

BETHANY RUSEN

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EDUCATION

MFA	2010	Ceramic Sculpture	University of Massachusetts Dartmouth *Thesis with distinction <i>magna cum laude</i>
BFA	2003	Ceramic Sculpture	Tyler School of Art, Temple University <i>cum laude</i>

Areas of specialization: Large scale, mixed media and unfired ceramic sculpture; wheel throwing and book arts

RESIDENCIES / WORKSHOPS

2010	Artist in Residence / Ceramics Instructor <i>Nantucket Island School of Design and the Arts (NISDA) / Nantucket MA</i>
2005-2006	Artist in Residence <i>Houston Center for Contemporary Craft / 4848 Main Street / Houston TX</i>
2004	Book Arts Workshop with Barbara Tetenbaum and Pati Scobey <i>Haystack Mountain School of Crafts / Deer Isle ME</i>
2003	Tyler Art Workshop in Scotland <i>Tyler School of Art, Temple University / Glasgow School of Art Philadelphia PA</i>

VISITING ARTIST WORKSHOPS

2012	Northern Lebanon School District <i>Fredericksburg, PA</i>
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SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

(*solo show marked by asterisk)

- 2012 **Small Favors VII**
The Clay Studio / Philadelphia PA
- 2011 **Crafting Live(s): Artist in Residence Alumni Exhibition**
Houston Center for Contemporary Craft / Houston TX
ACGA Clay and Glass National Juried Competition *City of Brea Art Gallery / Brea CA*
- 2010 ***birds i have known** *The Silo Gallery / Nantucket Island School of Design & the Arts / Nantucket MA*
Seventh Annual Marge Brown Kalodner Graduate Student Exhibition
The Clay Studio / Philadelphia PA
Boston Young Contemporaries *808 Commonwealth Ave Gallery, Boston University / Boston MA*
MFA Graduate Thesis Exhibition *University Art Gallery / New Bedford MA*
Temples *Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion / Philadelphia PA (in conjunction with NCECA)*
College Clay Collective *Firehouse Gallery / Genessee Pottery / Rochester NY*
3rd Biennial Concordia Continental Ceramics Competition
Concordia University / St. Paul MN
Clay on the Wall : 2010 Clay National (3rd Place Juror's Prize)
Texas Tech University School of Art / Lubbock TX
- 2009 **Sixth Annual Marge Brown Kalodner Graduate Student Exhibition**
The Clay Studio / Philadelphia PA
Graduate Sources Invitational Exhibition *Braitmayer Art Center, Tabor Academy / Marion MA*
- 2008 **Selections from the Sixth Bureau: an exhibition of works by alumni of Tyler School of Art** *Sullivan Hall / Temple University / Philadelphia PA*
***What It Feels Like For A Girl.** *Gallery 244 / UMass Dartmouth / New Bedford MA*
LO! A Collection of Secreted Tales and Objects of Wonder
Machines with Magnets Gallery / Pawtucket RI
NCECA Regional Student Juried Exhibition *Pittsburgh Center for the Arts / Pittsburgh PA*
***Two Pieces** *Gallery 244 / UMass Dartmouth / New Bedford MA*
- 2007 **Glimpse: First Year Graduate Student Exhibition** *Gallery 244 / UMass Dartmouth / New Bedford MA*
- 2006 ***Small Houses** *Artist in Residence Exhibition / Houston Center for Contemporary Craft / Houston TX*
- 2005 **Tyler Ceramics Past and Present 1950-2005** *The Icebox Projects Space
Crane Arts Building / Philadelphia PA*
- 2004 **A Spot of Tea : Contemporary Teapots** *Langman Gallery / Willow Grove PA*
Wee Works on Paper *United States / Scotland Consortium (US/SCOT) / The Art Institute of Seattle
Seattle WA*
- 2003 **Tyler School of Art Teapot Exhibition** *The Clay Studio / Philadelphia PA*
***[word] : BFA Thesis Exhibition** *Penrose Gallery / Tyler School of Art / Elkins Park PA*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2010 **Ceramics Instructor / Artist in Residence**
Nantucket Island School of Design and the Arts (NISDA) / Nantucket MA
- 2009-Present **Twitter Coordinator**
National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) / Erie CO
- 2009-2010 **Work Study Manager / Coordinator**
Ceramics Department / University of Massachusetts Dartmouth / New Bedford MA
- 2009 **Teaching Assistant for James Lawton** *Ceramics III: Junior Level Tableware*
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth / New Bedford MA
- 2007-2009 **Instructor of Record**
3D Design Foundation Workshop: Ceramics, Ceramics I: Handbuilding, Ceramics II: Wheelthrowing
College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA)
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth / New Bedford MA
- 2008 **Cool Art Kids Summer Education Program** *mold making instructor*
Artworks! Art Center / New Bedford MA
- 2006-2007 **Claymobile Outreach Program** *assistant and head instructor*
The Clay Studio / Philadelphia PA
- 2006 **Art Quest Summer Program** *jewelry, sculpture and book arts instructor*
Germantown Academy / Fort Washington PA
- 2005 **After School Art Program** *paper arts instructor*
Project Rowhouses / Houston TX
- 2002-2003 **Weekend Art Workshop for High School Students & Adults** *ceramics instructor*
Tyler School of Art / Elkins Park PA
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2009-2010 **UMass Dartmouth College Graduate Committee (CGC)**
Artisanry Student Representative / University of Massachusetts Dartmouth / North Dartmouth MA
- 2008-2009 **UMass Dartmouth Ceramics Club President**
College of Visual and Performing Arts (CVPA)
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth / New Bedford MA

2005-2006 **Mentorship Program for High School Students**
Emphasis on Book Arts & Advanced Wheel Throwing Techniques
Houston Center for Contemporary Craft / Houston TX

AWARDS

2011 **Slide Slam 2011 Participant** *Real Art Ways / Hartford CT*

2010 **3rd Place Juror's Award : Clay on the Wall :: 2010 Clay National**
Texas Tech University School of Art / Lubbock TX

2009 **Clay Club Scholarship Award** in support of a collaborative project with Aleksander Bohnak
UMass Dartmouth / New Bedford MA

2007-2009 **Graduate Teaching Assistantship** *UMass Dartmouth / New Bedford MA*

2007-2010 **Academic Merit Scholarship** *UMass Dartmouth / New Bedford MA*

2004 **Frances Bishop Merritt Work Study Scholarship**
Haystack Mountain School of Crafts / Deer Isle ME

2004 **Rudolf Staffel Award for Ceramics** *Tyler School of Art / Elkins Park PA*

PUBLICATIONS

2011 **"Staff Favorites from "Crafting Live(s): 10 Years of Artists in Residence"**
<http://crafthouston.blogspot.com/2011/09/staff-favorites-from-crafting-lives-10.html>

"Capsule Art Reviews: Crafting Live(s): 10 Years of Artists in Residence"
<http://www.houstonpress.com/2011-09-01/culture/capsule-art-reviews-crafting-live-s-10-years-of-artists-in-residence-emily-halbardier-deep-green-hayden-fosdick-paper-compounds-marc-swanson-the-second-story-project-row-houses-2011-summer-studios/>

2010 **"The MFA Factor : UMass Dartmouth"**
November 2010 / Ceramics Monthly

"MFA Candidates Show Impressive Work"
David Boyce / The Standard Times, New Bedford, MA

"Clay on the Wall :: 2010 Clay National"
Catalogue essay by juror Elaine Henry

2008 **"2008 Regional Student Juried Exhibition"**
September 2008 / Ceramics Monthly

2003 **Tyler School of Art Biannual Catalogue**
Tyler School of Art / Elkins Park PA

TECHNICAL ABILITIES

- Hand building and wheel throwing techniques
 - Clay formulation and glaze calculation
 - Building, firing and maintaining electric, raku, gas, salt/soda and wood fire (catenary and anagama) kilns
 - Mold making and casting in clay
 - Fabrication techniques in wood, metal, plaster
 - Book making and book arts techniques
 - Figure drawing and figure modeling in clay
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

College Art Association (member since 2009)

National Council on Education in the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) (member since 2001)