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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:

Agency for Cultural Affairs, 2011

Seto Cultural Foundation Award

Artist Trust, 2011

Artist Project Grant

Seattle Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, 2011

Artist Grant

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:

Sarah Doyle Gallery, Brown University, Providence, RI, 2012

Solo Exhibition

Kittredge Gallery, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA, 2012

Solo Exhibition

Gallery4Culture, Seattle, WA, 2012

Two-person exhibition w/John Grade

Seattle Design Center, Seattle, WA, 2012

Deviations From Comfort

Rose Center for the Arts, Lower Columbia College, Longview, WA, 2012

Solo Exhibition

The Yeiser Art Center, Paducah, KY, 2011

Solo Exhibition

Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche, Faenza, Italy, 2011

Premio Faenza

Red Lodge Clay Center-Richard Swanson Studio, Helena, MT, 2011

Connections and Beyond

Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH, 2011
Fired

Trisolini Gallery, Ohio University, Athens, OH, 2011
Invitational Exhibition

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 Makslinieku 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:

Artists Union of Latvia, Riga, Latvia
Bellevue Arts Museum, Bellevue, WA
City of Roja, Latvia
The Estonian Ceramists Association, Tallinn, Estonia
Kimmel Harding Nelson Center for the Arts, Nebraska City, NE
Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche Faenza, Italy
Ohio University, Athens, OH
SERDE Art Center, Aizpute, Latvia
Seto City Art Museum, Seto, Japan
Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT
Ann and Morris Weiner, Houston, TX
The Yeiser Art Center, Paducah, KY

Lectures/Presentations:

Art Academy of Latvia, Riga, Latvia-2003
Artists Union of Latvia, Riga, Latvia-2000
Bellevue Arts Museum, Bellevue, WA-2010
Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA-2009
Ceramics and Glass Art Center, Seto, Japan-2011
Chaffey College, Rancho Cucamonga, CA-2011
Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec-2009
The Estonian Ceramists Association, Kohila, Estonia-2005
Grossmont College, El Cajon, CA-2011
Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX-2008
Mesa College, San Diego, CA-2007, 2011
NCECA Conference, Philadelphia, PA-2010
Ohio University, Athens, OH-2008, 2011
RojaRaku Symposium, Roja, Latvia-2003
Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts, New Brunswick, NJ-2006
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX-2005
SERDE Art Center, Aizpute, Latvia-2007
Seto City Cultural Center, Seto, Japan-2011
Seto School of Pottery, Seto, Japan-2011
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL-2011

Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, MO-2011
Temple University, Tyler School of Art, Elkins Park, PA-2004
Tulane University, New Orleans, LA-2008
University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH-2009
University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA-2010
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI-2011
Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT-2002, 2009
Yeiser Art Center, Paducah, KY-2011
Zvartava Castle, Zvartava, 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:

57th Premio Faenza, Museo Internazionale delle Ceramiche Faenza-Italy, 2011
Beyond the Brickyard, Archie Bray Foundation, 2009
Biennale de la Contemporaine Céramique, Centre Culturel d'Andenne-Belgium, 2010
Clay³, ClaySpace, 2009
Crafting Content: Ceramic Object/Conceptual Material, University of Arkansas, 2008
Fired, Manifest Gallery, 2011
Margins: A Nontraditional Approach to Clay, 2009
NCECA Clay National Biennial Exhibition, 2009
Off The Top, Bill Maynes Gallery, 2003
Tilts, Latvijas Makslinieku Savienības Galerija-Latvia, 2000

Selected Bibliography/Publications:

"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.