

Artist Statement

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My work offers a human response to how we progress through life with notions of luck, chance and fate in our collective consciousness. In combining words with delicate ceramic chain link as well as ceramic rockets, plumb bobs and baby bottle nipples, a story is woven rich with meaning, from beginning to end. I use word play and chain link to tie together ideas based on what we lose and gain at different times in our life.

The materials I work with are paired together creating a dichotomy of textures, rough with smooth, gooey with clean and sometimes leaving the mark of my fingers. The visceral quality of a smooth, silky ceramic texture next to a surface melting with encaustic offers the viewer another layer of information forming multiple meanings in the artwork.