

Shawn O'Connor

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Education

2010 M.F.A. Ceramics, Syracuse University

2005 B.F.A. Studio Art/Ceramics, University of Southern Maine

Teaching Experience

2018 –22 Adjunct Assistant Professor of Visual Arts: Studio Art, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA

- Clay; Alternative firing
- Materials Studies/3-D Design

2016 -18 Visual Art Faculty, Hyde School, Bath, ME

- Woodworking
- AP Studio Art
- Ceramics
- Foundations in Art

2013-14 Lecturer, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND

- Introduction to Ceramics

2012 Visiting Assistant Professor, St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY

- Ceramics I
- Ceramics II

2008-10 Instructor of Record, Syracuse University, Syracuse NY

- Introduction to Wheel Throwing
- Introduction to Hand building
- Special Topics: Print on Clay

2010 Ceramic Instructor, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN

- Adult and Children's Community classes

2006 Ceramic Instructor, Round Top Center for the Arts, Damariscotta, ME

- Adult and Children's Community classes

Exhibitions

- 2019 **Studio Art Faculty Exhibition** *Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA*
Olin Hall Galleries 2019 Juried Biennial *Roanoke College, Salem, VA*
- 2017 **Cup Show** (Invitational) *Worcester Center For Crafts, Worcester, MA*
25th Annual Strictly Functional Pottery National (Juried) *Kevin Lehman's Studio, Lancaster, PA*
- 2016 **Train Kiln Invitational** *Aurora Public Arts Commission, Aurora, IL*
2016 Clay Works Exhibition (Juried) *Common Street Arts, Waterville, ME*
24th Annual Strictly Functional Pottery National (Juried) *Kevin Lehman's Studio, Lancaster, PA*
Ceramic Selections from 25 Years of the Arrowmont Artists-in-Residency Program *Kansas City Convention Center, Kansas City, MO*
- 2015 **Cup Show** (Invitational) *Worcester Center For Crafts, Worcester, MA*
3rd Annual Cup Show *Studio 550 Art Center, Manchester, NH*
23rd Annual Strictly Functional Pottery National (Juried) *Kevin Lehman's Studio, Lancaster, PA*
Celebrating Craftsmanship, Creativity and Community (Juried) *New Bedford Art Museum, New Bedford, RI*
Area Artist Biennial 2015 (Juried) *L-A College Atrium Gallery, Lewiston, ME*
- 2014 **Simple Cup 2014 Invitational** *KOBO Gallery, Seattle, WA*
22nd Annual Strictly Functional Pottery National (Juried) *Kevin Lehman's Studio, Lancaster, PA*
Cup: The Intimate Object X (Invitational) *Charlie Cummings Gallery, Gainesville, FL*
From Away (Invitational) *Dowstudio, Deer Isle, ME*
Shake it Baby! (Invitational) *Baltimore Clayworks, Baltimore, MD*
Bruce Dehnert and Shawn O'Connor: Two Vigiles *Clay Art Center, Port Chester, NY*
New Directions (Solo) *Colonel Eugene E. Myers Art Gallery, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND*
Glazed by Fire: Atmospheric Invitational *Taos Clay, El Prado, NM*
Focus Exhibition: Functional Ceramics *Ohio Craft Museum, Columbus, OH*
Shawn O'Connor; Recent Works (Solo) *McCarthy Hall, Valley City State University, Valley City, ND*
Faculty Exhibition (Group) *Colonel Eugene E. Myers Art Gallery, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND*
Yunomi Invitational *AKAR, Iowa City, IA*
Functional Ceramics 2014 (Invitational) *Wayne Center for the Arts Wooster, OH*
- 2013 **Are You Ready,** (Group) *AKAR, Iowa City, IA*
Starbrick Clay National Cup Show (Juried) *Starbrick Clay, Nelsonville, OH*

Artifacts from the Inferno: Contemporary Wood-fired Ceramics (Juried) *Baltimore Clayworks*, Baltimore, MD

21st Annual Strictly Functional Pottery National (Juried) *Kevin Lehman's Studio*, Lancaster, PA

Cheers (Invitational) *Baltimore Clayworks*, Baltimore, MD

Cup Show (Invitational) *Worcester Center For Crafts*, Worcester, MA

Contemporary Traditionalist (Group) *Red Lodge Clay Center*, Red Lodge, MT

Simple Cup 2013 Invitational *KOBO Gallery*, Seattle, WA

The Bowl Show (Invitational) *Worcester Center For Crafts*, Worcester, MA

99 Bottles (Invitational) *Crimson Laurel Gallery*, Bakersville, NC

At Your Service (Group) *Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts*, Newcastle, ME

This is where the sauce is at: Woodfire Invitational Exhibition, *The Clay Studio of Missoula*, Missoula, MT

Yunomi Invitational *AKAR*, Iowa City, IA

2012 **In One or as Two (Group)** *Shanghai University*, Shanghai, People's Republic of China

98 Days in China (Group) *c2 Gallery*, Jingdezhen, People's Republic of China

Cup Show (Invitational) *Worcester Center For Crafts*, Worcester, MA

Winterfest (Invitational) *Baltimore Clayworks*, Baltimore, MD

30 x 5: The Dessert Plate *AKAR*, Iowa City, IA

UCVI Studio Assistant's Exhibition *Courtyard Gallery, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts*, Gatlinburg, TN

Clay Selections from Arrowmont's Permanent Collection *Loggia Gallery, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts* Gatlinburg, TN

Mugs for Jugs (Invitational) *Mudfire Gallery*, Decatur, GA

SAMPLER: The USM Teaching Collection (Group) *Art Gallery, USM School of Art*, Gorham, ME

Featured Artist; Shawn O'Connor *AKAR*, Iowa City, IA

At 20: A Creative Continuum Exhibition (Group) *Sandra J. Blain Galleries, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts*, Gatlinburg, TN

MUG Shots: Fourth Annual National Juried Cup Exhibition *Lux Center for the Arts*, Lincoln, NE

Yunomi Invitational *AKAR*, Iowa City, IA

Daily Conversations; Shawn O'Connor (Solo) *Mudfire Gallery*, Decatur, GA

Daily Companions (Invitational) *Baltimore Clay Works*, Baltimore, MD

8 Fluid Ounces 2012, (Juried) *The Glassell Gallery, LSU School of Art*, Baton Rouge, LA

2011 **Fourth Annual Cup Show: Form & Function (Juried)** *Amelia Center Gallery, Gulf Coast Community College*, Panama City, FL

CCC Holiday Invitational *Carbondale Clay Center*, Carbondale, CO

Holiday Cup Show (Invitational) *Worcester Center For Crafts*, Worcester, MA

Gifted 2011 (Invitational) *The Clay Studio*, Philadelphia, PA

Artisan Gallery Cup and Mug Invitational; Consider the Cup 2011 *The Artisan Gallery*, Northampton, MA

Starbrick Clay National Cup Show (Juried) *Starbrick Clay*, Nelsonville, OH
Interpreting the Cup: Process, Influence and Intent (Invitational) *Crimson Laurel Gallery*,
 Bakersville, NC
The Art of Dining (Invitational) *Worcester Center For Crafts*, Worcester, MA
19th Annual Strictly Functional Pottery National (Juried) *Kevin Lehman's Studio*,
 Lancaster, PA
New Works; Shawn O'Connor AKAR, Iowa City, IA
The Bowl Show (Invitational) *Worcester Center For Crafts*, Worcester, MA
Cups and Coffee (Invitational) *The Clay Studio*, Philadelphia, PA
Atmospheric Fired 2011 (Juried) *Carbondale Clay Center*, Carbondale, CO
Arrowmont Instructors Exhibition (Invitational) *Sandra J. Blain Galleries*, Gatlinburg, TN
Pairings at Carbondale Clay Night; Pairing the Artist Made Cup with the Handcrafted Beverage (Invitational) *Carbondale Clay Center*, Carbondale, CO
Greens and Grog; Watershed Resident Showcase (Juried) *National Council for the Education of Ceramic Arts Conference*, Tampa, FL
Craftsmanship: Concept: Innovation Red Lodge Clay Center Inaugural Juried National,
Red Lodge Clay Center, Red Lodge, MT
The Vases of Spring (Invitational) *Worcester Center For Crafts*, Worcester, MA
Yunomi Invitational AKAR, Iowa City, IA
Artists-in-Residence Annual Exhibition (Group) *Sandra J. Blain Galleries, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts* Gatlinburg, TN
Current Residence (Invitational) *Western Kentucky University*, Bowling Green, KY
Physical Embodiment (Two person) *Art Center West*, Roswell, GA
15th Sevier County Biennial Juried Exhibition *Sandra J. Blain Galleries*, Gatlinburg, TN

2010 **Third Annual Cup Show: Form & Function** (Juried) *Gulf Coast Community College*, Panama City, FL
Muddy's Wood Fire Classic (Juried) *The Myers Gallery at Muddy's Studio*, Santa Ana, CA
Artisan Gallery Cup and Mug Invitational; Consider the Cup 2010 *The Artisan Gallery*, Northampton, MA
Holiday Cup Show (Invitational) *Worcester Center For Crafts*, Worcester, MA
30 x 5 (Invitational) *AKAR*, Iowa City, IA
Arrowmont Artists-in-Residence (Group) *Clara M. Eagle Gallery, Murray State University*,
 Murray, KY
The Art of Dining (Invitational) *Worcester Center For Crafts*, Worcester, MA
18th Annual Strictly Functional Pottery National (Juried) *Kevin Lehman's Studio*,
 Lancaster, PA
2nd Annual National Cup Show (Juried) *The Barrett Clay Works, Art Studio and Galleries*, Poughkeepsie, NY
Alma Mater: University of Southern Maine Art Alumni Exhibition (Invitational) *Isaac Dryer Galleries*, Gorham, ME
The Joy of Bowls: Soup, Salad, & Serving (Invitational) *Worcester Center For Crafts*,
 Worcester, MA
Bowl Me Over, The 3rd Lillstreet International Juried Competition *Lillstreet Art Center*,

Chicago, IL

White Elephant (Group) *Dumbo Arts Center*, Brooklyn, NY

The Vases of Spring (Invitational) *Worcester Center For Crafts*, Worcester, MA

MFA MMX, Thesis Exhibition (Group) *SU Art Galleries, Syracuse University*, Syracuse, NY

The College Clay Collective (Juried) *Genesee Pottery, Firehouse Gallery*, Rochester, NY

Watershed Resident Showcase (Juried) *National Council for the Education of Ceramic Arts Conference*, Philadelphia, PA

Frosty Journey: A Look at Past Watershed Winter Resident Potters (Group) *Worcester Center For Crafts*, Worcester, MA

Lux Center for the Arts Second Annual National Juried Cup Exhibition *Lux Center for the Arts*, Lincoln, NE

Kent State University 10th Annual National Juried Cup Show *Downtown Galley*, Kent, OH

3rd Biennial Concordia Continental Ceramics Competition (Juried) *Concordia University*, St. Paul, MN

Pour (Juried) *Terra Incognito Studios and Gallery*, La Grange, IL

8 Fluid Ounces 2010, (Juried) *The Glassell Gallery, LSU School of Art*, Baton Rouge, LA

2009 **Hard Hats Required** (Invitational) *XL Projects*, Syracuse, NY

Winterfest (Invitational) *Baltimore Clayworks*, Baltimore, MD

Artisan Gallery Cup and Mug Invitational; Consider the Cup 2009, *The Artisan Gallery*, Northampton, MA

17th Annual Strictly Functional Pottery National (Juried) *Market House Craft Center*, Lancaster, PA

Sixth Annual Marge Brown Kalodner Graduate Student Exhibition, (Juried) *The Clay Studio*, Philadelphia, PA

The Watershed Invitational Wood Fire Exhibition, *Gustin Gallery*, South Dartmouth, MA

Interdisciplinary (Invitational) *XL Projects*, Syracuse, NY

All Forms: Studio Pottery 09 (Invitational) *Gandee Gallery*, Fabius, NY

Berlant/O'Connor (Two Person) *Spark Contemporary Art Gallery*, Syracuse, NY

Starbrick Clay National Cup Show (Juried) *Starbrick Clay*, Nelsonville, OH

International Cup (Juried) *The Clay Studio of Missoula*, Missoula, MT

Area Artist Biennial 2009 (Juried) *L-A College Atrium Gallery*, Lewiston, ME

2008 **4th Annual Simple Cup 2008 Invitational** *KOBO Gallery*, Seattle, WA

The Art of Dinning (Invitational) *Worcester Center for Crafts*, Worcester, MA

Platters and Pourers (Juried) *Baltimore Clayworks*, Baltimore, MD

Recent Works: Shawn O'Connor (Solo) *Stadler Gallery*, Kingfeild, ME

National Cup Show (Juried) *The Barrett Clay Works, Art Studio and Galleries*, Poughkeepsie, NY

Kent State University 8th Annual National Juried Cup Show *Downtown Galley*, Kent, OH

- In to the Garden** (Invitational) *Chameleon Gallery, Cazenovia, NY*
- 16th Annual Strictly Functional Pottery National** (Juried) *Market House Craft Center, Lancaster, PA / Wayne Art Center, Wayne, PA*
- From Belgrade to Bellingham, New Work from Syracuse** (Group) *Standard Ceramic Supply Company, Pittsburg, PA*
- 2008 NCECA Regional Student Juried Exhibition** (Juried) *Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Pittsburgh, PA*
- The North American Ceramic Cup Show** (Juried) *Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI*
- 2nd Biennial Concordia Continental Ceramics Competition** (Juried) *Concordia University, St. Paul, MN*
- 2007 **UAM National Juried Cup Show** *University of Arkansas Monticello, AR*
- Gulf Coast Community College International Cup Show** (Juried) *Panama City, FL*
- National Juried Ceramics Exhibition** (Juried) *The Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, KS*
- Drink it in** (Invitational) *Worcester Center for Crafts, Worcester, MA*
- Beehive** (Group) *Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts, Newcastle, ME*
- The Cup & Saucer Exhibition** (Juried) *Where I Fell in Love Gallery, Warwickshire, England*
- Saratoga Springs Annual Tea Bowl** (Juried) *Beekman Street Artists Gallery, Saratoga Springs, NY*
- 12th Annual Art Honors Event** (Invitational) *Maine College of Art, Portland, ME*
- Ethereality** (Invitational) *James Patrick Gallery, Wiscasset, ME*
- Watershed at Craft Boston** (Group) *Seaport World Trade Center, Boston, MA*
- Watershed Winter Resident Exhibition** (Group) *Worcester Center for Crafts, Worcester, MA*
- Faculty Exhibition** (Invitational) *Round Top Center for the Arts, Damariscotta, ME*
- Area Artist Biennial 2007**, (Juried) *L-A College Atrium Gallery, Lewiston, ME*
- 2006 **UAM National Juried Cup Show** *University of Arkansas Monticello, AR*
- Gift.ed** (Invitational) *Worcester Center for Crafts, Worcester, MA*
- Ceramics Biennial Exhibition 2006** (Juried) *New Hampshire Institute of Art, Manchester, NH*
- International Cup** (Juried) *The Clay Studio of Missoula, Missoula, MT*
- 2005 **Area Artist Biennial 2005** (Juried) *L-A College Atrium Gallery, Lewiston, ME*
- Homegrown**, (Juried) *Kidder Lounge Gallery, Gorham, ME*
- 2004 **Domestic Expressions** (Juried) *Kidder Lounge Gallery, Gorham, ME*
- Student Juried Exhibition** *University of Southern Maine Art Gallery, Gorham, ME*
- U.S.M. Senior Thesis Exhibition** (Group) *University of Southern Maine Art Gallery, Gorham, ME*

- 2003 **Student Juried Exhibition** *University of Southern Maine Art Gallery, Gorham, ME*
Sleight of Hand (Solo) *Kidder Lounge Gallery, Gorham, ME*

Awards, Grants, and Honors

- 2018 Prince Grant, Hyde School
 2014 CERF+ Emergency Assistance Grant
 Purchase Award, 22nd Strictly Functional Pottery National
 2013 Good Idea Grant, Maine Arts Commission
 2011 Award of Excellence, Starbrick Clay National Cup Show
 Emerging Artist Scholarship, 4 Bridges Art Festival
 2010 18th Annual Strictly Functional Pottery National Founder's Award
 College Clay Collective Juror's Choice Award
 Graduate School Masters Prize, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Syracuse University
 Syracuse University Travel Grant
 Robert M. MacNamara Foundation Merit Award
 2009 Jerome Solomon Memorial Scholarship, Syracuse University
 2008 Barrett Clay Works National Cup Show Merit Award
 Syracuse University Travel Grant
 2007 Robert M. MacNamara Foundation Merit Award
 Syracuse University Travel Grant
 2004 Award of Excellence in Ceramics from the Maine Glass and Ceramic Museum of
 Portland
 2003 University of Southern Maine Presidents Purchase Award
 University of Southern Maine Provost Purchase Award

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 2015 **23rd Annual Strictly Functional Pottery National** Exhibition Catalogue pg. 23
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- 2012 **The Journal of Australian Ceramics**, Volume 513 November 2012, pg. 101
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- 2011 **19th Annual Strictly Functional Pottery National** Exhibition Catalogue, pg. 23
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- 2010 **18th Annual Strictly Functional Pottery National** Exhibition Catalogue, pg. 22
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- 2009 **MFA Factor; Syracuse University** editor Sherman Hall, *Ceramics Monthly* December, pg. 48-51
17th Annual Strictly Functional Pottery National Exhibition Catalogue, pg. 20
Next Art Hot Spot: Fabius? By Maureen Nolen *The Post Standard*, Friday, May 1, pg. A-11
- 2008 **Stadler Gallery of Art Exhibition Review**, *The Irregular*, Wednesday, July 2, pg. 2
500 Plates and Chargers by Linda Arbuckle, Lark Crafts, Sterling Publishing, pg. 31
16th Annual Strictly Functional Pottery National Exhibition Catalogue pg. 22
- 2007 **Gallery Section** Clay Times November/December issue, pg. 48

Publications

- 2017 **Utilitarian Clay VII** *Ceramic Art and Perception* No. 106 pg. 78 - 81
- 2013 **Utilitarian Clay** *Ceramics Technical* No. 36 pg. 86 - 91
- 2012 **Arrowmont Anagama** *The Log Book* No. 52 pg. 26 - 28
- 2011 **In Search of My Mark** *Ceramics Technical* No. 33 pg. 87 - 91
- 2010 **The Syracuse Train** *The Log Book* No. 42 pg. 18 - 23

Artist Residencies

- 2013-14 University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
- 2012 Shanghai University, Shanghai, People's Republic of China
Summer Resident, Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts, Newcastle, ME
- 2010-11 Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
- 2007 Robert M. MacNamara Foundation, Westport Island, ME
- 2006-07 Winter Resident, Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts, Newcastle, ME
- 2005 Summer Resident, Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts, Newcastle, ME

Visiting Artist; Lectures/Demonstrations

- 2015 Cony High School, Augusta, ME - Lecture and demonstrations
- 2014 Valley City State University, Valley City, ND - Lecture and demonstrations
University of Southern Maine, Gorham, ME - Lecture and demonstrations
- 2012 Jiaotong University, Xian, People's Republic of China – Lecture
Jingdezhen Ceramics Institute, Jingdezhen, People's Republic of China – Lecture
The Pottery Workshop, Jingdezhen, People's Republic of China - Lecture and demonstrations
Shanghai University, Shanghai, People's Republic of China - Lecture and demonstrations
St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY - Lecture
- 2011 University of Southern Maine, Gorham, ME - Lecture and demonstrations
University of Maine, Augusta, ME - Lecture and demonstrations
Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN - Lecture and demonstrations
Berea College, Berea, KY – Lecture
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY - Lecture and demonstration
- 2010 Art Center West, Roswell, GA - Lecture and demonstration
Murray State University, Murray, KY - Lecture
- 2009 Corcoran High School, Syracuse, NY - Lecture and demonstration
- 2007 Poland Regional High School, Poland, ME - Lecture and demonstration

Related Professional Experience

- 2019-22, Associate Director of Galleries and Museum, Sweet Briar College
- 2018-19, Curatorial Assistant of Galleries and Museum; Sweet Briar College
- 2011-17, Advisory Board; Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts
- Building and Grounds committee
- Strategic Planning committee
- 2010-11, Gallery Assistant, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts
- 2009, Design and construction of 'train' style wood kiln at Syracuse University
Studio Manager, Syracuse University
- 2008, Kiln Technician, Syracuse University

Organizer for Empty Bowls event, Syracuse, NY
Studio Manager, Robert M. MacNamara Foundation
Gallery Assistant, James Patrick Gallery

2006-07, Studio Manager, Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts

Permanent Collections

North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks, ND
University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
Shanghai University, Shanghai, People's Republic of China
University of Southern Maine, Gorham, ME
Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts, Newcastle, ME
Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
Robert M. MacNamara Foundation, Westport Island, ME

Exhibitions Juried

3rd Annual Cup Show, *Studio 550 Art Center, Manchester, NH*
Student Juried Exhibition, *University of Southern Maine Art Gallery, Gorham, ME*
Shaped Clay 2008, National High School Exhibition, *Everson Museum, Syracuse, NY*

Curatorial Experience

Frosty Journey: A Look at Past Watershed Winter Resident Potters, *Worcester Center For Crafts, Worcester, MA*