

MITZI DAVIS

Arts Administrator / Studio Manager / Educator / Ceramic Artist

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Arts Administration

Sept 2013-May 2016
SCAD | Savannah, GA

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Aug 2006-May 2008
Shorter University | Rome, GA

CONTACT

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EXPERIENCE

2008 Present

Ceramic Arts Technician
Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)

Guides and assists students according to curriculum standards; promotes learning through facilities management and enforces OSHA and EPA regulations; supervises student employees; initiates new purchases; prepares administrative reports; documents student work; designs ceramics promotional material; curates and prepares department galleries

2015 Present

Coordinator
Savannah Clay Community | www.savannahclaycommunity.com

Founder and coordinator of community organization; designed and updates website featuring artists' pages, interviews, articles, resources and exhibitions; manages newsletter featuring local learning, exhibition and residency opportunities and ceramic business promotion; markets website and events through regularly updated social media page

2008 Present

Workshop Instructor
Savannah Dept of Cultural Affairs, Savannah Christian Preparatory Schools, SCAD, Savannah's Clay Spot, GA Salzburger Heritage Day Festival

Guides K-12 students and adults in various techniques to explore clay as an artistic medium including basic and advanced wheel throwing; alternative firing techniques; sculpture and hand building methods; traditional and contemporary surface design treatments; mold making and slip casting

2008 Present

Ceramic Artist/Owner
Mitzi's Functional Ware House | www.mitzidavis.com

Exhibits work nationwide with gallery representation with Parlour in Savannah, GA. (See Exhibition Record on page 3.)

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INTERESTS



ACHIEVEMENTS

- Honors Award
SCAD | Savannah, GA
2016-2013
- eLearning Scholarship
SCAD | Savannah, GA
2016-2013
- UncommonGoods Ceramic Design Challenge Finalist
uncommongoods.com, 2011
- Alfred Shorter Scholarship
Shorter College | Rome, GA
2008-2006
- Art Scholarship
Shorter College | Rome, GA
2008-2006
- Daven's Ceramics Award
Shorter College | Rome, GA
2006
- Valedictorian
Hannah Pamplico High School
Pamplico, SC | 2003

October 2015

March 2016

SIP: A Ceramic Cup Show Project Manager
Savannah Clay Community | Savannah, GA

Effectively managed national call for entry and organized 75 artists' works for local exhibition and events; raised over \$2,100; sold 72% of the exhibition and attracted over 500 guests in one week. Major tasks included:

- Coordinated jurors, artists, volunteers and gallery events
- Developed and distributed promotional materials & media campaign
- Worked with fiscal sponsor for tax deductible benefits to donors
- Managed sponsorship and crowdfunding plans

March 2015

August 2015

Development Intern
Baltimore Clayworks | Baltimore, MD

Assisted with Annual Seconds Sale and successfully surpassed \$12,000 fundraising goal. Major tasks included:

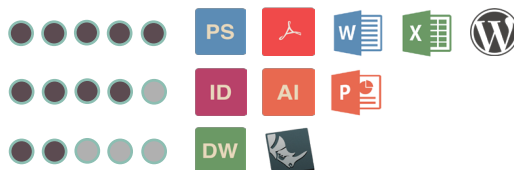
- Requesting and organizing artist donations
- Coordinating volunteers throughout the event
- Securing in-kind donations for opening night
- Designed a corporate membership plan and giving levels

SKILLS

PROFESSIONAL

- Project Management | Fundraising | Strategic Planning
- Marketing | Website Design
- Finance | Copyright & Trademark Protection

SOFTWARE (PC and MAC compatible)



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STATEMENT

My functional work references my happy, whimsical recollections of my childhood. I grew up in the rural South with my family, where I collected the eggs from our chickens, picked wild blueberries in the woods and shucked corn from our garden. Life was simple and good. I use combinations of daily stimuli and these fond memories to communicate my ideas through ceramic art.

In 2011, I began to explore a more sculptural line of work called “caged pieces.” I am interested in various interpretations of protection, home and freedom, and this series became a way of expressing my more somber perceptions of my youth. Function serves as a basis for the overall design of each form. These pieces are complex and not intended to be used on a daily basis, but for the occasional celebration.



EXHIBITION RECORD

2016

Menagerie | Baltimore Clayworks, Baltimore, MD

Artfields 2016 | Main Street Mercantile, Lake City, SC

2015

Holiday Pop-Up Retail Shop | Non-Fiction Gallery, Savannah, GA

Student Instructor Staff Exhibition | S.P.A.C.E Gallery, Savannah, GA

SCAD Small Works 2015 | Gutstein Gallery, Savannah, GA

Isle of Hope Art Show | Savannah, GA

Savannah Clay 2015 | S.P.A.C.E Gallery, Savannah, GA

Functional Creations | Sulfur Studios, Savannah, GA

Fired Up: Contemporary Pottery | Roots Up Gallery, Savannah, GA

Artfields 2015 | Main Street Mercantile, Lake City, SC

2014

SCAD Small Works 2014 | Gustein Gallery, Savannah, GA

Merry Art Market | Savannah's Clay Spot, Savannah, GA

Ceramics and Print Pop-Up Shop | 2427 Desoto Ave, Savannah, GA

Isle of Hope Art Show | Savannah, GA

Art to Table | Whit's End Gallery, Savannah, GA

Eye of the Sparrow | Whit's End Gallery, Savannah, GA

2013

Holiday Pop-Up Shop | Non-Fiction Gallery, Savannah, GA

Winterfest | Baltimore Clayworks, Baltimore, MD

Arraigada | Non-Fiction Gallery, Savannah, GA

Local Dishes | Starland Café, Savannah, GA

Transplants | Winter Street Studios during NCECA, Houston, TX

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GALLERY

Present 2015

Parlour | Savannah, GA

2013 2011

Savannah's Clay Spot
Savannah, GA

2011 2010

The Gallery | Savannah, GA

VOLUNTEER

2016

Penland Annual Benefit Auction
Bakersville, NC

2015 2016

eStudent Arts Managers
ICC Liaison | Savannah, GA

2007

National Council of Education
for the Ceramic Arts
Houston, TX

2012

SCAD Small Works 2012 | Gutstein Gallery, Savannah, GA

Forsyth to Victory Art March | 2427 Desoto Avenue, Savannah, GA

National Juried Cup Show | Barrett Art Center, Poughkeepsie, NY

Savannah Clay | Roswell Art Center West, Roswell, GA

Coffee, Tea, or ...? | Terra Incognito Studios, Oak Park, IL

delectTABLE: The Fine Art of Dining | Art Students League, Denver, CO

Daily Companions | Baltimore Clayworks, Baltimore, MD

LaGrange National XXVII Exhibition | Lamar Dodd Center, LaGrange, GA

National Ceramic Cup Competition | The Clay Gallery, Ann Arbor, MI

Cups and Coffee, Fuel Coffee | Exhibit during NCECA sponsored by
Watershed Center for Ceramic Arts, Seattle, WA

2011

SCAD Small Works 2011 | Gutstein Gallery, Savannah, GA

Merry Art Market | Savannah's Clay Spot, Savannah, GA

Local Savannah Artists' Sale | 603 Whitaker St, Savannah, GA

It's Only Clay 2011 | Bemidji Community Art Center, Bemidji, MN

Nellie A. Smith Juried Competition | Cape Fear Studios, Fayetteville, NC

National Juried Cup Show | Barrett Art Center, Poughkeepsie, NY

Dining In: An Artful Experience IV | 18 Hands Gallery, Houston, TX

Savannah Clay: Invitational Exhibition | S.P.A.C.E Gallery, Savannah, GA

2010

SCAD Small Works 2010 | Gutstein Gallery, Savannah, GA

Spring Sidewalk Ceramics Show | Brighter Day, Savannah, GA

2008

BFA Senior Exhibition: Sheltering Vessels | Arnold Gallery, Rome, GA

Art Sale Participant | Shorter University, Rome, GA

Student Honors Show | Arnold Gallery, Rome, GA