

# TAYLOR A. MEZO

FUNCTIONAL SCULPTOR AND CERAMIC JEWELRY MAKER

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<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b><i>BFA, Ceramics</i></b> Governors State University, University Park, IL Cum Laude, graduation in Fall 2019	<b>2015-19</b>
<b>WORK EXPERIENCE</b>	<b><i>Intern, Ceramics Studio Technician</i></b> Touchstone Center for Crafts, Farmington, PA <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assist with daily operations surrounding the ceramics studio</li><li>• Studio maintenance and cleaning</li><li>• Presenting and demonstrating via Zoom</li><li>• Problem solving a variety of technical problems with creative solutions</li></ul> <b><i>Teacher's Assistant and After School Care</i></b> Kankakee Valley Montessri School, Bourbonnais, IL <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assist lead teachers in daily activities</li><li>• Includes observing, supervising, and disciplining children and organizational duties</li></ul> <b><i>Housekeeping Work-Study</i></b> Arrowmont School of Arts and Craft <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Responsible for cleaning facilities and dormitories</li><li>• Multimanaging daily work tasks with workshops</li></ul> <b><i>Independant Instructor</i></b> Bradley Bourbonnais Park District, Bradley, IL <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Designed non-academic art classes for children ages 8-14</li><li>• Taught the previously mentioned classes as a way to introduce children to art</li></ul> <b><i>Intern</i></b> Peoria Art Guild, Peoria, IL <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Facilitating daily operations such as answering phones and directing attendees</li><li>• Coverted the original gallery documentation from paper to digital files using microsoft Excel</li><li>• Installing and deinstalling exhibitions</li></ul>	<b>2020</b>
<b>RESIDENCIES</b>	<b><i>Short Term Resident (Pending Completion)</i></b> Red Lodge Clay Center, Red Lodge MT	<b>2021</b>
	<b><i>Winter Resident</i></b> Penland School of Craft, Spruce Pine NC	<b>2020</b>
	<b><i>Resident Artist</i></b> Peters Valley School of Craft, Layton NJ	
	<b><i>Spring Pentaculum (Cancelled due to COVID-19)</i></b> Arrowmont School of Arts and Craft, Gatlinburg TN	
	<b><i>Resident Artist</i></b> Pittsburgh Center for Arts and Media, Pittsburgh PA	

**GROUP / SOLO  
EXHIBITIONS**

***Open House Exhibition*** 2020  
Group exhibition at Touchstone Center for Crafts, Farmington PA

***Alone Together, A Minature Group "Solo" Exhibition***  
Group exhibition at Little Library Gallery, Farminton PA

***Print on Clay*** 2019  
Group Exhibition at The GSU Visual Arts Gallery, University Park IL

***2019 Workstudy Exhibition***  
Group Exhibition at Arrowmont Studios Gallery, Gatlinburg TN

***Art Rising*** 2015  
Group Exhibition at The GSU Visual Arts Gallery, University Park IL

**JURIED  
EXHIBITIONS**

***SIP A Ceramic Cup Show*** 2020  
Savannah Clay Community, Savannah GA

***6th Annual Dirty South Cup Call and Competition***  
River Oaks Square Art Center, Alexandria LA

***Kansas City Teabowl National***  
KC Clay Guild, Kansas City MO

***delectTABLE 2020: The Fine Art of Dining***  
Art Students League of Denver, CO

***Lip Service***  
Saratogo Clay Arts Center, Schuylerville NY

***Last Call V***  
Companion Gallery, Humboldt TN

***Kansas City Teabowl National*** 2019  
KC Clay Guild, Kansas City MO

***Drink 2***  
Silpe Gallery at University of Hartford, West Hartford CT

***Strictly Functional Pottery National***  
Market House Craft Center, Petersburg PA

***Function Fest***  
Clay Center of New Orleans, New Orleans LA

***Working Pots***  
James May Gallery, Algoma WI

***2019 Biennial Quad State Exhibition***  
Juried Exhibition, Quincy Art Center, Quincy IL

***Twin Cups***  
MWSU Clay Guild, Saint Joseph MO

***The Cup Show***  
Clay Art Vegas, Las Vegas NV

***The Almighty Cup***  
Gandee Gallery, Fabius NY

	<b><i>Cheers! Drink Up! Celebrating the Clay Drinking Vessel</i></b>	<b>2018</b>
	Commonwheel Artist Co-op, Manitou Springs CO	
	<b><i>Reinventing Ourselves from Another Point of View</i></b>	<b>2016</b>
	33 Contemporary Gallery, Chicago IL	
	<b><i>Words+Text+Numbers</i></b>	
	St. Louis Artists Guild, St. Louis MO	
	<b><i>13th Annual Regional Juried Exhibition</i></b>	
	Freeport Art Museum, Freeport IL	
	<b><i>ME</i></b>	<b>2015</b>
	Gallery on Sheridan, Peoria IL	
<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>	<b><i>Reconstructed</i></b>	<b>2018</b>
	Art & Literary Journal, "Helen" ceramic lamp	
	<b><i>Poets and Artists #75</i></b>	<b>2016</b>
	Catalogue, "Me, Myself, and I" painting	
<b>RETAILERS</b>	<b><i>Arrowmont Supply Store</i></b>	
	Gatlinburg TN, ceramic earrings	
	<b><i>Yellow Elephant Gallery</i></b>	
	Kankakee IL, ceramic earrings, necklaces and bolo ties	
	<b><i>SLUG Shop</i></b>	
	Gatlinburg TN, ceramic bolo ties	
	<b><i>Touchstone Online Gallery</i></b>	
	Farmington PA, ceramic jewelry	
	<b><i>Wedged Galley</i></b>	
	Flossmoor IL, pottery and ceramic jewelry	
<b>GRANTS/AWARDS</b>	<b><i>Presidential Scholarship, Anderson Ranch Arts Center</i></b>	<b>2020</b>
	Half tuition on a selected Summer Innovation Studios workshop.	
	<b><i>Friends of Arrowmont Scholarship</i></b>	<b>2019</b>
	Full workshop tuition rewarded to recipient based on financial need and personal artistic goals.	
	<b><i>Dr. William E. Engbretson Endowed Scholarship in Art and Sculpture</i></b>	<b>2018</b>
	Awarded to one art major at Governor State University every year who exhibits excellence in the creation of fine arts.	
	<b><i>Fine Arts Talent Scholarship</i></b>	<b>2015</b>
	Awarded to one incoming freshman who is majoring in the fine arts.	
	<b><i>Jon Waselewski Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship</i></b>	<b>2015</b>
	Awarded to one senior student who has taken four years of music or art and will continue to study either in college, with a minimum of 3.5 GPA.	
	<b><i>National Art Honor Society Scholarship</i></b>	<b>2015</b>
	Awarded to one senior member of the NAHS who will continue their leadership and study for the arts in college.	

