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Education:

- 2000 M.F.A. in Ceramics, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
- 1994-7 Ceramic Apprenticeship at Akishino-Pottery
Studied traditional Japanese Pottery under Masaya Imanishi
Nara-City, Japan
- 1994 B. A. in Studio Art, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Edwardsville, IL
- 1992 A. A. in Applied Art, Casper College, Casper, WY

Teaching Experience:

Assistant Professor of Art-Ceramics
Undergraduate and Graduate Ceramics, Three-Dimensional Design and Design Foundations, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN, August 2003 – Present

Art Instructor

Ceramics, Advanced Ceramics, Ceramics Projects, Three-dimensional Design, Sculpture, and Art Appreciation, Garden City Community College, Garden City, KS, 2000-2003

Workshops:

Artist Workshop: Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN, 2007
“Contemporary Castings Regional Conference”, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA 2007
“McKnight Artist Workshop”, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN, 2007
“Explorations; Navigations: The Resonance of Place”, 40th Annual Conference of National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) Demonstration, Oregon Convention Center, Portland, OR, 2006
“Circles and Curves: Mika Negishi Laidlaw & Les Laidlaw Ceramic Summer Workshop”, Sierra Nevada College, Incline Village, NV, 2004

Lectures:

“Concordia Continental Artist’s Lecture”, Concordia University, St. Paul, MN, 2008
“McKnight Artists: Artist’s Lecture by Robert Briscoe & Mika Negishi Laidlaw”, Winona State University, Winona, MN 2008
Slide lecture at Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis MN 2007
“Unknown Craftsmen from Past and Present” slide lecture at MSU, Mankato, 2006
“2006 NCECA Demonstrators’ Presentation”, Oregon Convention Center, Portland, OR
“2004 Emerging Artist”, NCECA 2004 Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN
Slide lecture at Concordia University, St. Paul, MN, 2002
Slide talk at Holter Museum of Art, Helena, MT, 2002
Gallery talk at Kansas Art Education Association Fall Conference, Garden City, KS, 2001
Slide lecture at Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN 2001
Slide talk at NCECA International Slide Forum, Charlotte, NC, 2001
Slide talk at Beach Museum of Art, Kansas State University, KS, 2000
Slide talk at NCECA Graduate Student Slide Forum, Denver, CO, 2000

Slide talk at NCECA Graduate Student Slide Forum, Columbus, OH, 1999
Slide lecture at Kyushu Sangyo University, Fukuoka, Japan, 1999

Juror:

Juror of “First Biennial Concordia Continental”, International Juried Exhibition, St. Paul, MN, 2006
Juror of “ Southwest Kansas Scholastic Art Exhibition”, Ulysses, KS, 2003
Juror of “High Plains League Art Show”, Lakin, KS, 2001

Artist Residencies:

Artist in Residence, Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts, Helena, MT, 2002
McKnight Artist Residencies for Ceramic Artists, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN, 2001

Solo and Two-Person Exhibitions:

“Mechanics & Curves: Todd Shanafelt & Mika Negishi Laidlaw Contemporary American Ceramics”, two-person exhibition, Baltimore Public Works Museum, Baltimore, MD, 2005

“Mechanics + Sensuality: Todd Shanafelt + Mika Negishi Laidlaw”, two-person exhibition, Conklin Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN, 2005

“Les Laidlaw & Mika Negishi Laidlaw”, two-person exhibition, Strecker & Nelson Gallery, Manhattan, KS, 2004

Ceramics and Drawing Solo Exhibition, Concordia Art Department Gallery, Concordia University, St. Paul, MN, 2002

M.F.A. Ceramics Solo Exhibition, Union Gallery, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, 2000

“23-5,” Ceramic Solo Exhibition Gallery Kunugi, Nara-City, Japan, 1997

International Exhibitions:

2008

“2008 Orton Cone Box Show”, international competitive show, Holt-Russell Gallery, Baldwin City, KS

“The Second Biennial Concordia Continental Ceramics Competition”, Concordia Gallery, Concordia University, St. Paul, MN

People’s Choice Award, Honorable Mention

2007

“Two by Two: small-scale ceramic sculpture biennial”, international juried exhibition, Eastern Washington University Gallery of Art, Cheney, WA

2006

Orton Cone Box Show, international competitive show, Holt-Russell Gallery, Baldwin City, KS

Purchase Award

2005

“VII Bienal Internacional de Ceramica”, international competitiveshow, Museu de la Ceramica de Manises, Valencia, Spain

“The 3rd World Ceramic Biennale 2005 Korea”, international competition, Icheon World Ceramic Center, Icheon, South Korea

Honorable Mention

“The 8th International Shoebox Sculpture Exhibition”, international traveling exhibition, Taiwan, Guam, HI, WI, CA, PA, OH, SD, IA

2004

“The 2004 International Orton Cone Box show”, international juried show, Holt/Russel Gallery, Baldwin City, KS, **Purchase Award**

2003

“2nd World Ceramic Biennale 2003 Korea”, international competitive exhibition, Icheon World Ceramic Center, Icheon, South Korea, **Honorable Mention**

“Global ARTlook”, international competitive show, Matrix Arts Space, Sacramento, CA

The International Shoebox Sculpture Exhibition”, international invitational exhibition, University of Hawaii Art Gallery, Honolulu, HI

The Contemporary IV International Juried Art Exhibition”, on-line exhibition, Period Gallery, Omaha, NE **Award of Excellence, Special Recognition Award**

“Greater Midwest International Exhibition XVIII”, international competitive exhibition, Art Gallery, Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, MO

2002

“The Best of Contemporary Art II WWW International Juried Art Exhibition”, online exhibition, Period Gallery, Omaha, NE

“2002 Spring International Invitational Exhibition”, Period Gallery, Omaha, NE

“Plain Arts IV”, international juried exhibition, University Gallery, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS

“The 2002 International Orton Cone Box Show”, international juried exhibition, Lawrence Art Center, Lawrence, KS

Greater Midwest International Exhibition XVII”, international competitive show, Art Center Gallery, Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, MO

2000

Orton Cone Box Show, international competitive show, Holt-Russell Gallery, Baldwin City, KS

1998

Orton Cone Box Show, international competitive show, Holt-Russell Gallery, Baldwin City, KS **Purchase Award**

1997

Nara-City Art Exhibit, regional juried exhibition, Nara-City, Japan **Mayor’s Award**

National Juried Exhibitions:

2008

“Faux Fiber”, national juried exhibition, The Arts Center, St. Petersburg, FL

2007

“Clay: The Ecstatic Skin of the Earth”, national juried exhibition, Xiem Gallery, Xiem Clay Center, Pasadena, CA

“39th Annual Visual Arts Exhibition”, national juried exhibition, Meadows Gallery, Center for the Visual Arts, Denton, TX

2006

“Viewpoint: Ceramics 2006”, Hyde Art Gallery, El Cajon, CA

2005

“Craft Forms 2005”, Wayne Art Center, Wayne, PA

“Craft USA ‘05”, Silvermine Guild Arts Center, New Canaan, CT

“Visions in Clay”, Reynolds Gallery, University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA

“The Wichita National 2005”, Wichita Center for the Arts, Wichita, KS

“Carbondale Clay National II”, The Gallery at Carbondale Clay Center, Carbondale, CO

“18th National Juried Art Exhibition”, Mable House Arts Center, Mableton, GA

Founder’s Award, Honorable Mention

“Materials Hard & Soft, Greater Denton Arts Council, Denton, TX

2004

“Starbrick Clay National 2004”, Starbrick Clay, Nelsonville, OH

“Englewood Arts National Juried Art Show 2004”, Museum of Outdoor Arts, Englewood, CO

2003

“Ceramics USA 2003”, University of North Texas Art Gallery, Denton, TX

Alumna Prize

“The Wichita National 2003”, The Wichita Center for the Arts, Wichita, KS

“Crafts National”, Lancaster Museum of Art, Lancaster, PA

“ANA 32”, Holter Museum of Art, Helena, MT

“Origins in Clay 3”, Hill Country Arts Foundation, Ingram, TX

“16th National Juried Art Exhibition”, Mable House Cultural Center, Mableton, GA, **Purchase Award**

“Ceramics 2003: The Fourth Biennial Exhibit of North American Clay”, Guilford Handcraft Center, Guilford, CT

“Clay Art 2003”, Hall’s Peppermill, Saratoga Springs, NY

“23rd Annual July National Exhibition”, Franklin Square Gallery, Southport, NC,

1st Place in 3D Award

“Crafts National 37”, Zoller Gallery, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

“Containment”, SKH Gallery, Great Barrington, MA

“37th Annual National Drawing and Small Sculpture Show”, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, TX

34th Annual National Juried Exhibition”, Palm Springs Desert Museum, Palm Springs, CA

Two by Two: small-scale ceramic sculpture biennial”, Gallery of Art, Eastern Washington University, Cheney, WA

Purchase Award

“Ninth Annual Great Plans National”, Moss-Thorns Gallery of Art, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS

Juror’s Award

“An Affinity for the Cup”, exploding head gallery, Sacramento, CA

“Materials Hard & Soft”, Center for the Visual Arts, Denton, TX

Juror’s Award

“6th National Juried Art Exhibition”, The Baker Arts Center, Liberal, KS

2002

“Cup: The Intimate Object”, Charlie Cummings Clay Studio, Fort Wayne, IN

Juror’s Choice Award

“Red Heat”, Alexandre Hogue Gallery, University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK

“Pushing Clay”, USM Art Galleries, University of South Maine, Gorham, ME

“22nd Annual July National Exhibition”, Franklin Square Gallery, Southport, NC

Second Place 3D Award, 3-D Merit Award

“Ceramics 2002”, Laura A. Sprague Gallery, Joliet Junior College, Joliet, IL

“Materials: Hard & Soft”, Center for the Visual Arts, Denton, TX

Juror’s Award

1999

National Collegiate Ceramic Competition, Riverside Community College Art Gallery, Riverside, CA

1998

“La Petit VI,” Alder Gallery, Coburg, OR

Invitational and Regional Exhibitions:

2008

“The Ninth Annual Clay Invitational”, The Art Spirit Gallery of Fine Art, Coeur d’ Alene, ID

“Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition”, Carnegie Art Center, Mankato, MN

1st Place in the show

“Japanese Threads”, Morgan Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA

“Made to Deceive: The Art of Trompe L’oeil”, Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, Louisville, KY

“McKnight Artists”, Paul Watkins Gallery, Winona State University, Winona, MN

“38th Annual Ceramics Exhibition”, Crossman Gallery, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI

2007

“It’s Hip To Be Square”, The Carnegie Art Center, Mankato, MN

“Castings in Contemporary Ceramics”, University of Richmond Museums, Richmond, VA

“Beyond Mimesis”, Strecker-Nelson Gallery, Manhattan, KS

“Minnesota State University Art Faculty Exhibition”, group exhibition, CSU Gallery, Mankato, MN 2007

“Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition”, regional juried show, Carnegie Art Center, Mankato, MN

“Six McKnight Artists”, invitational show, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN

“Ceramics Today”, invitational group show, Flaten Art Museum, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

“Joint Couples in Clay”, invitational group show, Armstrong’s Gallery, Pomona, CA

“Big Muddy”, regional juried exhibition, Quigley Gallery, Dubuque, IA

2006

“Minnesota State University Art Faculty Exhibition”, group exhibition, Conklin Gallery, Mankato, MN

“2006 Bray International Resident Scholarship Silent Auction”, invitational show, Warehouse Gallery, Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts, Helena, MT

“Former International Residents of the Archie Bray Foundation”, invitational show, Harris Street Gallery, Helena, MT

“Lynn Munns: A Life of Making and Teaching”, invitational show, Nicolaysen Art Museum & Discovery Center, Caster, WY

“Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition”, regional juried show, Carnegie Art Center, Mankato, MN
Merit Award

“Concordia Continental Ceramics Competition”, invited artist, Concordia Gallery, St. Paul, MN

2005

“Spirit of Japan: Tradition and Transition”, invitational show, Irvine Fine Arts Center, Irvine, CA

2004

“College Bowl II”, invitational exhibition, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN

2003

“Greater Midwest International XVIII invitational”, invitational show, Art Center Gallery, Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, MO

“2003 Archie Bray Foundation Benefit Auction”, Warehouse Gallery, Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts, Helena, MT

“Topeka Competition XXV”, regional competitive exhibition, Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka, KS, **Cash Award, Purchase Award**

Art Faculty Exhibition, Mercer Gallery, Garden City Community College, Garden City, KS

2002

“Six McKnight Artists”, invitational group show, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN

“2002 Resident Artists Exhibition”, Warehouse Gallery, Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts, Helena, MT

“Reflections: Midwest Artists and Their Mentors”, invitational group show, Pearl Gallery, Kansas City, MO

“Kansas Clay Connections”, invitational traveling show, Gallery of the Departments of Arts and Design, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

KSU Alumni Exhibition, invitational show, William T. Kemper Foundation Gallery of Art, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

“Yoshi and Friends”, invitational group show, Urban Design Gallery, Manhattan, KS

“Topeka Competition 24”, regional juried exhibition, Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka, KS, **Cash Award**

Art Faculty Exhibition, Mercer Gallery, Garden City Community College, Garden City, KS

2001

KSU Alumni Exhibition, invitational show, William T. Kemper Foundation Gallery of Art, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

Art Faculty Exhibition, two-person show, Finney County Historical Society Museum, Garden City, KS

Topeka Competition, regional competitive exhibition, Mulvane Art Museum, Topeka, KS, **Purchase Award**

Art Faculty Exhibition, Mercer Gallery, Garden City Community College, Garden City, KS

2000

Kansas Artist Craftsmen Association Exhibition, regional competitive show, Beach Museum of Art, Manhattan, KS

Southwest Kansas Art Educators Exhibit, invitational show, Carnegie Center for the Arts, Dodge City, KS

“Kansas Clay Connections”, invitational show, Carnegie Center for the Arts, Dodge City, KS

Past and Present KSU Graduate Student Show, 8 oz. Fred Gallery, Denver, CO

“Hot and Wet”, KSU Graduate Student Show, Willard Gallery, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

Graduate Ceramic Group Exhibition. Kansas Wesleyan College, Salina, KS

1999

KSU Graduate Student Show Willard Gallery, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

“Here” and “There”, KSU Graduate Student Show, Willard Gallery, Manhattan Art Center, Manhattan, KS

1998

KSU Graduate Student Show, Willard Gallery, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

Kansas State University Graduate Ceramics Student Exhibit, Colombian Theater, Wamego, KS

“Figures,” three people drawing show, Union Gallery, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

Graduate Ceramic Group Exhibition, Kansas Wesleyan College, Salina, KS

KSU Graduate Student Exhibition, Manhattan Art Center, Manhattan, KS

1997

KSU Graduate Student Show, Willard Gallery, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

GALLERIES/COLLECTIONS:

Art Spirit Gallery, Coeur d'Alene, ID

Strecker-Nelson Gallery, Manhattan, KS

Armstrong Gallery, Pomona, CA

Wright State University Art Galleries, permanent collection, Dayton, OH

Red Star Studios, Kansas City, MO

Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts, permanent collection, Helena, MT

Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka, KS

Eastern Washington University Gallery of Art, Cheney, WA

Minenotera Temple, private collection, Nara-City, Japan

Gallery Kunugi, private collection, Nara-City, Japan

AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

2006 "McKnight Artist Fellowship for Ceramic Artists", McKnight Foundation, Minneapolis, MN

"2006 Annual Conference Demonstrator", National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts, Portland, OR

"2006 Teaching Scholar Fellowship", Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN

2005 "Research Incentive Award", College of Arts and Humanities Research Incentive Program, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN

"Faculty Research Grant", Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN

2004 "2004 Emerging Artist", National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts annual conference, Indianapolis, IN

"Research Incentive Award", College of Arts and Humanities Research Incentive Program, Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN

"Faculty Research Grant", Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN

2003 Honorable Mention, "2nd World Ceramic Biennale 2003 Korea" Icheon, South Korea

2002 "Kansas Arts Commission Artist Mini Fellowship", Topeka, KS

2001 Nominated for "Outstanding Faculty Award (voted by the students)", Garden City Community College, Garden City, KS

2000 "McKnight Artist Residencies for Ceramic Artists", Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN

"Outstanding Creative Endeavor", Art Department annual graduate student award, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

1998 “International Coordinating Council Scholarship”, Kansas State University International Student Scholarship, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

PUBLICATIONS:

Five McKnight Artist, by Robert Silverman, exhibition catalog, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN, 2007

“Five McKnight Artists”, Ceramics Monthly, May 2007 issue, pp. 21

3rd World Ceramic Biennale 2005 Korea, exhibition catalog, Icheon, South Korea

NCECA Journal 2004, National Council on Education of Ceramic Arts annual conference journal

Two by Two: small-scale ceramic sculpture biennial”, exhibition prospectus, Eastern Washington University, Cheney, WA 2004

“Mika Negishi Laidlaw”, by Glen R. Brown, Ceramics Monthly, June/July/August 2003 pp. 80-83

2nd World Ceramic Biennale 2003 Korea, exhibition catalog, Icheon, South Korea

The 8th International Shoebox Sculpture Exhibition, exhibition catalog, The University of Hawaii Art Gallery, Honolulu, HI 2003, pp. 81

Materials Hard & Soft, exhibition catalog, The Center for the Visual Arts, Denton, TX 2003

Two by Two: small-scale ceramic sculpture biennial”, exhibition brochure, Eastern Washington University, Cheney, WA 2003

“Pushing Clay”, Ceramics Monthly, December 2002 issue, pp. 63

Clay Times, November/December 2002 issue, pp. 9

“McKnight Recipients Show”, Ceramics Monthly, November 2002 issue, pp.18-20

Five McKnight Artist, by Robert Silverman, exhibition catalog, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN, 2002

Materials Hard & Soft, exhibition catalog, The Center for the Visual Arts, Denton, TX 2002

The 17th Annual Greater Midwest International, exhibition catalog, Art Center Galley, Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, MO, 2002

Best of Pottery 2, international showcase book, Rockport Publishers, MA, 1999, p.107