

TAYLOR A. MEZO

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EDUCATION	<i>Bachelor's in Fine Art, Ceramics</i> Governors State University, University Park, IL Cum Laude, graduation in Fall 2019	2016-2019
WORK EXPERIENCE	<i>Intern, Ceramics Studio Technician</i> Touchstone Center for Crafts, Farmington, PA	2020
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist with daily operations surrounding the ceramics studio• Studio maintenance and cleaning• Presenting and demonstrating via Zoom• Problem solving a variety of technical problems with creative solutions	
	<i>Teacher's Assistant and After School Care</i> Kankakee Valley Montessri School, Bourbonnais, IL	2018-2020
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist lead teachers in daily activities• Includes observing, supervising, and disciplining children and organizational duties	
	<i>Housekeeping Work-Study</i> Arrowmont School of Arts and Craft	2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsible for cleaning facilities and dormitories• Multimanaging daily work tasks with workshops	
	<i>Independant Instructor</i> Bradley Bourbonnais Park District, Bradley, IL	2017-2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designed non-academic art classes for children ages 8-14• Taught the previously mentioned classes as a way to introduce children to art	
	<i>Intern</i> Peoria Art Guild, Peoria, IL	2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitating daily operations such as answering phones and directing attendees• Coverted the original gallery documentation from paper to digital files using microsoft Excel• Installing and deinstalling exhibitions	
RESIDENCIES	<i>Winter Resident</i> Penland School of Craft, Spruce Pine NC	Jan 2020
	<i>Resident Artist</i> Peters Valley School of Craft, Layton NJ	Feb 2020
	<i>Spring Pentaculum (Cancelled due to COVID-19)</i> Arrowmont School of Arts and Craft, Gatlinburg TN	May 2020
EXHIBITION RECORD	<i>SIP A Ceramic Cup Show</i> Juried Exhibition, Savannah Clay Community, Savannah GA	2020
	<i>6th Annual Dirty South Cup Call and Competition</i> Juried Exhibition, River Oaks Square Art Center, Alexandria LA	

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Juried Exhibition, Art Students League of Denver, CO

Lip Service
Juried Exhibition, Saratogo Clay Arts Center, Schuylerville NY

Last Call V
Juried Exhibition, Companion Gallery, Humboldt TN

Kansas City Teabowl National 2019
Juried Exhibition, KC Clay Guild, Kansas City MO

Drink 2
Juried Exhibition, Silpe Gallery at University of Hartford, West Hartford CT

Strictly Functional Pottery National
Juried Exhibition, Market House Craft Center, Petersburg PA

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

Function Fest
Juried Exhibition, Clay Center of New Orleans, New Orleans LA

Working Pots
Juried Exhibition, James May Gallery, Algoma WI

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

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

Twin Cups
Juried Exhibition, MWSU Clay Guild, Saint Joseph MO

The Cup Show
Juried Exhibition, Clay Art Vegas, Las Vegas NV

The Almighty Cup
Juried Exhibition, Gandee Gallery, Fabius NY

Cheers! Drink Up! Celebrating the Clay Drinking Vessel 2018
Juried Exhibition, Commonwheel Artist Co-op, Manitou Springs CO

The President's Show
Juried Exhibition, The GSU Visual Arts Gellery, University Park IL

All Student Show
Group Exhibition, The GSU Visual Arts Gellery, University Park IL

KCC Student Exhibition 2017
Group Exhibition, Harold and Jean Milner Memorial Library, Kankakee IL

Reinventing Ourselves from Another Point of View 2016
Juried Exhibition, 33 Contemporary Gallery, Chicago IL

Words+Text+Numbers
Juried Exhibition, St. Louis Artists' Guild, St. Louis MO

	13th Annual Regional Juried Exhibition Juried Exhibition, Freeport Art Museum, Freeport IL	
	ME Juried Exhibition, Galleries on Sheridan, Peoria IL	2015
	Art Rising Group Exhibition, Center for Performing Arts, University Park IL	
	Metamorphosis Group Collaboration, FEED Arts and Cultural Center, Kankakee IL	
	SWSC High School Art Exhibition Group Exhibition, Visual Arts Gallery, University Park IL	
	Community Group Collaboration, FEED Arts and Cultural Center, Kankakee IL	2014
PUBLICATIONS	Reconstructed Art & Literary Journal, "Helen" ceramic lamp	2018
	Poets and Artists #75 Catalogue, "Me, Myself, and I" painting	2016
RETAILERS	Arrowmont Supply Store Gatlinburg TN, ceramic earrings	2019-
	Yellow Elephant Gallery Kankakee IL, ceramic earrings, necklaces and bolo ties	2019-
	SLUG Shop Gatlinburg TN, ceramic bolo ties	2019-
SALES EXPERIENCE	Handmade Market Union Street Gallery, Chicago Heights, IL	
	The 63rd Annual Park Forest Art Fair Tall Grass Arts Association, Park Forest IL	
	The 26th Annual Strawberry Jazz Festival Governor Small Park, Kankakee IL	
	The 8th Annual Frankfort Bluegrass Festival Frankfort IL	
	Homewood's Artisan Street Fair Homewood IL	
	The 62nd Annual Park Forest Art Fair Tall Grass Arts Association, Park Forest IL	
	Floosmoor Fest 2017 Flossmoor IL	
GRANTS/AWARDS	Presidential Scholarship, Anderson Ranch Arts Center Half tuition on a selected Summer Innovation Studios workshop.	2020

- Friends of Arrowmont Scholarship*** 2019
Full workshop tuition rewarded to recipient based on financial need and personal artistic goals.
- Dr. William E. Engbretson Endowed Scholarship in Art and Sculpture*** 2018
Awarded to one art major at Governor State University every year who exhibits excellence in the creation of fine arts.
- Fine Arts Talent Scholarship*** 2015
Awarded to one incoming freshman who is majoring in the fine arts.
- Jon Waselewski Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship*** 2015
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.
- National Art Honor Society Scholarship*** 2015
Awarded to one senior member of the NAHS who will continue their leadership and study for the arts in college.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Commissioned Work*** 2018
250 slip casted porcelain cups with decals for the annual Sculpture Park Wine and Dine at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture park in University Park IL.
- President*** 2018
Governors State University's Art Club