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Education

2014 **Master of Fine Art, Ceramics**, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester NY, USA

2012 **Bachelor of Fine Art, Ceramic & Glass**, Hong-ik University, Seoul, South Korea

2007 **High school Diploma, Fine Arts major**, Kaywon High school of Art, Bundang, South Korea

Professional Experience, Artist in Residency

Sept. 2022 ~ Current

- **Full-time Ceramic Faculty** in the Visual Arts Department

At the Loomis Chaffee School, 4 Batchelder Rd. Windsor CT 06095 / yoonjee_kwak@loomis.org

2024, Jun. 24- Jul. 19

- **Alfred University, Alfred NY**: Invited Resident Artist, Faculty advisor, 4 weeks Summer Ceramic Intensive

2022, May

- **Archie Bray Foundation for Ceramic Arts, Helena MT**: Invited Visiting Artist in Residence in May

2021, Apr. ~ 2022, Aug.

- **Pottery Northwest, Seattle WA**: long-term resident artist, instructor

2017, Sept. ~ 2019, Sept.

- **Archie Bray Foundation for Ceramic Arts, Helena MT**: Long-term resident artist, Joan Lincoln, Matsutani Fellow

2019, Dec. ~ 2021, Feb.

- **Resident Artist, Studio 740** (founded and run by Artist Beth Cavener), Helena MT

2020

- **Exhibition Juror**, 'Constructed Ceramic', Applied Contemporary Gallery, Oakland CA

2021

- **TBA, Invited Resident Artist** (Invited by Chris Antemann), LH Project, Joseph OR / (Postponed due to Covid)

2018

- **Artist assistantship for Artist Sunkoo Yuh** workshop, Archie Bray Foundation, 'Narrative Sculpture'

2017, Jul.

- **Artist Invited Artist (AIA)**, 2 weeks residency at Watershed Center for Ceramic Arts, Newcastle ME

2016

- **Archie Bray Foundation's 2016 Summer Resident Artist.** Helena MT (June ~ Oct.)
- **Emerging Artist 2016'**, Ceramics Monthly
- **Exhibiting Invited Artists** in conjunction with Arrowmont's National Symposium: *Utilitarian Clay VII*

2014 ~ 2017

- **Artist in Residency, Visiting Scholar in Ceramics** in Ceramics department, School for American Crafts, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester NY

2015

- **Studio Assistantship** for Michael Keighery in Ceramic studio summer workshop at Penland School of Crafts, NC
- **Artist Assistantship** for In-Chin Lee (Summer Ceramic Workshop Intern), in 4-Week Intensive Studio Ceramic Summer residency at Alfred University, Alfred NY, (June 29th- July 24th): John Gill and In-Chin Lee

Artist Lecture, Workshop

2025 · **Invited Master Artist Lecture, Workshop**

The Living Light Art, Wong Chuk Hang, Hong Kong (Nov.)

· **Teaching two weeks summer workshop,**

Anderson Ranch Arts center, Snowmass Village, CO (Aug.11-22)

· **Invited Artist A week workshop**

Pocosin Arts School of Fine Craft, Columbia NC, Patterning Memories into Sculptural Vessels (Jun. 9-13)

· **Invited Artist 2-day workshop**

Snow Farm, the New England Craft, Williamsburg, MA, (Apr. 25-27)

2024 · **Alfred University, Alfred NY**

Invited Resident Artist Faculty, 4 weeks Summer Ceramic Intensive (Jun. 24- Jul. 19)

· **Invited Artist workshops:** Clay Art Guild of the Hamptons, Southampton NY (Sept.21-22)

· **Visiting Artist lecture and workshop**

Ceramics Department, The State University of New York at New Paltz (Feb 28-29)

· **Invited Artist 2-day workshop:** Gas Works NYC, Brooklyn, NY (Mar.30-31)

· **Watershed Guest Artist Workshop:** Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts, New Castle, ME (Oct.25-27)

2023 · **Visiting Artist lecture and workshop**

Ceramics Department, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford (Oct. 27)

· **NCECA 2023, Makers Space Invited demonstrator,** Cincinnati, OH, (March 16th 4-5pm)

· **Teaching 2 weeks summer workshop,**

Anderson Ranch Arts center, Snowmass Village, CO (July 24~ August 4)

- **Invited Artist 2-day workshop**
Featherstone Center for the Arts, Martha's Vineyard, MA (June 23-25)
- **Invited Artist 2-day workshop:** JunkPot Studio, Hartford, CT (June 17-18)
- 2022 · **Invited artist speaker, NC Potters Conference,** NC Pottery center, Seagrove, NC (Mar. 3 – 6)
- **Invited Artist 2-day workshop and Artist talk,** ClayRoom SF, San Francisco, CA (Apr. 22– 24)
- **Invited Artist 2-day workshop,** Still Life Ceramics, Los Angeles, CA (Apr. 26 – 27)
- **Virtual Visiting Artist, Artist talk and Demonstration,** Middle Tennessee State University (Apr.19)
- 2021 · **Invited Artist, Zoom online lecture in Ceramic class by Sam Chung**
Korea National University of Cultural Heritage, Buyeo, South Korea
- 2020 · **Visiting Artist for Clay and Culture Class, School of Art Institute of Chicago**
Virtual online Artist lecture via Zoom-meeting, invited by Professor Emily Willis, Ceramic dept.
- 2019 · **Panel discussion, Garth Clark, and Five New wave ceramic Artist,**
Garth Clark, Joshua R. Clark, Iva Haas, Qwist Joseph, Patrick Kingshill, Yoonjee Kwak
- **Ceramic Congress 2019 Speaker,** Online Live Video Lecture, 'How to build my perforated vessel'.
- **Resident Artist Presentation,** Archie Bray Foundation for Ceramic Arts, Helena MT
- 2018 · **Artist Talk, Canberra, Australia,** Ceramic dept. in Australian National University
- **International Invited Artist Workshop, Turkey**
Artist Talk and Demonstration, Ceramic and Glass dept. Kastamonu University, Kastamonu, Turkey

Teaching Experience

- 2022, Sept.~ Current: Full-time Ceramic Faculty,** Visual Art Department, Loomis Chaffee School, Windsor CT
- 2021: Instructor,** Pottery Northwest, Seattle WA
- 2016: Adjunct Faculty,** Ceramic dept., Rochester Institute of technology, Rochester NY
- 2014~ 2015: Instructor (Artist Residency),** Ceramic dept., Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester NY
- 2012~ 2014: Teaching Assistant Positions,** Ceramic dept., Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester NY

Exhibitions (**invitational, *solo, juried)

- 2026 'Vestiges', Solo exhibition, Jane Hartsook Gallery-Greenwich House Pottery, Manhattan, NY* (Mar.)
- 2025 Two-person exhibition, invitational, Headstone Gallery, Kingston, NY** (Apr.)
Dallas Pottery Invitational, The Empire Room, Dallas TX** (May.2-4)
- 2024 Times of Contemplation, Solo invitational, Mercy Gallery, Windsor, CT*, ** (Sept.)

FORM + SPACE 2024: International Juried Exhibition of Contemporary Sculpture, The Museum of Art – -
- DeLand, DeLand, FL

The patterns of time, Solo invitational, Gerald Peters Contemporary, Santa Fe, NM*, ** (Mar.)

To Have and To Hold, group invitational, Hughes Memorial Library, West Cornwall, CT**

Raw Clay II, group invitational, Companion Gallery, Humboldt TN**

A Beautiful Spirit, Ceramic Invitational, Radius Gallery, Missoula MT**

8 Fluid Ounces: Mud and Midnight Fusion, Ceramic invitational, Louisiana State University College of Art-
- Design, Glassell Gallery, Baton Rouge, LA**

2023 The Journey of Ceramics: 2023 Jingdezhen International Ceramic Art Biennale, Jingdezhen Ceramic-
- University Art Museum (Xianghu Campus), Jingdezhen, Jiangxi, China

Cheong Ju International Craft Biennale 2023, Cheong Ju, South Korea

Show-Window art installation, Collaboration with 'Comme Si', Hudson Wilder, Brooklyn, NY **

Group invitational, Stroll Garden, East Hampton, NY **

Worcester Pottery invitational, Worcester Center for Crafts, Worcester, MA **

The Shape of Now - Todd Art Gallery 2023 Ceramics Invitational, Middle Tennessee State University,-
- Murfreesboro, TN **

Last Call VIII, Invited Artist, Companion Gallery, Humboldt TN **

"Here and There: Navigating the Cultural In-Between" NCECA 2023 Concurrent exhibition, Northern-
- Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY **

2022 Cornucopia, Invitational, Artstream Nomadic Gallery, Fort Collins, CO**

Material Mugs VII, Invitational. Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN**

Group exhibition, George Billis Gallery pop-up, High Line Nine gallery, Manhattan, NY**

The Holter Gala & Auction, Holter Museum of Art, Helena MT**

Annual Benefit Auction, Archie Bray Foundation, Helena MT**

Artaxis Featured Artist Exhibition, Artaxis, virtual exhibition** (4/19)

NC Potters Conference, Invited artist speaker and exhibitor, NC Pottery Center, Seagrove NC **

Above Board, invitational exhibition, Above Board Ceramics, virtual exhibition**

2021 Invited Solo exhibition, Applied Contemporary Craft Gallery, Oakland CA**, *

Resident artist spotlight, Pottery Northwest, Seattle WA**

Coil Pot Show, Group invitational, Jane Hartsook gallery, New York NY**

Invited Solo exhibition - 'Unnatural Nature', VETRI gallery, Seattle WA**, *

Convene, group invitational exhibition, Eutectic Gallery, Portland OR**

Invited group exhibition, George Billis Gallery, Westport, CT**

Sheep inside the box, LH Project invited exhibition, KCDF (Korean Craft & Design Foundation) Gallery-
 - Seoul Korea & Eutectic Gallery-Portland OR ** (organized by the LH Project with support from the Groot Foundation)

Last Call VI, Invited Artist, Companion Gallery, Humboldt TN **

Above Board, invitational exhibition, Above Board Ceramics, virtual NCECA conference**

2020 Unwedged 2020, Annual juried exhibition, Pottery Northwest, Seattle WA

Featured Artist (for September online exhibition), Archie Bray Foundation, Helena MT **, *

Seattle Deconstructed Art Fair 2020, VETRI Gallery, Seattle, WA**

17th Annual Ceramics Invitational at Abel Contemporary Gallery in Stoughton, WI**

Visions in Clay 2020, LH Holton JR Gallery, San Joaquin Delta college, Stockton CA, Invited group-
 - exhibition 'Porcelain Reconsidered', Focus Gallery, Penland school of crafts NC**

The Holter Gala & Auction – Online auction, Holter Museum of Art, Helena MT **

Annual the Bray Benefit Auction, Archie Bray Foundation, Helena MT**

The Small Favors 2020, The Clay Studio, Philadelphia PA

2019 SOFA CHICAGO, Chicago, IL, Represented VETRI Gallery, Seattle WA** (Oct.31 ~ Nov.3)

Craft Forms, 25th international juried exhibition of contemporary fine craft, Wayne Art Center,-
 - Wayne PA

Fresh Blood: New wave artist in Ceramics, Gerald Peters Projects, Santa Fe, NM**

Yunomi Invitational, ClayAkar, Iowa City, IA**

Archie Bray Foundation 2nd year fellowship exhibition, Holter Museum of Art, Helena MT **

The Holter Gala & Auction- Live auction, Holter Museum of Art, Helena MT**

Archie Bray Resident artist NCECA exhibition, Creators space, St Paul, MN **

Scintilla Art Project, Hastings College, Hastings, NE 68901

NCECA Watershed Center for Ceramic Arts, AIA collab group exhibition, California building, Minneapolis MN **

Vetri's March Invitational, Vetri Gallery, Seattle WA **

Last Call IV juried show juried by Carole Epp, Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN

Central Washington Univ. Ceramic Invitational, CWU, Ellensburg WA **

2018 The Annual Montana Clay Invitational- Montana State Univ. Clay Fest, Billings, MT **

Holiday Bling Invitational, Red Lodge Clay Center, Red Lodge MT**

Archie Bray at the Kolva Sullivan Gallery, Spokane WA**

1st year fellowship artists Exhibition at the Archie Bray Foundation, Helena MT **

Pottery Northwest Clay Feast 2018 invited artist, Pottery Northwest, Seattle WA**

The Intimate Object XIV, Charlie Cummings Gallery, Gainesville FL**

La Messa; Garden party, invitational exhibition, Santa Fe Clay, Santa Fe NM**

Resident Artist Exhibition, Archie Bray Foundation, Helena MT**

Art Gala Auction 2018, Burchfield Penny Art Center, Buffalo NY**

Mother's Day Pots and Plants Sale, Archie Bray Foundation, Helena MT**

On the Rock: An exhibition of Vessels for and Related to Drinking, PEWABIC, Detroit MI

Teapot Tournament, TeaplusART Gallery; Clay Art Museum and Education Organization, Houston TX

Lillstreet Art gallery expo, 52th NCECA Pittsburgh PA**

2017 Holiday invitation exhibition, Eutectic Gallery, Portland OR**

2nd Winter Salon, Cerbera Gallery, Kansas City MO**

Art in Craft Media 2017, Burchfield Penny Art Center, Buffalo NY

Archie Bray at the Kolva Sullivan, Kolva Sullivan gallery, Spokane WA**

Dish, International juried exhibition juried by Julia Galloway, MEDELTA, Alberta Canada

27th International Sculpture Conference, Cerbera Gallery, Kansas City MO **

XXXIX International Competition of Ceramic Art in the city of Gualdo Tadino, Perugia Italy

Featured Ceramic Artist Invitational, LillStreet Art gallery, Chicago IL *

KC Clay guild Tea-bowl national 2017, juror; Chandra Debuse, KC Clay guild MO

CUP: The Intimate Object XIII, Invitational, Charlie Cummings Gallery NC **

A.I.R. Vallauris – Small Art Objects 2017 "Fire for effect", Vallauris France

Annual Resident Artist exhibition and Benefit Auction, Archie Bray Foundation, Helena MT **

Salad Day Pottery Sale Invitational, Watershed Center for Ceramic Arts, Newcastle, ME **

Liquor Harder Invitational, Roswell Art Center West, Roswell, GA **

CLAYAKAR Yunomi Invitational, AKAR, Iowa city, IA **

NCECA, Archie Bray, Resident artist exhibition, Lewis & Clark college, Portland OR**

Women's work Invitational exhibition, The YARD, Rochester NY**

Teapot VIII, juried by Sam Chung, Baltimore Clayworks, Baltimore MD

#MugshotMonday, Lillstreet Art center, Chicago IL

2016 The Cup, The Mug, juried by Peter Pincus, Main street Arts, Clifton Spring, NY

Marry Salon invitation, Cerbera Gallery, Kansas city, MO**

Un-Wedged, Pottery Northwest, juried by Sandy Simon, Seattle WA Teapot VIII

Kolva-Sullivan Exhibition - Archie Bray Foundation artist's show, Spokane WA **

- The Almighty cup - Gandee Gallery, Fabious NY
- 2016 Clay Cup: Vessel, Icon, Canvas Exhibition, George Caleb Bingham gallery, University of Missouri-
- Columbia, MO
- Invited ceramic sculpture exhibition, White Bear Center for the Arts, White bear lake, MN **
- Strictly Functional Pottery National, The market house craft center, East Petersburg, PA
- Prime Ceramics, Harry Wood Gallery, Arizona State University Tempe AZ **
- CUP: The Intimate Object XII, juried cup exhibition, Charlie Cummings Gallery NC
- UCVII: Celebrate the Object, Invited Artists show, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gaitlinburg TN**
- 2016 Visions In Clay; juror - Liz Quackenbush, LH Horton Jr Gallery, Stockton CA
- Summer Resident Artist Exhibition 2016, Archie bray Foundation, Helena MT **
- Beyond the Brickyard, Annual juried exhibition, Archie bray Foundation, Helena MT
- 2015 Common Ground: a ceramic arts invitational, Old Forge NY**
- Small works show, national juried show, in Main Street arts gallery, Clifton Springs NY
- Art in Craft Media 2015 at the Burchfield Penney's East Gallery, Buffalo NY
- The KC Clay Guild Tea bowl National 2015, Thornhill Gallery, Avila univ. Kansas City MO
- The Hudgens 1st National Juried Cup Exhibition, Hudgens Center for the Arts, Duluth GA
- Structurally Speaking, Main Street arts gallery, Clifton Springs NY
- 8th Gyeonggi International Ceramic Biennale 2015, Icheon South Korea
- Harper College National Juried Exhibition, Harper College Gallery, Palatine IL
- 2014 Small Works: A national juried competition in Main Street arts gallery, Clifton Springs NY
- Mapping of Memories, MFA thesis solo exhibition in NTID Ohringer gallery, Rochester NY *
- Naked Glass: group exhibition, Studio 34, Rochester NY
- 2013 The 13th annual Fine Craft Show 'School for American Crafts at the RIT, Honors
exhibition in Memorial Art Gallery, Rochester NY**
- Student Showcase 2013, Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester, Rochester NY
- 2nd Annual Juried Graduate Student Exhibition-"Convergence", Rochester institute of
Technology (RIT), Rochester NY, Juror: Jackie Pancari
- 2012 The Creative Process: from ideation to realization, Gallery R, Rochester NY**
- The 12th annual Fine Craft Show 'School for America Craft at the RIT, Honors exhibition in Memorial Art-
- Gallery, Rochester NY**
- Transformation of Earth materials, Invited show, Li-Gak Museum of art, Cheon-An, Korea**
- 2011 BFA Graduation Exhibition (Hong-ik University), Seoul, South Korea

- Korea and Macao ceramic exchange exhibition, Seoul, South Korea / Macao
 Art Auction (Hong-ik University), Seoul, South Korea
- 2010 24.7 (State University of Long Beach), group exhibition, Long beach CA
 Craft Trend Fair (COEX), group selected exhibition, Seoul, South Korea
- 2009 Craft Trend Fair (COEX), group selected exhibition, Seoul, South Korea
 The Mixer (State University of Utah), group exhibition, Utah UT

Awards and Scholarship

- 2024 **Teaching Artist Cohort awardee (\$10,000 grant)**, Center for Craft, Asheville, NC
- 2023 **Biennale Honorable Mention**, Cheong Ju International Craft Biennale 2023, South Korea
Biennale Honorable Mention, Jingdezhen International Ceramic Biennale, China
- 2020 **James Renwick Alliance Chrysalis Award, the honorable mentions**, Washington, DC
- 2019 **Juror's Award for Ceramic**, Craft Forms 2019, Wayne Art Center, Juried by Nancy Campbell
Award of Best Set: Last Call IV, juried by Carole Epp, Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN
- 2018 **Joan Lincoln Fellowship**, Archie Bray Foundation for Ceramic Arts, Helena MT
- 2017 **Matsutani fellowship**, Archie Bray Foundation for Ceramic Arts, Helena MT
Honorable Mention, XXXIX International Competition of Ceramic Art in the city of Gualdo Tadino, Perugia Italy
Scholarship Award (Kiln God), AIA residency, Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts
Juror's Choice, #mugshotmonday, Lillstree Gallery, Chicago IL
- 2016 **Rudy Autio Fund for Creative Initiatives**, Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT
2016 Windgate Summer Scholarship recipient by the Windgate Charitable Foundation, Archie Bray-
 - Foundation, Helena, MT
- 2015 **Purchase awards**, KC Clay Guild Teabowl National 2015, Thornhill Gallery, Avila univ. Kansas City MO
Honorable Mentions, 1st National Juried Cup show, Hudgens Center for the Arts, Duluth GA
Honorable mentions, 8th Gyeonggi International Ceramic Biennale 2015', Ichoen, South Korea
Studio Assistantship Scholarship, Penland School of Crafts – Assist Australian Artist: Michael Keighery
- 2014 **Jurors' choice**, Small works show: A national juried show in Main Street arts gallery, Clifton Springs NY
Partial Scholarship, (No work-study) in Penland School of Crafts Summer workshop.
- 2013 **the Jurors' Awards of Excellence**
 Student Showcase 2013, Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester, Rochester NY
1st Place, 2nd Annual Juried Graduate Student Exhibition-"Convergence", Rochester
 Institute of Technology (RIT), Rochester NY, Juror: Jackie Pancari

- 2011 **I-do Prize**, BFA Graduation exhibition, gallery I-do, Seoul, South Korea
- 2010 **Gold Prize**, (Doll Competition, HAITAI Enterprise), Seoul, South Korea
- 2009 **I-do Prize**, Gallery I-do, Seoul, South Korea

Publication

- 2024 **Architectural Digest / Clever** – ‘Korean Minimalism Is Inspiring a New Generation of Creatives’, by India Roby, Feb.2 / featuring artwork and story of show window project with fashion brand Comme-si
- 2021 **Ceramics Now – Exhibition**, Yoonjee Kwak ‘Unnatural Nature’, Sept. 26
<https://www.ceramicsnow.org/2021/09/26/yoonjee-kwak-unnatural-nature-at-vetri-seattle/>
Ceramics Monthly – Cover, October 2021 Issue. ‘Unnatural Nature: Landscape series’
Ceramics Monthly – Yoonjee Kwak ‘Capacity for Virtue, Capacity for Breath’, written by Glen Brown. (p.48-p.52), October 2021 Issue.
Ceramics Monthly – Exposure, April 2021 Issue
- 2020 **Ceramics Monthly – Exposure**, June/July/August 2020 Issue
‘LIFE’ Chester County Jan/Feb 2020 – ‘Celebrates 25th anniversary of CraftForms’ p.130~p135. P.134, ‘Breath series, Yoonjee Kwak’
- 2019 **Mainline Media News**: CraftForms celebrate 25 years of craft, Dec.15, 2019
Savvy Mainline: Wayne Art Center’s 25th CraftForms exhibition, Dec.12.2019
Santa Fe TREND Magazine – two-page spread in the summer issue of **TREND**.
Ceramics Monthly – Exposure, “Last Call IV at Companion Gallery” (Mar. Issue)
Hastings Tribune, The Scintilla Art Project invited artist
<http://www.hastingstribune.com/news/fresh-art-popping-up-on-hc-campus-monthly/article%E2%80%94739b-11e9-864c-8ba3ea9fe337.html>
- 2018 **Ceramics Monthly – Exposure**, “Holiday Blings at Redlodge Clay Center” (Dec. Issue)
- 2017 **Ceramics Monthly – Exposure**, KC Teabowl national (Oct. Issue)
Ceramics Monthly - Pour it On Contest (Sep. Issue)
Roc Girl Gang; Creating meaning through art. Meet ceramic artist Yoonjee Kwak (June 05)
<https://www.rocgirlgang.com/blog/2017/6/5/creating-meaning-through-her-art-meet-ceramic-artist-yoonjee-kwak>
Art House Press 2nd issue
- 2016 **Ceramics Monthly Yearbook**, resident artist 2016
Emerging Artist 2016’, Ceramics Monthly May.2016’ issue. (Releasing Apr.12)
Penland School of Crafts Annual Report, Cover page, issued Feb. 2016
Post Magazine; Rochester NY, Things we love

Collection

- Sarah & Bill Morgan collection, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX, 2024
- Boise Art Museum, Ceramic Collection
- Permanent collection, Archie Bray Foundation for Ceramic Arts, Helena MT, 2016
- Rocca Flea - the city Museum collection, Gualdo Tadino Italy, 2017

Member

- 2012 NCECA (National Council on Education for The Ceramic Arts)
- 2016 Artaxis, (an evolving independent network of artists), <https://artaxis.org/yoonjee-kwak/>
- 2019 The Color Network, <https://www.thecolornetwork.org/>