

MIKE HELKE
RESUME

Education

- 2009-2011 Master of Fine Arts—Ceramics, New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, Alfred, NY
2005 Bachelor of Fine Arts—Ceramics, Minor—American Studies, University of Minnesota- Twin Cities, NY

Professional Experience

- 2015-Present Studio Potter
2005-2009 Northern Clay Center Studio Artist, Minneapolis, MN
2005-2009 Exhibitions and Sales Gallery Assistant, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN

Lectures/Workshops/Demonstrations

- 2018 Workshop: *Abstracting the Archetype*, Anderson Ranch Art Center, Snowmass Village, CO
2018 Visiting Artist Demonstration and Lecture, New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, Alfred, NY
2018 Visiting Artist Demonstration and Lecture, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
2018 Visiting Artist Demonstration and Lecture, Montgomery County Community College, Blue Bell, PA
2018 Florida Heat Surface Workshop, Morean Center for Clay, St. Petersburg, FL
2017 Visiting Artist Demonstration and Lecture, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT.
2017 Visiting Artist Demonstration and Lecture, Harvard University, Boston, MN.
2017 Panel Discussion in Conjunction with 2017 NCECA *Future Flux* conference: *Change*, with Mike Helke, Giselle Hicks, Peter Besecker. Oregon College of Art and Craft, Portland, OR
2017 Visiting Artist Demonstration and Lecture, Pottery Northwest, Seattle, WA
2017 Visiting Artist, Demonstration and Lecture Utah State University, Logan, UT
2016 Visiting Artist Demonstration, Johnston/McKeachie-Johnston Anagama Woodfiring, River Falls, WI
2016 *Flaten Lecture Series* Lecturer, St. Olaf College, Northfield Minnesota.
2014 Lecturer, *American Pottery Festival*, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN
2014 Panelist, *From Paper to Clay* gallery talk, Bloomington Center for the Arts, Bloomington, MN



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CONTEMPORARY CERAMICS

- 2014 Visiting Artist Lecture and Demonstration, Rochester Community and Technical College, Rochester, MN
- 2013 Juror, Annual Members Show, Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson, WI
- 2013 Visiting Artist Lecture and Demonstration, Inver Hills Community College, Inver Grove Heights, MN
- 2013 Visiting Artist Lecture and Demonstration, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
- 2013 Visiting Artist Lecture and Demonstration, Anoka Ramsey Community College, Coon Rapids, MN
- 2013 Visiting Artist Lecture & Demonstration, College of Saint Benedict, St. Joseph, MN
- 2012 Visiting Artist Lecture and Demonstration, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
- 2007-2009 Demonstrating Artist, American Crafts Council Retail Show, St. Paul Convention Center, St. Paul, MN
- 2009 Visiting Artist Lecture and Demonstration, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN
- 2008 Visiting Artist Lecture and Demonstration, Northwestern College, Roseville, MN
- 2008 Lecture and Workshop, Minnesota Art Potters Association, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN

Teaching Experience

- 2018-Present Assistant Professor of Art/Ceramics, University of Wisconsin-River Falls.
- 2018 Dayton Hudson Distinguished Visiting Teacher/Artist, Carleton College, Northfield, MN
Class: *Advanced Wheel Throwing*.
- 2017 Adjunct Faculty, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
Class: *Introduction to Ceramics*
- 2016 Dayton Hudson Distinguished Visiting Teacher/Artist, Carlton College-Northfield, MN
Class: *Wheel Throwing*
- 2016 Adjunct Faculty, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Classes Include: *Introduction to Ceramics, Intermediate Wheel Throwing*
- 2014-Present MN NICE Affiliated Artist, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015-Present Adult Education and Outreach Teaching Artist, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 2012-2015 Adjunct Faculty, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
Classes Include: *Introduction to Ceramics, Two-Dimensional Design*

Foundations,

Introduction to Visual Arts

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- 2009 - 2011 Teaching Assistant—Linda Sikora, Anne Currier, & Heather Mae Erickson, New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University
- 2006-2009 Adult Education Teaching Artist, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN
Classes Include: *Ceramics 101, Beginning Wheel, Surface Layers, Anatomy of a Pouring Vessel, Anatomy of the Surface, Anatomy of a Drinking Vessel, Cut and Paste Ceramics, Function Ornament and Decoration, and, More is More Vs. Less is More.*
- 2006-2009 ClayToGo Outreach Teaching Artist, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 2005 Teaching Assistant—Tom Lane, *Introduction to Ceramics*, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

Publications

- 2018 *Mastering Handbuilding: Techniques, Tips, and Tricks for Slabs, Coils, and More,* Sunshine Cobb, Voyageur Press Inc.
- 2017 "Clay Culture," *Ceramics Monthly*, November
- 2017 *A Culture of Pots: The 25th Anniversary of the St. Croix Valley Pottery Tour,* featuring multiple essays in conjunction with an exhibition, Weisman Art Museum, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017 *Contemporary Clay: A Survey of Contemporary American Ceramics,* Garth Johnson, WCU Fine Art Museum at Bardo Art Center
- 2017 *Lacoste Gallery exhibits work by young emerging artists from the fertile ceramics state of Minnesota,* artdaily.org
- 2016 *Influenced and Evolved,* Essay by Mark Pharis, Northern Clay Center, <https://issuu.com/northernclaycenter/docs/influenced>
- 2016 *Mastering the Potters Wheel,* Ben Carter, Quarto Publishing Group USA Inc.
- 2016 "Exposure," *Ceramics Monthly*, September
- 2015 *Tales of a Red Clay Rambler,* Podcast by Ben Carter, Season 5, episode 119 (with S.C. Rolf)
- 2014 "Exposure," *Ceramics Monthly*, December
- 2014 "Exposure," *Ceramics Monthly*, January
- 2012 "Exposure," *Ceramics Monthly*, January
- 2008 "Lillstreet International 2008," *Ceramics Monthly*, December,
- 2007 "Fifteenth Strictly Functional Pottery National," *Ceramics Monthly*, May
- 2006 "Clay Bodies by Student Bodies," *Ceramics Monthly*, November



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Awards & Recognition

- 2017 Minnesota State Arts Board Artist Initiative Grant
2016 *Potters to Watch in 2016*, CFile.org,
<https://cfileonline.org/contemporary-pottery-to-watch-in-2016/#>
2008 Jerome Ceramic Artist Project Grant, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis,
MN
2007 Purchase award, *Jersey Shore Clay National*, m.t. burton gallery, Surf
City, NJ
2007 Honorable mention, *Jersey Shore Clay National*, m.t. burton gallery, Surf
City, NJ
2006 Red Wing Collectors Society Foundation Award, Northern Clay Center,
Minneapolis, MN

Awards & Recognition continued

- 2006 Merit Award (functional), *Clay Bodies by Student Bodies*, Gustavus
Adolphus
College, St. Peter, MN
2005 Joel and Aja Ceramics Award Scholarship, University of Minnesota-Twin
Cities, MN

Exhibitions

- 2018 Fornell + Helke: Traditional/Modern, Lacoste Keane Gallery, Concord MA
2018 *Upper St. Croix Valley Pottery Tour*, St. Croix Valley, MN
2018 *From Useful to Fanciful*, Usdan Gallery, Bennington College, Bennington, VT
2018 *Artstream Nomadic Gallery: 17 Year Retrospective*, Huntington Museum of Art,
Huntington, WV
2017 *Pottery Show at the Old Church*, Demarest, NJ
2017 *Wild Ways: Mike Helke, Mary Alison Lucas, Bean Finneran*, Trax Gallery,
Berkeley, CA
2017 *Mike Helke New Works*, AKAR Gallery, Iowa City, IA
2017 *Two Young Minnesotans: Mike Helke and Tom Jaszczak*, Lacoste Gallery,
Concord, MA
2017 *Yunomi Invitational*, AKAR Gallery, Iowa City, IA
2017 *Upper St. Croix Valley Pottery Tour*, St. Croix Valley, MN
2017 *Of Land, Sea, & Sky*, Schaller Gallery, St. Joseph, MI
2017 *Ashstreet Project*, 2017 NCECA *Future Flux* exhibition, Portland, OR
2017 *Flux = Rad*, 2017 NCECA *Future Flux* exhibition, Oregon College of Craft,
Portland Oregon



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- 2017 *Narrowing The Variables: Five Approaches to the Vessel*, College at Simon's Rock Hillman–Jackson Gallery, Great Barrington, MA
- 2016 *The Feast*, Harvey Meadows Gallery, Aspen, CO
- 2016 *Contemporary Clay*, Western Carolina University Fine Art Museum, Cullowhee, NC
- 2016 *Our Cups Runneth Over*, Society of Arts and Crafts, Boston, MA
- 2016 *Utilitarian Clay Symposium Invited Artist* (Andy Brayman invitee), Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
- 2016 *Yunomi Invitational*, AKAR Gallery, Iowa City, IA
- 2016 *Upper St. Croix Valley Pottery Tour*, St. Croix Valley, MN
- 2016 *Dallas Pottery Invitational*, Dallas, TX
- 2016 *Edge*, Schaller Gallery, St. Joseph, MI
- 2016 *8 Fluid Ounces*, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
- 2016 *Painterly*, Schaller Gallery, St. Joseph, MI
- 2016 *Under The Influence*, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 – present *ARTSTREAM Nomadic Gallery*, exhibiting artist
- 2015 *New Work-Mike Helke and Sarah Jaegar*, TRAX Gallery, Berkley, CA
- 2015 *Featured Artist*, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 *Expressive and Distinct*, Schaller Gallery, St. Joseph, MI
- 2015 *Upper St. Croix Valley Pottery Tour*, St. Croix Valley, MN
- 2015 *La Mesa*, NCECA 2015 via Santa Fe Clay, Providence, RI
- 2015 *NCECA-Artstream Nomadic Galley*, NCECA 2015, Providence, RI
- 2015 *Yunomi Invitational*, AKAR Gallery, Iowa City, IA
- 2014 *Craft-Tastic*, Pelham Art Center, Pelham, NY
- 2014 *Paper /Clay*, Lawrence Art Center, Lawrence, KS
- 2014 *American Pottery Festival*, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 2014 *Androit*, Schaller Gallery, St. Joseph, MI
- 2014 *From Paper to Clay*, Bloomington Art Center, Bloomington, MN
- 2014 *Local's We Love Gallery Expo*, NCECA Gallery Expo-Northern Clay Center, NCECA 2014, Milwaukee, WI
- 2014 *Upper St. Croix Valley Pottery Tour*, St. Croix Valley, MN
- 2014 *Yunomi Invitational*, AKAR Gallery, Iowa City, IA
- 2014 *Pour*, Schein-Joseph Museum, Alfred University, Alfred, NY
- 2013 *Myriad*, Schaller Gallery, St. Joseph, MI
- 2013 *30 x 5: Sushi and Me*, AKAR Gallery, Iowa City, IA
- 2013 *Jeannine Kitzhaber and Mike Helke New Work*, Raymond Galley, St. Paul, MN
- 2013 *Upper St. Croix Valley Pottery Tour*, St. Croix Valley, MN

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- 2013 *Object Focus; The Bowl*, Museum of Contemporary Craft, Portland, OR
2013 *Yunomi Invitational*, AKAR Gallery, Iowa City, IA
2013 *Assemblage*, Schaller Gallery, St. Joseph, MI
2012 *Shino*, Schaller Gallery, St. Joseph, MI
2012 *Don't Box Me In*, Signature Gallery, Atlanta, GA
2012 *University of Wisconsin-River Falls Art Department Faculty Exhibition*, The Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson, WI
2012 *Brighter*, Schaller Gallery, St. Joseph, MI
2011 *Black and White*, Red Star Studios, Kansas City, MO
2011 *'tis a gift... 2011 Holiday Exhibition*, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN
2011 *Eighth Annual Marge Brown Kalodner Graduate Student Exhibition*, The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA
2011 *Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition*, Fosdick Nelson Gallery, Alfred, NY

Gallery Representation

- 2017 - Present LaCoste Gallery, Concord, MA
2015 - Present TRAX Gallery, Berkeley, CA
2015 - Present ARTSTREAM Nomadic Gallery / Harvey Meadows Gallery, Aspen, CO
2014 - Present Lillstreet Gallery, Chicago, IL
2013 - Present AKAR Gallery, Iowa City, IA
2012 - Present The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA
2012 - Present Schaller Gallery, St. Joseph, MI
2011 - Present Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN