, Emporia State university, Emporia, Kansas.
Ceramics Student Exhibition, Juried Exhibition, Garden City Community College, Garden City, Kansas.