

# Susan O'Brien

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## EDUCATION

- 1995-1998     **Louisiana State University:** Baton Rouge, LA. MFA, Ceramics
- 1994-1995     **Nova Scotia College of Art and Design:** Halifax NS. Post Baccalaureate Exchange Student, Ceramics
- 1992-1994     **University of Colorado:** Boulder, CO. Post Baccalaureate, Ceramics
- 1981-1986     **University of Tennessee:** Chattanooga, TN. BFA Sculpture/BS Psychology

## EMPLOYMENT

- 2004-           **University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire,** Associate Professor
- 1999-2004     **Murray State University,** Assistant Professor.
- 1998-1999     **Sam Houston State University,** Visiting Assistant Professor

## SELECT EXHIBITIONS

- 2017           **Cedar Creek Gallery National Teapot Show X Creedmoor,** NC. Invitational group exhibition
- Mudlucious** Shaw Center for the Arts, Louisiana State University Baton Rouge LA. Invitational group exhibition
- 2015           **Dining and Discourse: A Discussion in Three Courses** Houston Center for Contemporary Craft Houston TX. Invitational group exhibition
- La Mesa** NCECA 2015 Providence RI. Invitational group exhibition
- 2014           **Midwestern Educators & Students** Lillstreet Gallery NCECA Gallery Expo Milwaukee WI. Invitational group exhibition
- La Mesa** NCECA 2014 Milwaukee WI Invitational group exhibition
- Embracing Function: Contemporary Approaches to the Utilitarian Vessel** Tower Fine Arts Gallery, SUNI Brockport NY. Invitational group exhibition
- 2013           **Minnesota Women Ceramic Artists** The Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson Wisconsin Invitation exhibition

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- 2012 **Bounty: New Work by Susan O'Brien** Red Dirt Studio, Mount Rainier MD Open Studio Featured Artist, Solo exhibition
- Ms. Informed: A Continuation** Brentwood Arts Exchange, Brentwood MD Three person exhibition
- 2011 **Ms. Informed: A Homage To Women Who Have Changed History** Soren Christensen Gallery, New Orleans LA Solo exhibition
- Queens of Confection** NCECA National Ceramics Conference Invitational Six person exhibition
- From the Center to the Edge** Archie Bray Foundation, Helena Montana Invitational exhibition/auction
- Cedar Creek Gallery National Teapot Show VIII** Cedar Creek Gallery, Creedmoor NC Invitational group exhibition
- 2010 **The Eighteenth San Angelo National Ceramic Competition** San Angelo TX Juried exhibition
- 2009 **Susan O'Brien & Margaret Bohls** Lillstreet Art Center, Chicago. Invitational two person exhibition
- 2008 **Second Nature** Soren Christensen Gallery, New Orleans LA. Invitational three person exhibition
- The Curiosity Shop** River Gallery, New Orleans LA. Invitational group exhibition
- Gifted** The Clay Studio, Philadelphia PA. Invitational group exhibition
- Tis a Gift** Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis MN. Invitational group exhibition
- 2007 **NCECA Clay National Biennial Exhibition** Kentucky Museum of Arts & Design, Louisville KY. Juried exhibition
- Europocentric Works** Kentucky Museum of Arts & Design, Louisville KY. NCECA Six person exhibition
- Plates and Platters: Salon Style** The Clay Studio, Philadelphia PA. Invitational group exhibition
- Mastery in Clay** The Clay Studio, Philadelphia PA. Invitational group exhibition

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- 2006 **Susan O'Brien, Ceramic Works & Jon Swindler, Prints** Judy Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art, Auburn University, Montgomery AL. Two person exhibition
- 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Ceramics Exhibition** Crossman Gallery, UW Whitewater, WI  
Invitational group exhibition
- 2006 Bray International** The Archie Bray Foundation, Helena MT.  
Invitational group exhibition/auction
- Gifted** The Clay Studio, Philadelphia PA. Invitational group exhibition
- Mastery in Clay** The Clay Studio, Philadelphia PA. Invitational group exhibition
- 2005 **Hot Stuff, Clay Tigers** The Signature Shop & Gallery, Atlanta GA.  
Invitational retrospective exhibition
- One & Only** John Michael Kohler Arts Center. Invitational group exhibition
- Mastery in Clay** The Clay Studio, Philadelphia PA. Invitational exhibition/auction
- 2004 **Dinner Works** Louisville Visual Art Association. Louisville, KY.  
Invitational exhibition
- This Splendid Table: Fantastic Dishes for Food** Kentucky Museum of Arts & Design. Louisville KY Invitational exhibition
- 2003 **Lancaster Museum of Art Crafts National** Lancaster, PA. Juried exhibition
- International Exchange Exhibition 2003** Daegu University Design Institute, Japan. Invitational exhibition
- Table For Two/Tea For Two** The Clay Studio, Philadelphia PA.  
Invitational group exhibition
- Consuming Passion: Edible By Design** Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware OH. National Colloquium Food, and Art Exhibition. Group Invitational exhibition
- Dessert Works** Ronald L Barr Gallery, Indiana University Southeast, New Albany, Indiana. Invitational group exhibition

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- 2002        **Delicacies of Decadence: New Work, Susan O'Brien** Giles Gallery, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond KY. Solo invitational exhibition.
- Elegance in Form and Function** Lill Street Art Center, Chicago Ill. Invitational five person exhibition

### PUBLICATIONS & CITATIONS

- 2010        Hemachandra, Ray. **500 Vases: Contemporary Explorations of a Timeless Form. New York:** Lark Crafts, a Division of Sterling, 2010. Print. Work cited.
- 2007        Welch, Adam. **NCECA Biennial: Reconsidering Exhibition Practice Ceramics Art and Perception** December 2007-Feb 2008: 70 pg. 94-101. Work reviewed
- Davis-Rosenbaum, Steve; O'Brien, Susan; Pool, Christopher; Yoppolo, Gwendolyn, **Perspectives on Multiple Vessel Forms** NCECA Journal 2007 .
- 2007 Exhibit Preview: NCECA Clay National** *Clay Times* January 2007, 13: 1 pg 41, work cited
- 2001        Hluch, Kevin A. **The Art of Contemporary American Pottery.** Iola, WI: Krause Publications, 2001. Work cited
- 2000        Fairbanks, Jonathan L., Angela Fina, and Christopher Gustin. **The Contemporary Potter: A Collection of the Best Original Work in Earthenware, Porcelain, and Stoneware.** Gloucester, MA: Quarry, 2000.
- Molinero, Joseph. **A Pottery Tour of Kentucky** Book, Crystal Publications. Work cited.
- "Up Front"** Ceramics Monthly Periodical. January 2000, Work cited

### LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

- 2015        **Ceramic Boundaries; Opened** National Potters Council Conference 2015. Cedarhurst Center for the Arts, Mt. Vernon IL.
- 2012        **Black Rock Center for the Arts** Germantown MD Lecture
- 2009        **The State University of New York, Brockport** Workshop and lecture
- 2007        **Perspectives On Multiple Vessel Forms** NCECA, Panel Discussion

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Moderator

- 2004 **University of Minnesota, Minneapolis** One Day Workshop and Lecture  
**Southern Illinois State University, Carbondale** One Day Workshop and Lecture  
**Fifty years of the Archie Bray**, Lecture, University of Kentucky Art Museum
- 2003 **Art & Dining Rituals**, Ohio Wesleyan University, Two Day Workshop and Lecture Symposium  
**University of Arkansas, Fayetteville**, Two Day Workshop and Lecture
- 2002 **Eastern Kentucky University** One Day Visiting Artist Workshop and Lecture
- 2001 **University of Wyoming *Framing Taste***, “The History of Dining” Panel discussion and symposium on “The Art of Dining” Two-day workshop & lecture  
**University of Texas, El Paso** One day Workshop and Lecture

### CURATORIAL

- 2009 **College Clay Collective** Genesee Pottery, Rochester NY. Juror  
**Teapots: Formal, Functional, Narrative** Foster Art Gallery UWEC Eau Claire WI, Co-Curated with Margaret Bohls.
- 2007 **Europocentric Works** NCECA International Conference, Kentucky Museum of Arts & Design, Louisville KY.
- 2006 **Surface Tension** Foster Art Gallery UWEC Eau Claire WI.

### COLLECTIONS

- 2012 **The Clay Studio**, Permanent collection, Philadelphia PA
- 2006 **University of Arkansas Fulbright College Ceramics Collection** Fayetteville, Arkansas
- 1998 **Berea College Permanent Collection** Berea, KY
- 1999 **Archie Bray Foundation Permanent Collection** Helena, MT

### ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

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- 2012      **The Clay Studio, Philadelphia** Visiting Artist in Residence  
            **Red Dirt Studio** Mt. Rainier MD Artist in Residence
- 1998      **Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts** Summer Resident