

BEN AHLVERS

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Education

- 2001-2004 MFA, Ceramics. Ohio University, Athens OH.
1992-98 BFA, Ceramics. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville,
Edwardsville IL.

Professional Experience

- 2007-present **Associate Art Education Director.** Lawrence Arts Center. Lawrence, KS.
2004-2007 **Education Program Coordinator.** Lawrence Arts Center. Lawrence, KS.
Manage and coordinate ceramics, metals, photography and printmaking studios.
Facilitate and assist in the development of programs within the Education
Department. Maintain physical needs of the studios.
2004-Present **Ceramics Instructor.** Lawrence Arts Center. Lawrence, KS.
Hand Building, Wheel Throwing and Advanced Ceramics
2004-02 **Teaching Associate.** Ohio University, Athens OH.
Full grade book responsibility. Hand Building, Wheel Throwing, Three
Dimensional Design, and Introduction to drawing at the undergraduate level.
2001-02 **Teaching Assistant.** Ohio University, Athens OH.
Assist lead instructor in demonstrating and firing kilns for Wheel Throwing and
Hand Building undergraduate classes.
2001 **Teacher** (Permanent Substitute). Granite City school district. Granite City IL.
Full grade book responsibility. Full-time sixth grade teacher responsible for
Social Studies, Language Arts and Science.
2000-01 **Teacher.** Granite City School District. Granite City IL.
2000 **Artist Assistant.** Arapaho Community College. Littleton CO.
NCECA Pre-Conference. Assisted in the construction of sculptures.
1998-99 **Director.** Arts and Crafts Center. Charles Melvin Price Military Support Center.
Granite City IL. Responsible for hiring instructors, managing employees,
inventory, budgeting, teaching and light maintenance of equipment. Facility
included: ceramics (potters wheels, slip casting), full wood shop, stained glass,
painting, drawing and darkroom. The Center averaged 4-7 classes per week and
also held a summer camp for third – eighth graders.

- 1998 **Studio Assistant.** Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Edwardsville IL. Responsible for mixing clay and glaze for summer woodfiring workshop.
Teacher. Laumier Sculpture Park. St. Louis MO.
 Teach Drawing and Ceramics for First-Third grade children.
Firing Assistant. John Balistreri's anagama. Denver CO.
- 1997 **Internship in the Arts.** Design Assistant. SIUE Print and Design.
 Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Responsible for designing, graphics and printing for university organizations.

Exhibitions:

- 2007 *Solo Exhibition.* The Lawrence Arts Center Gallery.
 Lawrence, KS
Urban Suburban 3 Invitational. Epsten Gallery. Kansas City Jewish Museum.
 Overland Park, KS
New and Used. 2 Person Exhibition. NCECA. Glassworks Gallery.
 Louisville, KY
Ohio University: 1990 until Now. NCECA. Riverbend Gallery.
 Louisville, KY
Lawrence Art Auction. Lawrence Arts Center Gallery.
 Lawrence, KS
- 2006 *Urban Suburban 2 Invitational.* Epsten Gallery. Kansas City Jewish Museum.
 Overland Park, KS
Young Fire Invitational. Earthenware Ceramics Gallery.
 20+1 years of the Tozan Kilns. An International Woodfire Conference.
 Flagstaff, AZ
Lawrence Art Auction. Lawrence Arts Center Gallery.
 Lawrence, KS
- 2005 *Family Matters.* Juried. Baltimore Clayworks.
 Baltimore, MD
Color, Texture & Memory. 3 Person Exhibition. River Gallery.
 Chattanooga, TN
- 2004 *Faculty Show.* Lawrence Arts Center Gallery.
 Lawrence, KS
2004 WAD Clay Institute Annual. Juried. WAD Clay Center Institute.
 Pittsburgh, PA
Visions in Clay. Juried. Reynolds Gallery
 Pacific University. Stockton, CA
MFA Thesis Exhibition. Elementary Identity. Siegfred Gallery.
 Ohio University Athens, OH.
Taking Measure 2. U.S. Student Ceramic Art at the New Millennium.
 In conjunction with, *Jingdezhen : 1000 Years Celebration of Porcelain*
 Jingdezhen, China.
Regional Student Juried Exhibition. Juried. NCECA. University of Indianapolis
 Indianapolis, IN

- 2003 *The Midland Grand Invitational Exhibition.* St. Pancras Chambers.
London, England.
Sixth National Invitational. Fifth Element Gallery.
Portland, OR.
Icon: Recent Work from the Second Year MFA Candidates. Siegfred Gallery
Ohio University. Athens, OH.
An Affinity for the Cup. National Invitational. Exploding Head Gallery:
Sacramento, CA
- 2002 *Ohio University Graduate Work.* Esther Allen Freer Museum Gallery.
Rio Grande, OH.
American Ceramics and Prints from Ohio University. Agosti Massana Gallery.
Poble Espanyol, Barcelona, Spain.
Ohio Clay 2002. Wittenburg University.
Springfield, OH.
First Day... First Year. Ridges Exhibition Space. Ohio University
Athens, OH.
- 2001 *Contemporary Ohio Ceramics 2001.* Coburn Art Gallery. Ashland University.
Ashland, OH.
- 2000 *Madison County Juried Art Exhibition.* Juried. Mississippi Mud Gallery.
Alton, IL.
Clay Cup 7. Southern Illinois University Carbondale Museum. SIUC
Carbondale, IL.
- 1998 *BFA Exhibition.* Morris University Center Gallery. Southern Illinois University
Edwardsville, IL
- 1997 *E'ville 12 Invitational.* Moraine Valley.
Chicago, IL.
- 1995-98 *Annual Juried Undergraduate Exhibition.* New Wagner Gallery. SIUE.
Edwardsville, IL

Awards

- 2000 Second Place. Madison County Art Exhibition. Mississippi Mud Gallery.
Alton, IL.
- 1998 John and Kay Kendall Purchase Award. Annual Undergraduate Juried
Exhibition. New Wagner Art Gallery. SIUE. Edwardsville, IL.

Presentations/Workshops

- 2007 Visiting Artist. Wichita State University.
Wichita, KS
Artist Slide Presentation. SEED Lecture Series.
Lawrence, KS
- 2006 Panelist. Mid American Print Council Conference. Ohio University.
Athens, OH

- 2002 Artist Slide Presentation. The Art Institute of Chicago.
Chicago, IL.
- 2001 Artist Slide Presentation. Mitchell Auditorium. Ohio University.
Athens, OH.

Permanent Collections

Brad and Cathy Schwieger
Athens, OH

School of Art and Design. SIUE
Edwardsville, IL