

## **Bobby Free**

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### **Education**

#### **Bachelor of Fine Arts, emphasis in Ceramics, 2010**

Utah State University, Logan, UT

#### **Attended, 2003 - 2006**

Diablo Valley Community College, Pleasant Hill, CA

### **Experience**

#### **Senior Lab Technician**

Saddleback College, Mission Viejo, CA

August 2016 – Current

My responsibilities include repairing kilns (both electric and gas), managing multiple budgets and inventory, purchasing equipment and materials, and maintaining a clean working environment.

#### **Studio Manager/Laboratory Technician**

American Museum of Ceramic Art, Pomona, CA

August 2013 – September 2016

Managed ceramic studio operations with 200+ members . My responsibilities included oversight of all firing and glazing procedures, managing raw materials, and maintaining a clean and safe studio environment. I repaired kilns both gas and electric. I made sure the studio was up to date on OSHA Standards. Purchased and managed equipment while keeping a constant inventory of raw materials.

#### **Studio Manager/Production Potter**

Free Ceramics, Helena, MT

June 2010 – July 2012

Responsible for designing and making tableware for a startup ceramics business. Other responsibilities were loading and firing kilns, organizing and teaching community classes and maintaining a clean working environment.

### **Volunteer Services**

#### **Assistant to the Laboratory Technician (Unpaid)**

Diablo Valley Community College, Pleasant Hill, CA

December 2003 – June 2006

Assisting loading and unloading student work, firing kilns (all temperatures), mixing glazes and cleaning.

#### **USU Ceramic Club**

President, 2009

Vice President, 2008

#### **Diablo Valley Community College Clay Club**

President, 2005 - 2006

Vice President, 2004

### **Artist in Residence**

2015 - One month Artist Exchange with Sihyeong Wu, Eumsong, South Korea (Nov. - Dec)

2013 - Short Term Artist in Residence, Clay Studio of Missoula, Missoula, MT (Feb - June)

2012 - Artist in Residence, Sonoma Community Center, Sonoma, CA (July - Dec)

2012 - Short Term Artist in Residence, Redlodge Clay Center, Redlodge, MT (Feb - Mar)

2008 - Study Abroad, Seoul, South Korea (Jun - Aug)

2007 - Study Abroad, Jingdezhen, Jianxi Province, China (Sept - Dec)

### **Workshops**

2016 - Decals, AMOCA Ceramics Studio, Pomona, CA

2014 - Decals, Mt. San Antonio Community College, Walnut, CA

2013 - Where the Sauce is at, International Wood Fire Conference, Missoula, MT

2010 - Rendezvous, Jackson Hole, WY  
2008 - Cone 6 Soda Firing, San Juan Community College, San Juan, NM

**Teaching Experience** 2015/2016 - Advanced Wheel Throwing. AMOCA Ceramics Studio, Pomona, CA  
2013 - Beginning Wheel Throwing/Kids Class/Open Instruction. Clay Studio of Missoula, Missoula, MT  
2012 - Wheel Throwing. Sonoma Community Center, Sonoma, CA  
2012 - Kids Camp. Free Ceramics, Helena, MT

**Kiln Construction** 2014 - Organized construction of two, down draft, sprung arch salt and soda kilns. AMOCA, Pomona, CA  
2013 - Soda, down draft, sprung arch, central pivot swinging door. 14 cu ft. The Clay Studio, Missoula, MT  
2011 - Wood/Salt, cross Draft, catenary arch. 15 cu ft. Unionville, MT

**Awards** 2016 - Curator's Purchase Award, Ink & Clay, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA  
2016 - Cup of Merit Award, National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts, Kansas City, MO  
2012 - Strategic Investment Grant, Montana Arts Council, Helena, MT  
2010 - Purchase Award, Feats of Clay, Lincoln Arts and Culture Foundation, Lincoln, CA  
2008 - Lilly White Scholarship, Utah State University, Logan, UT  
2008 - URCO Undergraduate Research Grant. Utah State University, Logan, UT  
2007 - Hass Scholarship - Utah State University, Logan, UT  
2003 - Clay and Glass Arts Foundation (CGAF) Scholarship, Davis, CA

**Exhibition** 2016 - Annual Akar Yunomi Show, Iowa City, IA  
2016 - Ink & Clay, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA  
2016 - Cheers, Medalta Clay Center, Medicine Hat, AB, Canada  
2015 - Solo Show, #bfreeinkorea, American Museum of Ceramic Art, Ceramic Studio, Pomona, CA  
2015 - Featured Museum Store Artist, American Museum of Ceramic Art, Pomona, CA  
2014 - Duo Show, It's Still Free, The Clay Studio of Missoula, MT  
2013 - Friends and Influences, The Clay Studio of Missoula, MT  
2013 - Curated. The Pedestal Meets the Wall, B.A. Gallery, Helena, MT  
2013 - Featured Hallway Artist, Holter Museum of Art, Helena, MT  
2013 - Where the Sauce is At - Woodfire Invitational, Missoula, MT  
2013 - Free Ceramics Invites, B.A. Gallery, Helena, MT  
2013 - Redlodge Clay Center Sales Gallery, NCECA  
2012 - Solo Show, Carved, Sonoma Community Center, Sonoma, CA  
2012 - Featured Hallway Artist, Holter Museum of Art, Helena, MT  
2011 - Strictly Functional Pottery National, East Petersburg, PA  
2010 - 50 Gravy Boats, Diablo Valley Community College, Pleasant Hill, CA  
2010 - Feats of Clay, Lincoln Arts and Culture Foundation, Lincoln, CA  
2010 - College Clay, Genessee Pottery, Firehouse Gallery, Rochester, NY  
2010 - 10th Annual Juried Cup Show, Kent State University, OH  
2010 - Rendezvous, Ceramic Invitational, Jackson Hole, WY  
2007 - Local Clay, Jingdezhen Ceramic Institute, Jingdezhen, China