

Jazmyn Azure Nienstedt

FINE ARTIST & ART EDUCATOR



PROFILE

I am a multidisciplinary artist with a specialization in ceramics and a proven record of teaching across various academic settings. With a passion for both studio practice and pedagogy, my objective is to join the collegiate academic community where I can inspire emerging artists, contribute to curriculum development, and engage in collaborative creative inquiry.

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EDUCATION

2022-2024

MA in Art Education | GPA 4.0

Adelphi University, Garden City, NY

2015-2018

MFA in Ceramics & Certificate in Art History | GPA 3.9

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL

2014-2015

Studied MA in Ceramics (transferred) | GPA 3.7

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

2007-2011

BFA Double Major in Ceramics & Photography, Minor in Art History

Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023-Present

NYS Certified K-12 Art Teacher | ONC BOCES, Grand Gorge, NY

- Develops engaging, standards-based lesson plans in a variety of both 2D and 3D media for students in grades K-12.
- Differentiates instruction to support diverse learners, modifying coursework to accommodate various learning abilities, behavioral needs, and educational plans.
- Guides high school students in art electives to develop individualized artistic studies

2020-Present

Marketing Manager | Mooney's Auction, Freehold, NY

- Oversees comprehensive marketing strategy for the business, executing website design, targeted email campaigns, and social media promotions.
- Provides commercial photography and digital editing services, creating high-quality visuals for integrated print and digital advertising.
- Produces videography for live events and commercial advertising, from concept development to final editing.

2013-2020

Education Director & Lead Instructor | Play with Clay, Oakland, CA

- Founded and operated Play with Clay, a community ceramics studio offering instructional classes and open studio access for local ceramic artists.
- Designed and implemented comprehensive ceramics curricula—including wheel throwing, handbuilding, and glazing—adapted for beginner to advanced students.
- Oversaw all aspects of studio operations, including marketing, hiring, staff training, procedural development, curriculum design, and long-term strategic planning.
- Supervised team members by monitoring individual performance and providing ongoing coaching and feedback to support professional growth and align with organizational goals.
- Continuously evaluated studio operations to identify and implement strategic process improvements that enhanced productivity and efficiency.
- Cultivated a thriving community art studio and small business, and sold it to fellow Bay area ceramic artist in February 2020.

2015-2018

Professor of Record | Southern Illinois University, Carbondale IL

- Independently taught as Professor of Record:
 - Beginning Ceramics - Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017 & Spring 2018

- Introduction to Art History I & II - Fall 2017 & Spring 2018
- 3D Foundations – Fall 2016 & Spring 2017
- Designed and delivered complete course curricula—including syllabi, lectures, and seminars—adhering to university standards and learning objectives.
- Facilitated dynamic discussions and critiques to promote critical thinking and student engagement in a supportive, intellectually rigorous environment.
- Introduced foundational concepts through creative exercises that reinforced key principles and encouraged hands-on learning.
- Assessed student work and maintained accurate records, submitting final grades in accordance with university policies.
- Held scheduled office hours to offer one-on-one guidance, academic advising, and personalized feedback to support student success.

2014-2015

Graduate Teaching Assistant | Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

- Assisted tenured faculty in teaching undergraduate courses, including
 - Introduction to Ceramics - Fall 2014 & Spring 2015
 - Sculpture II - Spring 2015
- Collaborated with faculty to develop lectures, presentations, hands-on demonstrations, and grading rubrics to support course delivery.
- Mentored students in developing and applying technical skills relevant to their individual creative work.

2009-2011

Welding Apprentice | Girly Steel, Indianapolis, IN

- Apprenticed with a professional artist specializing in metalwork and welding,
- Contributed to product design, studio production, and the preparation of artworks for exhibition and sale.
- Accompanied artists to art fairs, providing on-site support and facilitating customer engagement and sales.

ADDITIONIONAL INTRUCTIOINAL ROLES

2025

Summer Camp Art Workshop Instructor | Hunter Day Camp, Hunter NY

2021-2023

Substitute Art Teacher (Prek-5th) | Hunter Elementary School, Hunter NY

2016-2018

Ceramics Community Day Workshop Instructor | SIUC, Carbondale IL

2015-2018

K-8 Licensed Substitute Teacher | State of Illinois

2015

Substitute Ceramics Instructor | The Armory, West Palm Beach FL

2014

Ceramics Instructor | Mill Valley Ceramics Studio, Mill Valley CA

2013-2014

After School Ceramics Instructor | Le Conte Elementary School, Berkeley CA

2012

Ceramics Workshop Instructor | Three Charters Schools, Mendocino CA

2010-2011

Photography Mentor | Indianapolis Public School's Key Learning Center, IN

2010

Welding Workshop Instructor | FFA Conference, Indianapolis Art Center, IN

2009

Photography Instructor | New Jersey YMCA Camps, Milford, PA

ACADEMIC & ORGANIZATIONAL SERVICE

2015-2018

- Secretary of Southern Clay Works ceramics club at Southern Illinois University

2014-2015

- President of the Ceramics Guild at Florida Atlantic University

2008-2010

- President of Student Council at Herron School of Art at Indiana University

2010

- Photographer for Special Olympics events throughout Indianapolis



2009

- Student Senator representing Herron School of Art at Indiana University
- Community Mural Coordinator for New Life Ministries nonprofit organization in Indianapolis IN

ARTIST RESIDENCIES

2011-2012

Resident Ceramic Artist, Mendocino Art Center, Mendocino CA

Summer 2009

Resident Ceramic Artist, Two Stones LLC, Keene NY

HONORS, AWARDS & GRANTS

2015

John McCoy Ceramic Award (endowed scholarship)

2014

Dorothy F. Schmidt College Graduate Advisory Board Grant, FAU

2008-2011

Indiana University Deans List

2010

Indiana University Educational Enhancement Grant

EXHIBITIONS

2018

- **Vendable Varmints**, ceramics, The University Museum, Carbondale IL
- **Love at the Glove**, ceramics, Surplus Gallery, Carbondale IL



2017

- **What I Learned in 18th Grade**, ceramics, Surplus Gallery, Carbondale IL
- **Locality**, ceramics, Carbondale Community Arts, Carbondale IL

2016

- **Bits and Bobs**, ceramics, Surplus Gallery, Carbondale IL

2015

- **Juried Student Show**, ceramics, Ritter Gallery, Boca Raton FL
- **Guilty by Association**, ceramics, Marsh Gallery, Indianapolis IN

2014

- **America's Clay Fest**, ceramics, Blue Line Arts Gallery, Roseville CA

2013

- **Glyph**, ceramics, The Ark Gallery, San Jose CA
- **California Conference for the Advancement of Ceramic Arts**, ceramics, Davis CA

2012

- **Annual Teapot Show**, ceramics, The Potter's Studio, Berkeley CA
- **Presenting the Potter's Studio**, ceramics, Leslie's Ceramics, Berkeley CA
- **Mendocino Annual AIR Show**, ceramics & photography, Nicholas Gallery,, Mendocino CA
- **Fresh Invitational Exhibition**, ceramics, Odd Fellows Hall, Mendocino CA

2011

- **Pancakes and Booze**, ceramics, Gallery 351, San Francisco CA
- **The Senior's Present**, photography, Indy Indie Artist Colony Gallery, Indianapolis IN

2010

- **Collaborative Show**, ceramics, Murphy Arts Building, Indianapolis IN
- **The Artists Formally Known as Prints**, photography, Herron School of Art, Indianapolis IN
- **Excalibur**, photography, Wheeler Arts Community, Indianapolis IN

2009

- **2101 Ceramic Properties**, ceramics, Alternative Gallery, Indianapolis IN
- **Combustible Apophenia**, photography, Murphy Arts Center, Indianapolis IN
- **Art Couture**, wearable art, Basile Gallery, Indianapolis IN