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EDUCATION

- 2004 **M.F.A., ceramics**, Louisiana State University.
- 2000 **B.F.A., ceramics**, Kansas City Art Institute.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2007-present Associate Professor & Department Chair, Department of Art & Art History, University of Texas at Tyler. Tyler, TX.

- 2007-2013 Assistant Professor
- 2013-present Associate Professor
- 2013-2014 Interim Department Chair
- 2014-present Department Chair

Courses Taught: Introduction to Art, 2D Design, Composition & Design, Beginning Ceramics, Ceramic Sculpture, Advanced Ceramics, Ceramic Mold-Making and Slip Casting, Ceramic Form and Surface, Art & Place: Site-Specific Art, Destination Art, and Land Art in Practice, Graduate Topics in Studio Art, Graduate Studio Practice

2010-2013 NCECA Conference Liaison for NCECA 2013 Conference in Houston, TX.

2012-2013 NCECA Board of Directors Member

2005-07 Visiting Lecturer (Full-time), Georgia State University. Atlanta, GA.

Courses Taught: Two-Dimensional Design, Three-Dimensional Design, Introduction to Wheel Throwing, Introduction to Handbuilding, Ceramic Sculpture, History of Ceramics

2004-05 Lecturer, Southeastern Louisiana University. Hammond, LA.

Courses Taught: Art History Survey I, Beginning Ceramics

2001-04 Teaching Assistantship, Louisiana State University. Baton Rouge, LA.

Courses Taught: Introduction to Wheel Throwing (TA and Teacher of Record), Introduction to Handbuilding (TA and Teacher of Record)

EXHIBITIONS

SOLO & SMALL GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 Tiny Mountains, Cliffs, and Switchbacks: Small Sculpture by Merrie Wright**, Solo Exhibition (lobby display case), Tyler Museum of Art. Tyler, TX.
Edge: A Ceramic Sculpture Exhibition with Brian Molonphy, Colby Parsons and Merrie Wright, Three-Person exhibition, curated by Christine Blackhurst. Texas A&M Commerce Gallery, Commerce, TX.
James Pace and Merrie Wright, Two-Person Exhibition, Kilgore College. Kilgore, TX.
- 2014 Edge: with Brian Molonphy and Merrie Wright**, Two-Person Exhibition, curated by Christine Blackhurst. Gallery H100, Eastfield College. Mesquite, TX. (2014)

- 2013** **Dazzle on Dry Land**, Solo Exhibition. Lone Star College- Montgomery College. Conroe, TX.
- 2011** **Merrie Wright & Ovidio Giberga**, Two-person Exhibition. Goldesberry Gallery, Houston, TX.
Merrie Wright and Brett Dyer, Two-person Exhibition. Kilgore College, Kilgore, TX.
- 2010** **Nature's Deceptions**, Solo Exhibition. University Gallery, Pittsburg State University. Pittsburg, KS.
Through Women's Eyes, Three-person Exhibition. North Harris Community College Gallery, Lone Star College. Houston, TX.
- 2008** **Urban Wildlife**, Solo Exhibition. Roswell Clay Center West. Roswell, GA.
Urban Wildlife, Solo Exhibition. Appalachian Center for Craft. Smithville, TN.
- 2004** **Memories Near and Far**, Solo Exhibition. Foster Gallery. Baton Rouge, LA.

INVITATIONAL & GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2017** **UT Tyler Studio Art Faculty Exhibition**, The Meadows Gallery, University of Texas at Tyler. Tyler, TX.
Cameo Emerging Artist Exhibition, San Jacinto College Central, Pasadena, TX.
- 2016** **Objectify**, Belger Crane Yard Studio, curated by Michael Baxley. Kansas City, MO.
Art of the Cup, Ogden Museum of Southern Art. New Orleans, LA.
- 2015** **UT Tyler Department of Art Studio Faculty Exhibition**, Griffith Gallery, Stephen F. Austin State University. Nacogdoches, TX.
Faculty Exhibition, The Meadows Gallery, University of Texas at Tyler. Tyler, TX.
CAMEO Emerging Artists Show, Invitational Exhibition. Lee College. Houston, TX.
- 2014** **Art of the Cup**, Ogden Museum of Southern Art. New Orleans, LA.
The Dishman Art Museum and CAMEO Present: Emerging Ceramic Artists 2014, Dishman Museum of Art. Beaumont, TX.
- 2013** **Zoomorphic**, Invitational Exhibition. Red Lodge Clay Center. Red Lodge, MT.
Faculty Exhibition, The Meadows Gallery, University of Texas at Tyler. Tyler, TX.
Mesmerize, Invitational Exhibition. Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Art. Spring, TX.
Yellow Clay to Black Gumbo, Invitational Exhibition. Pollock Gallery. Dallas, TX
Yellow Clay to Black Gumbo, Invitational Exhibition. Winter Street Studios. Houston, TX.
Biota, Invitational Exhibition. Motherdog Studios. Houston, TX.
- 2012** **CAMEO Emerging Artists Show**, Invitational Exhibition. 18 Hands Gallery. Houston, TX.
Sources and Influences: Artist, Mentors, and Students, Invitational Exhibition. Huntington Museum of Art. Huntington, WV.
- 2011** **Lagniappe: LSU Ceramic MFA's**, Invitational Exhibition. Baltimore Clayworks. Baltimore, MA
Faculty Exhibition, The Meadows Gallery, University of Texas Tyler. Tyler, TX.
Other Nations, Invitational Exhibition. Williams Tower Gallery. Houston, TX.
Skin, Artful Living. St. Petersburg, FL
- 2010** **Force**, Invitational Exhibition. The Meadows Gallery, UT Tyler. Tyler, TX.
Atmosphere, Invitational Exhibition. Haydon Arts Center. Lincoln, NE.
Atmosphere, Invitational Exhibition. James Oliver Gallery. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2009** **Inspiration in Education**, Invitational Exhibition. 18 Hands Gallery. Houston, TX.
Atmosphere, Invitational Exhibition. Curated by Merrie Wright & Kimberly Greene. H.F. Johnson Gallery, Carthage College. Kenosha, WI.
The Animal Within, Invitational Exhibition. Brenau University. Gainesville, GA.
Faculty Exhibition, The Meadows Gallery, University of Texas at Tyler.

Marge Brown Kalonder Award Winners, Invitational Exhibition. The Clay Studio. Philadelphia, PA.

- 2008** **Intersections of Nature and Industry**, Invitational Exhibition. Curated by Merrie Wright, Ernest G. Welch Gallery, GSU. Atlanta, GA.
Natural Distortions, Invitational Exhibition. Curated by Merrie Wright, La Vie Gallery (in conjunction with NCECA 2008), Pittsburgh, PA.
Faculty Exhibition, The Meadows Gallery, University of Texas Tyler.
- 2007** **Mastery in Clay 2007**, Invitational Show & Auction benefiting The Clay Studio. Philadelphia, PA.
Post Millennium Exponent, Invitational Exhibition. NCECA Conference 2007. Barr Gallery, Indiana University Southeast. Louisville, KY.
- 2006** **Post Millennium Exponent**, Invitational Exhibition. University of Kansas. Lawrence, KS.
- 2005** **Southeastern Louisiana University Faculty Exhibition**, Contemporary Art Center. Hammond, LA.
- 2004** **Visiting Artist Exhibition**, Invitational Exhibition. Curris Center Gallery. Murray, KY.
LSU Ceramics Show, LSU Union Gallery. Baton Rouge, LA.

JURIED EXHIBITIONS

- 2017** **The Hudgens 2nd National Juried and Invitational Cup Exhibition**, Juried Exhibition. Hudgens Center for Art & Learning. Duluth, GA. JUROR: Garth Johnson
**1st Place and Hudgens Purchase Award*
- 2016** **Craft Texas 2016**, Juried Exhibition. Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX. JURORS: Paul Sacaridiz, Nicole Burisch, Sandie Zilker
Southern Miss Ceramics National, Juried Exhibition. Gallery of Art & Design, The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS. JUROR: Brian Harper
- 2014** **14th Annual Juried Cup Show**, Juried Exhibition. Kent State University, Downtown Gallery. Kent, OH. JUROR: Jake Allee
**Juror's Award*
5th Biennial Concordia Continental Ceramics Competition, Juried Exhibition. Concordia University St. Paul, Concordia University Gallery. St. Paul, MN. JUROR: Lazare Rottach
- 2012** **19th San Angelo Ceramics Competition**, Juried Exhibition. San Angelo Museum of Fine Art. San Angelo, TX. JURORS: Garth Clark and Mark Del Vecchio
8 Fluid Ounces, Juried Exhibition. LSU School of Art Glassell Gallery, Shaw Center for the Arts. Baton Rouge, LA. JUROR: Kristen Kieffer
- 2011** **Unwedged**, Juried Exhibition. Pottery Northwest. Seattle, WA. JUROR: Chris Staley
- 2010** **New Art/Arte Nuevo**, Juried Exhibition. University of San Antonio Art Gallery. San Antonio, TX. JURORS: Malaquias Montoya and Valerie Cassel Oliver
Digital Clay, Juried Exhibition. Carbondale Clay Center. Carbondale, CO. JURORS: Mark Burleson and K Rhynus Cesark
- 2009** **University of Dallas 2009 Regional Juried Ceramic Competition**, Juried Exhibition. Beatrice M. Haggerty Gallery, University of Dallas. Dallas, TX. JUROR: Dick Hay
BAL National 2009, Juried Exhibition. Beaumont Art League. Beaumont, TX.
NCECA 2009 Clay National Biennial, Juried Exhibition. Ceramic Research Center, Arizona State University. Phoenix, AZ. JURORS: Christy Johnson, Jeanne Quinn, and Chris Staley
- 2007** **Red Heat: Contemporary Work in Clay**, Juried Exhibition. Alexandre Hogue Gallery, The University of Tulsa. Tulsa, OK. JUROR: Judy Onofrio
- 2006** **8 Fluid Ounces: a cup show**, Juried Exhibition. Foster Gallery. Baton Rouge, LA. JUROR: Michaelene Walsh

- 2005** **Clay Cup X**, Juried Exhibition. Southern Illinois University. Carbondale, IL. JUROR: Virginia Scotchie
** Juror's Purchase Award*
Englewood Arts National Juried Art Show, Juried Exhibition. Museum of Outdoor Arts. Englewood, CO.
Red Heat: Contemporary Work in Clay, Juried Exhibition. Alexandre Hogue Gallery, The University of Tulsa. Tulsa, OK. JUROR: Patti Warashina
- 2004** **8 Fluid Ounces: a cup show**, Juried Exhibition. Foster Gallery. Baton Rouge, LA. JUROR: Michaelene Walsh
Gigantic, Juried Exhibition. Kirkland Arts Center. Kirkland, WA. JUROR: Patti Warashina
** Honorable Mention Award*
Venus Envy, Juried Exhibition. Oculus Gallery. Baton Rouge, LA.
Marge Brown Kalodner Graduate Student Exhibition, Juried Exhibition. The Clay Studio. Philadelphia, PA.
** 1st Prize Award*

CURATORIAL PROJECTS

- 2013** **Mesmerize**, Curated by Merrie Wright. Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Art (in conjunction with NCECA 2013). Spring, TX.
- 2010** **Force: Under the Influence**, Curated by Merrie Wright. The Meadows Gallery at the University of Texas Tyler. Tyler, TX.
Atmosphere 7, Curated by Merrie Wright & Kimberly Greene.
 -Haydon Arts Center, Lincoln, NE.
 -James Oliver Gallery (in conjunction with NCECA 2010), Philadelphia, PA.
- 2009** **Atmosphere**, Curated by Merrie Wright & Kimberly Greene. H.F. Johnson Gallery, Carthage College. Kenosha, WI.
- 2008** **Natural Distortions**, Curated by Merrie Wright. La Vie Gallery (in conjunction with NCECA 2008). Pittsburgh, PA.
Intersections of Nature + Industry, Ernest G. Welch School of Art Gallery, Georgia State University. Atlanta, GA.

PUBLICATIONS & DATABASES

Baumstark, Marcy. "NCECA 2016 and the Politics of Cute." CFile Foundation, 11 May, 2016, https://cfileonline.org/commentary-nceca-2016-and-the-politics-of-cute-contemporary-ceramic-art-cfile/?mc_cid=5883064fc8&mc_eid=eb78c6ca16. Accessed 11 May 2016. (artwork image cited)

Wright, Merrie. "Clouds: Capturing Ephemeral Imagery in Enduring Materials," *NCECA Journal 2014* Vol. 35: (2014).

Art Axis, www.artaxis.org, art portfolio and profile (accepted spring of 2012).

"Exposure," *Ceramics Monthly* May 2012: 19.

"2009 Emerging Artists: Merrie Wright," *Ceramics Monthly* May 2009: 44.

2009, *NCECA Biennial Exhibition*, Exhibition Catalogue, March 22- May 30 2009, Arizona State University Art Museum's Ceramics Research Center, Tempe, Arizona.

Van Beke, Timothy. "Urban Wildlife by Merrie Wright," *Ceramics Monthly* October 2008: 22.

Wright, Merrie. "Intersections of Nature + Industry," *Ceramics Monthly* September 2008: 21.

Byrd, Cathy. *Re\constructing Atlanta*. Atlanta, Georgia State University, 2008.

FELLOWSHIPS & RESIDENCIES

- 2016** **Short-term Residency, Red Lodge Clay Center**, Red Lodge, MT. (three weeks, winter 2016-2017)
- 2014** **International Residency Award, NCECA in Partnership with the Banff Centre** (fully funded residency award)
BAiR (Banff Artist in Residence), Banff Center, Banff, Canada. (six weeks, summer 2014)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2014 Conference Presentation (Selected through Juried Process), *Clouds: Capturing Ephemeral Imagery in Enduring Materials*. NCECA 2014, Milwaukee, WI.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2017 Guest Juror, *25th Annual Student Juried Exhibition*, Texarkana Regional Arts and Humanities Council, Texarkana, TX.
- 2015 Guest Juror and Artist Talk, *Annual High School Art Symposium & Portfolio Review*. Kilgore College, Kilgore, TX. Panel Participant. Panel discussion related to the *Edge: A Ceramic Sculpture Exhibition* at the University Gallery at Texas A&M Commerce, Commerce, TX. Panel discussion moderated by Professor Barbara Frey.
- 2014 Guest Juror, *Tyler Junior College Juried Student Exhibition*. Tyler, TX.
- 2013 Visiting Artist Workshop (2 days). Stephen F. Austin, Nacogdoches, TX. Gallery Talk. Lone Star College Montgomery, Conroe, TX.
- 2012 Visiting Artist Workshop (2 days). Texas A&M Commerce, Commerce, TX.
- 2011 Artist Talk and Demonstration (1 day). University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL. University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, IN. Chapel Hill High School, Chapel Hill, TX.
- 2010 Gallery Talk. Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS.
- 2009 Artist Talk and Demonstration (1 Day). Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, MS. Artist Talk and Demonstration (1 Day). Mid-Western State University, Wichita Falls, TX.
- 2004 Artist Talk and Demonstration (1 Day). Eastern Oregon University, La Grande, OR. Artist Talk and Demonstration (1 Day). Murray State University, Murray, KY.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

DEPARTMENTAL

- Faculty Student Advisor (2007-2014)
Undergraduate Recruitment Coordinator (2007-2014)
Art Club Faculty Sponsor (2007-2014)
Art History Faculty Search Committee I (2010)
Art History Faculty Search Committee II (2010)
Art History Faculty Search Committee (2012)
Art History Faculty Search Committee (2013)
Art History Faculty Search Committee (2015)
Studio Technician Search Committee (2015)
Gallery & Media Coordinator Search Committee (2016)

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

- CAS Governance Committee (2008-2009)
Academic Affairs (2008-20011)
Commencement Committee (2008-2009, 2013-2014, spring 2016)
Faculty Senate CAS Representative (2009-2012)
CAS Post-Tenure Review Committee (spring 2014)
Director of School of Performing Arts Search, Committee Chair (2016)

UNIVERSITY

- Faculty Senate Secretary (2010-2011)
Faculty Senate Executive Committee Member (2010-2012)
Academic Affairs (2010-2013)
HOP Committee (2012-present)
Undergraduate Council (2012-2013)
Biohazard Safety Committee (2008-2010)
New Student Book Selection Committee (2010-2015)