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Education:

Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts, New Brunswick, NJ, 2003

M.F.A. Visual Arts

Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA, 2000

B.A. Studio Art

Awards:

NAU Biennial Exhibition, 2009

Third Place

Vermont Studio Center, 2009

Clowes Fellow

Kimmel Harding Nelson Center for the Arts, 2009

Kimmel Harding Nelson Award

Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts, 2003

Graduate Scholars Award

Vermont Studio Center, 2002

Nadine Goldsmith Fellow

Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts, 2002

Anonymous Donor Award

Humboldt State University, 2001

Reese Bullen Award for Excellence in Art

Humboldt State University, 1999

Marchi Award for Excellence in Sculpture

Selected Exhibitions:

Bellevue Arts Museum, Bellevue, WA, 2010

Biennial Exhibition

John P. Weatherhead Gallery, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, IN, 2010

National Ceramics Invitational

The Esther Allen Greer Museum, University of Rio Grande, Rio Grande, OH, 2010

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Trisolini Gallery, Ohio University, Athens, OH, 2010

National Invitational Exhibition

Centre Culturel d'Andenne, Andenne, Belgium, 2010

Biennale de la Contemporaine Céramique

Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT, 2010

Beyond the Brickyard

Landmark Arts/Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, 2010

Clay on the Wall

ClaySpace, Warrenville, IL, 2009

Clay³

NAU Art Museum, Flagstaff, AZ, 2009

Biennial Ceramics Exhibition

Craighead Green Gallery, Dallas, TX, 2009

New Texas Talent

The Ceramic Research Center, Arizona State University Art Museum, Tempe, AZ, 2009

NCECA Clay National Biennial Exhibition

The Icehouse, Phoenix, AZ, 2009

Margins: A Nontraditional Approach to Clay

Herron Gallery, Indiana/Purdue University, Indianapolis, IN, 2008

Clayfest

Anne Kittrell Gallery, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR, 2008
Ceramic Objects/Conceptual Material
 SERDE Art Center, Aizpute, Latvia, 2007
Ceramics in Architecture
 Mesa College, San Diego, CA, 2007
Brian Benfer-Installation
 CSAW Gallery, Houston, TX, 2007
Falling to Earth
 Gaddis Geeslin Gallery, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, 2006
Eastern Philosophy
 Rotermann Art Center, Tallinn, Estonia, 2005
Five Years of the Anagama
 Tohisoo Mansion, Kohila, Estonia, 2005
International Ceramic Exhibition
 Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL, 2005
Earth & Fire
 The Roja Hotel, Roja, Latvia, 2003
RojaRaku
 Bill Maynes Gallery, New York, NY, 2003
Off the Top
 Art & Industry Gallery, San Diego, CA, 2003
Generations: Impending Lineage
 Period Gallery, Omaha, NE, 2002
International Invitational Exhibition
 Roja Museum, Roja, Latvia, 2001
International Group Exhibition
 Reese Bullen Gallery, Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA, 2001
Juried Exhibition
 First Street Gallery, Eureka, CA, 2000
Holiday Invitational Exhibition
 Latvijas Maksliņieku Savienības Galerija, Riga, Latvia, 2000
Tilts 2000 Exhibition
 Zvartava Castle, Gaujiena, Latvia, 2000
International Art Exhibition
 The Roja Hotel, Roja, Latvia, 2000
International Ceramic Exhibition
 First Street Gallery, Eureka, CA, 2000
Regional Invitational Exhibition
 Reese Bullen Gallery, Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA, 2000
Juried Exhibition
 First Street Gallery, Eureka, CA, 1999
Holiday Invitational Exhibition
 Reese Bullen Gallery, Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA, 1999
Juried Exhibition

Collections:

Bellevue Arts Museum, Bellevue, WA
 Kimmel Harding Nelson Center for the Arts, Nebraska City, NE
 Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT
 Ann and Morris Weiner, Houston, TX
 SERDE Art Center, Aizpute, Latvia
 Artists Union of Latvia, Riga, Latvia
 The Estonian Ceramists Association, Tallinn, Estonia
 City of Roja, Latvia

Lectures/Presentations:

Bellevue Arts Museum, Bellevue, WA, 2010
University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA, 2010
NCECA Conference, Philadelphia, PA, 2010
University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, 2009
Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA, 2009
Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec, 2009
Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT, 2009
Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX, 2008
Ohio University, Athens, OH, 2008
Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, 2008
SERDE Art Center, Aizpute, Latvia, 2007
Mesa College, San Diego, CA, 2007
Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts, New Brunswick, NJ, 2006
The Estonian Ceramists Association, Kohila, Estonia, 2005
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, 2005
Temple University, Tyler School of Art, Elkins Park, PA, 2004
Art Academy of Latvia, Riga, Latvia, 2003
RojaRaku Symposium, Roja, Latvia, 2003
Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT, 2002
Artists Union of Latvia, Riga, Latvia, 2000
Tilts Symposium, Guajiena, Latvia, 2000

Curatorial:

SOFA Gallery, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, 2007
On Strangers: The Latent Narrative-New Works by Brian Gillis
SOFA Gallery, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, 2007
Nathan Betschart-Ceramic Sculpture
Gaddis Geeslin Gallery, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, 2006
Sedimentation-Works by Maris Grosbahs and Jesse Billimack
SOFA Gallery, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, 2006
Kent Decardenas-Kinetic Sculpture

Catalogues:

Biennale de la Contemporaine Céramique, Centre Culturel d'Andenne-Belgium, 2010
Beyond the Brickyard, Archie Bray Foundation, 2009
Clay³, ClaySpace, 2009
NCECA Clay National Biennial Exhibition, 2009
Margins: A Nontraditional Approach to Clay, 2009
Crafting Content: Ceramic Object/Conceptual Material, University of Arkansas, 2008
Off The Top, Bill Maynes Gallery, 2003
Tilts, Latvijas Makslinieku Savienības Galerija-Latvia, 2000

Selected Bibliography/Publications:

Dawn Padula, "Documenting Fire: A Profile of Brian Benfer's Industrial Series," *Ceramics Technical*, No. 31 (2010): 100-103.
Stanton Hunter, "Devil's Advocate," *Ceramics Monthly*, November 2010:10.
Brian Benfer, "The Industrial Ceramics Series", *NCECA Journal*, Vol. 31 (2010): 28.
Adam Welch, "The Margins: A Theory of Resistance in Contemporary Ceramics," *Ceramics Art and Perception*, No. 79 (2010): 42-47.
Johnson, Garth. *1000 Ideas for Creative Reuse*. Beverly, MA: Quarry, 2009.
Germaine Shames, "2009 NCECA Clay National Biennial Exhibition," *Ceramics Monthly*, June/July/August 2009: 28-29.
Anda Puce, "Svetkus aizpute svin plasi," *Kurzemes Vards*, August 13, 2007.
Maiju Altpere-Woodhead, "Dance Around the Esthoggama," *Ceramics Technical*, No. 22 (2006): 96.
Ieva Rupenheite, "Skaistaks par kugi," *Diena*, August 30, 2003.
Ieva Rupenheite, "Zvartava makslinieki cel tiltu," *Diena*, August 11, 2000.