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### **Education**

- 2018 BA *magna cum laude*, Studio Art, Carleton College, Northfield, MN  
2017 Drawing & Printmaking in New Zealand, Australia, Cook Islands - Fred Hagstrom (Winter)

### **Publications**

- 2024 *Ceramics Monthly Emerging Artist Feature*, Ceramics Monthly, May '24  
2022 *Versatility and Mindfulness: The Ceramic Bowl*, Pottery Making Illustrated, May/June '22

### **Professional Experience**

- 2024 Ceramicist and Woodturner, Alex Olson Arts LLC, Brooklyn, NY  
Freelance Photographer, Filmmaker, Web Designer, Alex Olson Arts LLC, Brooklyn, NY  
Wheel Throwing Instructor, Gasworks NYC, Brooklyn, NY  
2023 Ceramics Workshop Assistant, Penland School of Craft, Penland, NY  
2021 Pottery Instructor, The Workshop MPLS, Minneapolis, MN  
2020 Social Media Co-Manager, EllisWalker Gallery, Bowling Green, KY  
Social Media Manager, Creative Enterprise Zone, St Paul, MN  
2019 Studio Photography Workshop Instructor, River Song Pottery, Plano, IL  
Gallery Intern, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN  
Woodturning Instructor, Pratt Fine Arts Center, Seattle, WA  
2018 Studio Assistant to Deborah Schwartzkopf, Rat City Studios, Seattle, WA  
Teaching Assistant, Carleton College (Ceramics: Throwing, Spring)  
2017 Intern, Urban Hardwoods, Seattle, WA  
2016 Teaching Assistant, Carleton College (Photography I, Fall)  
Manager, *Beneath the Bark* Kickstarter Campaign, Seattle, WA  
2015 Bellevue Zip Tour Guide, Bellevue, WA

### **Selected Exhibitions**

- 2024 *TEA*, Artspace, Richmond, VA  
*Last Call IX*, Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN  
2023 *Cup & Mug*, Puerh Brooklyn, Brooklyn, NY  
*Cup: The Intimate Object XIX*, Charlie Cummings Gallery, Gainesville, FL  
*KC Clay Guild Teabowl National*, Centered Earth Gallery, Kansas City, MO  
*Last Call VIII*, Companion Gallery, Humboldt, TN  
*Brimful: An Invitational Exhibition of Handmade Cups*, Indiana University East, Richmond, IN  
*Winter Warmers Benefit Cup Show*, Good Earth Pottery, Bellingham, WA  
2022 *LUSH 2*, Lighthouse ArtCenter, Tequesta, FL  
*Clay National XVI: Say It With Clay*, Carbondale Clay Center, Carbondale, CO  
*KC Clay Guild Teabowl National*, Centered Earth Gallery, Kansas City, MO  
*Cup: The Intimate Object XVIII*, Charlie Cummings Gallery, Gainesville, FL  
*Winter Warmers Benefit Cup Show*, Good Earth Pottery, Bellingham, WA  
2021 *KC Clay Guild Teabowl National*, Centered Earth Gallery, Kansas City, MO  
*RCS at Good Earth Pottery*, Good Earth Pottery, Bellingham, WA  
*Small Treasures 2021*, Wood Symphony Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Cup: The Intimate Object XVII*, Charlie Cummings Gallery, Gainesville, FL  
*Off Center*, Blue Line Arts, Roseville, CA

- Cheers! Drink Up!*, Commonwheel Artists Co-op, Manitou Springs, CO  
*Hand to Mouth*, Sweetwater Center for the Arts, Sewickley, PA  
*Flair with Dinnerware*, International Ceramic Arts Network, Westerville, OH  
*Dirty South Cup Competition*, River Oaks Square Arts Center, Alexandria, LA  
2020 *Luminous: Holiday Show*, Rat City Studios, Seattle, WA  
*KC Clay Guild Teabowl National*, Centered Earth Gallery, Kansas City, MO  
*Kindled Spirits*, Good Earth Pottery, Bellingham, WA  
*The Woodfired Cup*, Smallest Museum in St. Paul, St Paul, MN  
2019 *Seward Park Clay Studio Holiday Sale*, Seward Park Clay Studio, Seattle, WA  
*Ellis Walker Group Show*, Ellis Walker Gallery, Bowling Green, KY  
*Mug Madness 2019*, Salt Stone Ceramics, Seattle, WA  
*Ramen Bowl Show 2019*, Nidec-Shimpo Ceramics, Minneapolis, MN  
2018 *The Art Of Giving 2018*, Wood Symphony Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Seward Park Clay Studio Holiday Sale*, Seward Park Clay Studio, Seattle, WA  
*Holiday Art Exhibit*, Schack Art Center, Everett, WA  
*Simple Cup Show 2018*, Kobo Gallery, Seattle, WA  
*Annual Cup Show*, Studio 550 Art Center, Manchester, NH  
*Cup: The Intimate Object XIV*, Charlie Cummings Gallery, Gainesville, FL  
*Community Cup Showcase*, Dubsea Coffee / Rat City Studios, Seattle, WA  
*Small Treasures 2018*, Wood Symphony Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*RAW Seattle presents CONNECT 2018*, Club Sur, Seattle, WA  
*BAM ARTSfair*, Bellevue Arts Museum, Bellevue, WA  
*Out of the Woods - Traditional Form Revisited*,  
AAW International Woodturning Symposium, Portland, OR  
AAW Gallery of Wood Art, Saint Paul, MN  
*Tying a Loop & Watching it Close*, Perlman Teaching Museum, Carleton College  
2017 *Untitled (Junior Art Show)*, Boliou Hall, Carleton College  
2013 *Turnings*, Kirsten Gallery, Seattle, WA

### **Awards / Honors**

- 2018 Sigrid and Erling Larsen Award in Creative and Performing Arts, Carleton College  
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society  
2017 Patricia V. Damon Scholarship, Carleton College  
2015 Hyslop-Warnholtz Award, Carleton College

### **Workshops**

- 2021 Woodturning Master Class: Seminar, David Ellsworth, Anderson Ranch, Aspen, CO  
2016 Woodturning Master Class, David Ellsworth, Anderson Ranch, Aspen, CO  
2015 School of Woodturning, David Ellsworth, Ellsworth Studios, Quakertown, PA

### **Gallery Representation**

- 2019 – present The Grand Hand Gallery, St Paul, MN  
2019 – present Ellis Walker Gallery, Bowling Green, KY  
2019 – 2023 Kansas City Clay Guild, Kansas City, MO  
2018 – 2021 Kobo Gallery, Seattle, WA  
2018 – 2020 Schack Art Center, Everett, WA  
2016 – 2019 Rob Schouten Gallery, Langley, WA  
2016 Northwest Woodworkers Gallery, Seattle, WA  
2013 Kirsten Gallery, Seattle, WA

### **Studio Experience / Coursework**

- Use of Electric, Kick, and Treadle Wheels
- Operation of Electric, Gas, Wood, and Soda Kilns
- Glaze and Claybody Formulation
- Woodturning, Fine Furniture Building, Sculpture
- Digital & Film Photography, Darkroom Processing
- Adobe Photoshop, Lightroom, Illustrator
- DSLR Video, Time-lapse, and Stop-motion Animation, Final Cut Pro