

# Nicole Merkens

Artist and Designer

## EDUCATION

- 2015 - 2016 | **FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERISTY - FORT HAYS, KS**  
Took Masters Classes for Ceramics
- 1990 - 1994 | **UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS - PHILADELPHIA, PA**  
BFA PRINTMAKING/BOOKARTS , DEAN'S LIST
- 2007, '08, '14 | **SPRUILL ARTS CENTER - DUNWOODY, GA**  
CONTINUING EDUCATION: METAL ARTS, WELDING
- 2006 - 2012 | **ROSWELL VISUAL ARTS CENTER - ROSWELL, GA**  
CONTINUING EDUCATION: MIXED MEDIA, CERAMICS, PHOTOGRAPHY
- 1998 - 1999 | **FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY - BOCA RATON, FL**  
CONTINUING EDUCATION: PRINTMAKING, GRAPHIC DESIGN
- 1996 | **FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE - FAYETTEVILLE, NC**  
CONTINUING EDUCATION: CERAMICS
- 1993 | **TAOS INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS - TAOS, NM**  
TRAVEL GRANT TO CHACO CANYON TO STUDY ART

## CURRENT GALLERIES

- TAYLOR KINZEL GALLERY.- ROSWELL GA**  
16 Elizabeth Way Roswell, GA 30075
- NEWBILL COLLECTION BY THE SEA - SEASIDE, FL**  
309 RUSKIN PLACE

## AWARDS

3rd Place - "Gilmer Arts 2018 Juried Art Exhibition", Gilmer Arts Gallery, Ellijay, Ga  
Best in Show- "Gilmer Arts 2017 Juried Art Exhibition", Gilmer Arts Gallery, Ellijay, Ga  
SemiFinalist-"The Next Big Name in Visual Arts", Bombay Sapphire Artisan Series '16  
Awarded "Month of July" for "In Wolf's Clothing", 2017 Potter's Council Figurative Calendar  
SemiFinalist-"The Next Big Name in Visual Arts", Bombay Sapphire Artisan Series'13  
Honorable Mention- "Metro Montage XIII", Marietta/ Cobb Musuem of Art, Ga 2013  
Best in Show- Works in Clay Holiday Show, Roswell Ga, 2011  
Honorable Mention- "GEORGIA ARTISTS" Abernathy Arts Center, Ga 2009  
Honorable Mention- "RVAC Student Show" Roswell, Ga 2008  
Won "Best in Show"- "WORKS IN CLAY" Roswell, Ga 2008  
Third Place in "From Concept to Reality" Show, Coral Springs, FL 2004  
Won "July Featured Talent Award" from CreativeMoonlighter, 2002  
Photograph won "The International Open Amateur Photography Contest", 2001  
FAU Potter's Guild Holiday Design Competition, 1995  
Adelman Award, 1994  
Bietzel Award Nomination, 1994  
Edith and Lessing Rosenwald Scholarship, 1993  
Jantzen Scholarship, 1993  
James Eiseman Award for Travel, 1993  
Albert M. Greenfield Library Purchase Award, 1993

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- SPECIAL COLLECTIONS LIBRARY**  
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS, PHILADELPHIA, PA
- SHEPHARD CENTER PHOTOGRAPHY COLLECTION**  
SHEPHARD CENTER, ATLANTA, GA



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## COMPUTER SKILLS

PC AND MAC  
Web Design  
Graphic Design  
Photoshop  
Illustrator  
Dreamweaver  
Image Ready  
Frontpage  
Microsoft Works, Office  
Claris Works  
Excel

## ART SKILLS

Sculpture  
Ceramics  
Welding  
Black Smithing  
Lithography (stone, offset-Davidson  
901 Press)  
Etching  
Relief  
Screen Printing  
Vandercook Letterpress  
Bookbinding  
Monotype  
Photography  
Non-Silver Photo Processes  
Graphic Design  
Interior Design  
Glassblowing  
Metal Smithing  
Papermaking  
Painting  
Weaving  
Stagecraft  
Sandblasting  
Drawing  
Faux Finishes  
Murals  
Outdoor Art Shows  
Curating Shows

## GOOD TO KNOW SKILLS

Business/ Office Management  
Teaching  
Kickboxing  
Waitressing  
Box Office Sales

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## EXPERIENCE

2017 To PRESENT	<b>THE ARTS CENTER WEST, Roswell, Ga</b> INSTRUCTOR and APPRENTICE  TEACHING, GLAZE PREP, RUNNING KILNS SHOP MONITOR HANGING SHOWS
2017	<b>ROSWELL VISUAL ARTS CENTER, Roswell, Ga</b> SUMMER CAMP CLAY TEACHER AGES 6-10 yrs
2017	<b>ARTIST SLIDE PRESENTATION, ROSWELL VISUAL ARTS CENTER, Roswell, GA</b> SPEAKER AND PRESENTER  PRESENTED A RETROSPECTIVE OF MY ART CAREER, Q&A SESSION, FEB 17, 2017
2012 -2019	<b>COWGIRL STUDIOS, Roswell, GA</b> BUSINESS OWNER, PARTNER, ARTIST IN RESIDENCE  TAUGHT WORKSHOPS DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS RUN ART STUDIO COORDINATING AND CONDUCTING ARTIST WORKSHOPS CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER HANGING AND CURATING ART SHOWS WEB DESIGNER OUTDOOR SHOWS PURCHASING
2011- 2012	<b>ROSWELL VISUAL ARTS CENTER, Roswell, Ga</b> GALLERY AND OFFICE ASSISTANT  OPENING AND CLOSING RESPONSIBILITIES OFFICE ASSISTANT SHOP MONITOR HANGING SHOWS RUNNING OPENINGS
2010-2011	<b>HANNAH GREY DESIGN TEAM</b> SENIOR DESIGNER  CREATION OF ART WITH PRODUCTS, TESTING
2009-2010	<b>ALPHA STAMPS DESIGN TEAM</b> SENIOR DESIGNER  CREATION OF ART WITH PRODUCTS, TESTING
2002- 2011	<b>MERKENS DESIGN, Coral Springs, FL and Roswell, Ga</b> DESIGNER, ARTIST, PARTNER  DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS MARKETING WEB DESIGN PRINT BILLING
2001- 2002	<b>SWEEPSCLUB.COM, Deerfield Beach, FL</b> CREATIVE DIRECTOR  MANAGED CREATIVE TEAM DESIGN CONSULTING
1999- 2001	<b>FUSIVE.COM, Deerfield Beach, FL</b> SENIOR DESIGNER  WEB DESIGN ART DIRECTION HTML PROJECT MANAGEMENT
1998- 1999	<b>ALL AMERICA INTERNET, Pompano Beach, FL</b> WEB MASTER  WEB DESIGN ART DIRECTION HTML PROJECT MANAGEMENT
1998- 1999	<b>DONNA KLEIN JEWISH ACADEMY, Boca Raton, FL</b> ART TEACHER  TAUGHT PRE-K TO 5th GRADE ART



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## PUBLICATIONS

- 2016 art Guide Vol. 7 No 11. Nov 2016 Pgs 10 & 20
- 2016 CNN News- "46/21-46 Million Slaves- 21st Century Slavery" Oct 2016
- 2016 Lines from the Middle of Nowhere- FHSU A Literary and Arts Journal by Sigma Tau Delta. "Fly Girl" Featured
- 2016 Broad and High;WOSU public Media- March 2016:  
<http://video.wosu.org/video/2365685563/>
- 2016 The CurrentHub Newspaper. Feb 2016 Pg 12.
- 2016 art Guide Vol. 7 No 1. Jan 2016
- 2015 art Guide Vol. 6 No 12., Dec 2015
- 2015 art Guide Vol. 6 No 11, Nov 2015
- 2015 art Guide Vol. 6 No 10., Oct 2015
- 2015 art Guide Vol. 6 No 9., Sept 2015
- 2015 art Guide Vol. 6 No 8., Aug 2015 Pgs 11, 12, 23
- 2015 The Laurel of Asheville, March 2015
- 2014 Nashville Arts Magazine, Aug 2014 Pg 25
- 2014 Nashville Arts Magazine, July 2014 Pg 21
- 2013 Ceramics Monthly Mag .Oct 2013 Pg 114
- 2013 Ceramics Monthly Mag ,March 2013 Pg 63
- 2010 Art Doll Quarterly,Aug/Sept/Oct 2010. Pg 73
- 2009 TheReaLAtlanta.com, Nov.23, 2009
- 2007 Atlanta Journal Constitution-Featured Artist
- 2008 Designed Ads for Belisi in ALLURE Magazine
- 2003 Designed Ads for Florida Design Annual - Sourcebook Magazine
- 2001 Photograph featured in "Quest for Tomorrow" - Book, International Library of Photography
- 1997 Photograph for month of Dec., Cumberland - County 1997 Calendar
- 1994 Print Featured in DOT DOT DOT Magazine

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## EXPERIENCE (CONT.)

1996- 1997	<b>CJ DESIGNS, Fayetteville, NC</b> INTERIOR DESIGN ASSISTANT
	OFFICE MANAGEMENT ORDERING BILLING PAINTED MURALS FAUX FINISHING ART
1996- 1997	<b>CHAMPION PRODUCTS, Dunn, NC</b> PASTE-UP ARTIST
	PREPARED FILMS FOR SILKSCREENING OF SPORTSWEAR
1996- 1997	<b>CAPE FEAR STUDIOS, Fayetteville, NC</b> ART GALLERY ASSOCIATE
1994	<b>TRIM FIT INC, Philadelphia, PA</b> SOCK DESIGNER
	DESIGNED SOCKS FOR PRODUCTION AND SALES
1993	<b>MARGOT LOVEJOY'S ANAMNESIA INSTALLATION, Philadelphia, PA</b> ASSISTANTSHIP
	HELPED HANG AND ORGANIZE INSTALLATION
1988- 2000	<b>OTHER VARIOUS POSITIONS</b> DETAILS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST
	BOX OFFICE SALES, PRINT SHOP MONITOR, ART SUPPLY SALES, RETAIL, SALES, LIFEGUARDING, WAITRESSING, CAKE DECORATING, HAIRDRESSER, JEWELRY DESIGNER



## EXHIBITIONS

2018	"Works in Clay", Holiday Show The Art Center West, Roswell, Ga
2018	"Oddities & Curiosities" Expo. Atlanta Expo Center, Atlanta, Ga
2018	"Dolls and Where They Live" Exhibition. Florida CraftArt. St. Petersburg, FL
2018	"Dia de los Muertos- A Celebration of Life" Exhibition. Florida CraftArt, St. Petersburg, FL
2018	"Words & Images: Truth, Lies, & Heart" Exhibition. Roswell Cultural Arts Center, Roswell, Ga
2018	"Gilmer Arts Juried Exhibition" Gilmer Arts Center, Ellijay, GA
2017	"Works in Clay", Holiday Show The Art Center West, Roswell, Ga
2017	"A Memory Narrative", Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Ga
2017	"Metro Montage XVII", Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art, Marietta, Ga
2017	"Gilmer Arts 2017 Juried Art Exhibition", Gilmer Arts Gallery, Ellijay, Ga
2017	"Soul Sisters" Art from Nicole Merkens and Heida Halldorsdottir, The Art Center West, Roswell, Ga
2016	LACDA "Snap to Grid" Exhibition, Los Angeles Center for Digital Art, LA, Ca
2016	"Bombay Sapphire Artisan Series" Mason Fine Art Gallery, Atlanta, Ga
2016	"46/21 46 Million Slaves- 21st Century Slavery" Mammal Gallery, Atlanta, Ga
2016	"Workhouse Arts Center 6th Annual Clay International 2016" Workhouse Ceramics, Lorton, VA
2016	"Abducted by Moonlight" Installation Moss-Thorns Gallery of Art, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS
2016	"America's ClayFest IV ArtShow & Competition" Blue Line Arts, Roseville, CA
2016	"21st San Angelo National Ceramic Competition" San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, San Angelo, TX
2016	"Gilmer Arts Juried Exhibition" Gilmer Arts Center, Ellijay, GA
2016	"Mulvane Art Museum Juried Ceramics Exhibition" Washburn Univeristy Mulvane Art Museum, Topeka, KS
2016	FHSU Graduate Student Show "RISE: Emerging Ceramics from FHSU" Red Lady Gallery, Kansas City, KS
2016	"FHSU MFA Ceramics" Regier Friesen Gallery Hesston College, Hesston, KS
2016	Women Ceramic Sculptors "Equality" Ohio Craft Musuem, Columbus, OH
2015	"What Goes Bump in the Night" Clay Arts Vegas, Las Vegas, NV.



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- 2015 "Carpet Superstore" Muse and Co. Gallery, Roswell, Ga.
- 2015 "The Adventures of Starseed and Bunny Girl" ,  
Saratoga Clay Arts Center, Schuylerville, N.Y.
- 2015 Women Ceramic Sculptors "Dynamic Narratives", Folk Art Center, Asheville, NC
- 2014 Women Ceramic Sculptors "Dynamic Narratives" , T.A.L. Nashville, TN
- 2014 Women Ceramic Sculptors "Dynamic Narratives" exhibition, N.A.W.A. ,NY, NY
- 2014 "Spotlight on Art", Trinity School, Atlanta, Ga
- 2013 "Artisan Series", Mason Murer, Atlanta, Ga
- 2013 "Metro Montage XIII", Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art, Marietta, Ga
- 2013, 11, 10, 09, 08 "Georgia Artists-A Juried Exhibit" Abernathy Arts Center, Atlanta, GA
- 2013 NCECA- "Dynamic Narratives", Winter Street Studios, Houston TX
- 2012 "South Cobb Arts Alliance 25th National Juried Exhibition",  
Mable House Arts Center, Ga
- 2012 "Viva Le Polo" High Museum Show at Chukkar Farms, Johns Creek, Ga
- 2012 "Angels in BlueRidge", High Country Art, BlueRidge, Ga
- 2012 "Nesting, An Installation By Nicole Merkens"  
Roswell Art Center West, Roswell, Ga
- 2012, 11, 10, 09, 08, 07 "Works in Clay Holiday Show", Roswell Art Center West, Roswell, Ga
- 2012, 11, 10, 09, 08, 07 "Works in Clay Spring Show", Roswell Art Center West, Roswell, Ga
- 2011 "Creatures of the Night Invitational Group Show", Mudfire, Decatur, Ga
- 2011 "Damn Right I Got The Blues Invitational Group Show", Mudfire, Decatur, Ga
- 2011 "Moving Parts of the Arts-an Art Bike Display through Roswell", Roswell, Ga
- 2011 "High Country Angels", High Country Art & Antiques, Blue Ridge, Ga
- 2010 "Drink- A Cup Show", Roswell Art Center West, Roswell, Ga
- 2010 "Angels- Work by Nicole Merkens", High Country Art, Blue Ridge, GA
- 2010 "Guardian Show", Timothy Michael Gallery, Roswell, GA
- 2010 "Transformations- An Introspective Exhibit & Benefit",  
Tula Art Center, Atlanta, GA
- 2010 "Everybody Loves Pie", The Pie Hole, Roswell, GA- I curated this show
- 2009 "The Art House" Summer Show, Vinings, GA
- 2009 "Folk Art Fest" Norcross, GA
- 2009 "MIXED MESSAGES", Fine Line Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- 2009 "SHADOWS & SILHOUETTES ", Fine Line Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- 2008 "A Feast 4 The Eyes", Fine Line Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- 2008 "Artist + Child", Roswell Visual Arts Center, Roswell, GA
- 2008 "Evolve", Heaven Blue Rose Gallery, Roswell, GA
- 2008 "Roswell Visual Arts Student Show", Roswell Visual Arts Center, Roswell, GA
- 2008 "Works in Clay", Art Center West, Roswell, GA. Won "Best in Show"
- 2008 "FUSE-A Melding of Mediums", Heaven Blue Rose Gallery, Roswell, GA
- 2008 "CRISP", Heaven Blue Rose Gallery, Roswell, GA
- 2007 "Arts Alliance of Georgia 2007 Juried Art Exhibition", Woodstock, GA
- 2007 "Nicole Merkens & Clint Brownlee", Roswell Visual Arts Center, Roswell, GA
- 2007 "Hunted", Heaven Blue Rose Gallery, Roswell, GA
- 2007 "No Rule of Thumb" Solo Show, Heaven Blue Rose Gallery, Roswell, GA
- 2006 Roswell Visual Arts Annual Student Show, Roswell Art Center, Roswell, GA
- 2004 "From Concept to Reality", Coral Springs Museum of Art, Coral Springs, FL
- 2004 Director's Invitational 30th Anniversary Exhibit, Coral Springs Museum of Art, FL
- 2003 "Art the Fabric of Our Lives", Coral Springs Museum of Art, Coral Springs, FL
- 2000 "The Great Plate Affair", Coral Springs Museum of Art, Coral Springs, FL
- 1997 "Inside/Outside Juried Exhibition", Arts Council of Fayetteville, NC
- 1996 Wake Visual Arts Center Exhibition, Raleigh, NC
- 1996 "Power" Arts Council's 19th Annual Juried Artists Competition/  
Exhibition, Arts Council, Fayetteville, NC
- 1995 34th Bay Annual Art Show, Visual Arts Center, Panama City, FL
- 1994 "Soul Voyages; Printmaking Senior Thesis Solo Show", University of the Arts, Philadelphia, Pa



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