

# Jillian Hirsch

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## Education

- 2017 - 2020      **Master of Fine Arts - Ceramics**  
School of Art - University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN
- 2008 - 2012      **Bachelor of Fine Arts - Ceramics + K-12 Art Education**  
New Hampshire Institute of Art, Manchester NH

## Teaching Certifications & Licenses

- 2023 - 2029      **K -12 Visual Art - Professional License - 6 Year (Active)**  
Tennessee Department of Education, Nashville TN
- 2014 - 2022      **K -12 Visual Art - Initial License with Extension (Expired)**  
New York State Education Department, Albany NY
- 2013 - 2016      **K -12 Visual Art - Initial License (Expired)**  
New Hampshire Department of Education, Concord NH

## Professional Experience (Higher Education, K-12, & Community-Based)

- 2020 - 2023      **Visual Art Educator - 9th to 12th Grade**  
L&N STEM Academy - Knox County Schools, Knoxville TN  
*Lead visual art teacher at top-rate high school. Teaches five courses: Visual Art 1, Advanced Art 2D, Advanced Art Painting, Advanced Art 3D, & Advanced Placement (AP 2D, 3D, & Drawing). Developed & instructed lesson content with an emphasis on art history, conceptual design, the formal language, & material/process exploration. Teacher Sponsor for National Art Honors Society and Co-Sponsor for Equality Club & Prom.*
- 2020 - 2023      **Community Art Instructor - Sculpture & Handbuilding**  
Mighty Mud, Knoxville TN  
*Developed & instructed several 6 to 8 week long ceramic art classes for adults in a ceramic community art center environment, with an emphasis on hand building (both functional & sculptural.) Also managed classroom materials & student work.*
- Summer 2020      **Community Art Instructor - Summer Art Academy**

Knoxville Museum of Art, Knoxville TN

*Instructed summer camp clay class (handbuilding) for 10-12 year olds.*

2019 - 2020

**Graduate Teaching Associate - Ceramic Sculpture**

School of Art - University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN

*Instructor of Record for Ceramic Sculpture 221. Taught undergraduate art majors & non-art major handbuilding techniques such as coil building & paper core construction. Emphasis on conceptual art approaches.*

Spring 2019

**Graduate Teaching Associate - Special Topics: Community-Based Art**

School of Art - University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN

*Worked with Professor Jason Brown to implement the UTK Community Art Initiative into a Special Topics service-learning course. Working with undergrad & elementary students to complete 4 collaborative art projects at Maynard Elementary.*

Fall 2018

**Graduate Teaching Associate - Art Foundations 101**

School of Art - University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN

*Instructor of record for Art Foundations 101. Taught 3-D projects to two separate sections with an emphasis on the elements & principles of art & design.*

Spring 2018

**Graduate Teaching Assistant - Ceramic Sculpture**

School of Art - University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN

*Assisted lead professor Sally Brogden. Facilitated small-group demonstrations & providing one-on-one feedback for students.*

Fall 2017

**Graduate Teaching Assistant - Introduction to Pottery**

School of Art - University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN

*Assisted lead professor Frank Martin. Facilitated small-group wheel throwing demonstrations & providing one-on-one feedback for students.*

Spring 2016

**Adjunct Faculty - Introduction to Ceramics**

Art Center of the Capital Region/Hudson Valley Community College, Troy NY

*Instructed fast-paced introductory level ceramic courses to undergraduates with a focus on craft, functional ware, & the pottery wheel.*

Fall 2015

**Adjunct Faculty - Introduction to Ceramics**

The Sage College of Albany, Albany NY

*Taught introductory level ceramic courses to undergraduate students with an emphasis on hand building techniques, such as coil & slab building.*

2013 - 2014

**Visual Arts Integration Specialist - 2nd & 5th Grade**

Ark Charter School, Troy NY

*Worked with classroom teachers to develop & integrate art education lessons into the ELA curriculum for a STEAM approach to learning, facilitated small group instruction for students. School closed at the end of the 2014 school year.*

2013 -2015

**Youth Supervisor - Found Art in North Troy: UPTOWN SUMMER**

- (Summers) Sanctuary for Independent Media, Troy NY  
*Supervised 10 at-risk youth in an 8 week long urban environmental stewardship summer program. Planted gardens, painted murals, produced documentary media, hosted visiting artist workshops*
- 2013 - 2017 **Community Art Instructor - Ceramic & Mosaic Arts**  
Art Center of the Capital Region, Troy NY  
*Developed & instructed several 8 week long mosaic & ceramic art classes for adults, youth, & adults with special needs in a community art center setting. Responsible for ordering & managing classroom materials & student work.*
- Spring 2013 **Art Education Director - Kindergartner to 6th Grades**  
Ark Inc. Afterschool Program, Troy NY  
*Managed art programming for a K-6 elementary afterschool program, directly supervised 3 art instructors, ordered materials, approved lessons, provided in class support. Was hired as teaching staff for the 2013-2014 school year.*
- Fall 2012 **Student Teacher- 6th to 8th Grades & 9th to 12th Grades**  
Manchester City School District, Manchester NH  
*Student teacher for Ms. Price (grades 6th to 8th) & Ms. Wike (grade 9th to 12th) as part of the New Hampshire Institute of Art K-12 NH teacher certification program.*
- Spring 2011 **Afterschool Art Instructor - 9th to 12th Grades**  
B.R.I.N.G. I.T! Afterschool Program, Manchester NH  
*Co-instructed at an afterschool art program for immigrants & refugees, co-developed ESL lessons with guidance from mentors. Part of Pedagogy & Methodology Class at the New Hampshire Institute of Art K-12 NH teacher certification program.*

## Community-Base & Public Art Project

- 2022 - 2023 **K - 12 Collaborator - AMPLIFY: Cattywampus + Big Ears Parade**  
Cattywampus Puppet Council, Knoxville TN.
- 2017 - 2019 **Lead Organizer - UTK Community Art Initiative**  
School of Art, University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN.
- 2018 **Lead Artist - Beaver Creek Riparian Buffer Mosaic Mural**  
Knox County Stormwater Management, Knoxville TN
- 2017 **Lead Artist - Onondaga Creek Salmon Mosaic Mural**  
Onondaga Environmental Institute, Syracuse NY
- 2016 **Lead Artist - Breathing Lights Albany: South End Mosaic Mural**  
AVillage Inc, Trinity Alliance, Albany NY
- Lead Artist - Sheridan Commons Community Mosaic Mural**  
City School District of Albany, Albany NY

**Lead Facilitator - Roarke Center Mosaic Mural**

Roarke Center, Troy NY

2015

**Selected Artist - Creative Crosswalks**

Transport Troy, The Sanctuary for Independent Media, Capital Roots, Troy NY

**Lead Artist - Capital Roots Mosaic Mural**

Capital Roots, Troy NY

2014

**Lead Facilitator - Ark Charter School Mosaic Mural**

Ark Charter School, Troy NY

2013

**Assistant Art Education Coordinator - Freedom Square**

Sanctuary for Independent Media, Troy NY

**Grants, Awards, & Commissions**

2023	<b>Best in Show</b> Art Source UT Downtown Gallery, Knoxville TN	<b>\$500</b>
2023	<b>PTSA Grant: Artroom Kiln</b> Knox County Schools, Knoxville TN	<b>\$1,000</b>
2022	<b>Nominated for Teacher of the Year</b> L&N STEM Academy, Knoxville TN	
2021	<b>Call for Public Art: Commission Awarded</b> Old Supreme Court Development, Knoxville TN	<b>\$27,000</b>
2019	<b>Graduate School Fellowship</b> School of Art, University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN	<b>\$2,750</b>
	<b>Joseph Delaney Award</b> School of Art, University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN	<b>\$2,000</b>
	<b>Arrowmont Award</b> School of Art, University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN	<b>\$1,500</b>
2018	<b>Community Engagement Incentive Grant</b> PI: Associated Professor Jason Brown Office of Research & Engagement, University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN	<b>\$2,000</b>
	<b>The Mildred Haines &amp; William Elijah Morris Lecture Endowment</b> PI: Professor Sally Brogden, Dr. Michael McKinney College of Arts & Sciences, University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN	<b>\$2,000</b>

	<b>Dorothy Dille Materials Award</b>	<b>\$500</b>
	School of Art, University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN	
2017	<b>Visiting Artist Program Committee Funding, Brandon Ballengee</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>
	School of Art, University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN	
	<b>Knox County ABC (Artist Builds Communities) Grant</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
	TN Arts Commission ABC Program	
	Arts & Cultural Alliance, Knoxville, TN	
	Knox County Stormwater Management, Knoxville TN	
	<b>Onondaga County Community Arts Grant</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
	New York State Decentralization Program - CNY Arts, Syracuse NY	
	<b>Call for Public Art: Commission Awarded</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>
	Dover Development, Knoxville TN	
2016	<b>BREATHING LIGHTS Arts Award</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
	Breathing Lights, Capital Region NY	
	<b>Albany County Community Arts Grant</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
	New York State Decentralization Program	
	Art Center for the Capital Region, Troy NY	
	<b>Albany County Art Education Grant</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
	New York State Decentralization Program	
	Art Center for the Capital Region, Troy NY	
	<b>Rensselaer County Individual Artist Award</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
	New York State Decentralization Program	
	Art Center for the Capital Region, Troy NY	
	<b>Rensselaer County Arts Education Grant</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
	New York State Decentralization Program	
	Art Center for the Capital Region, Troy NY	

## Lectures, Panels, Workshops, & Other Professional Activities

2023	<b>Puppet Performer - Yo-Yo Ma's "Our Common Nature"</b>
	Our Common Nature, Knoxville , TN
2023	<b>Workshop Instructor - "Painting Tiles with Wild Clay"</b>
	Museum of Infinite Outcomes, Knoxville , TN
2023	<b>Conference Workshop Instructor - "Handbuilt Sgraffito Platters"</b>
	(TAEA) Tennessee Art Education Association ERC, Knoxville , TN

- 2023                    **Co-Lead Conference Organizer - TAEA East Regional Conference**  
(TAEA) Tennessee Art Education Association ERC, Knoxville , TN
- 2022                    **Super Session Presenter - “Collaborating with STEM Educators”**  
(TAEA) Tennessee Art Education Association Conference, Memphis, TN
- 2022                    **Conference Organizing Team Member - TAEA State Conference**  
(TAEA) Tennessee Art Education Association Conference, Memphis, TN
- 2022                    **Speaker - “Cultivating & Connecting Communities through Participatory Art”**  
Wesleyan Potters, Middletown, CT
- 2022 - 2023           **Appointed Member - Fine Arts Leadership Team**  
Knox County Schools, Knoxville, TN
- 2022 - 2023           **Elected Board Member - East Tennessee Regional Representative**  
(TAEA) Tennessee Art Education Association, Nashville, TN
- 2022                    **Co-Panelist - “Connecting Community Through Participatory Art”**  
(TAEA) Tennessee Art Education Association Spring Virtual Conference, Knoxville, TN
- 2020 - 2023           **Chapter Sponsor - National Art Honors Society**  
L&N STEM Academy, Knoxville, TN
- 2019                    **Chair - “Art Making & Creative Practice in the Anthropocene”**  
(SECAC) Southeastern College Art Conference, Chattanooga, TN
- 2018                    **Panelist - “Biologic, Ecologic: Greening the Greyscape”**  
(SECAC) Southeastern College Art Conference, Birmingham AL
- 2017                    **Co-Panelist - “The Importance of Community Art” (4/7/17,)**  
Breathing Lights Finale & Policy Summit, Schenectady NY
- Keynote Speaker - “Making Art Together” (3/9/17,)**  
8th Annual K-8 Empire State Plaza Art Collection Exhibit, Albany NY
- 2016                    **Guest Speaker - “Alumni Lecture Series: Art in the Community”**  
New Hampshire Institute of Art, Manchester NH
- Panelist - “Public Art: Engaging Communities”**  
Neighborhood Preservation Coalition of New York State Conference, Albany NY
- 2015                    **Co-Panelist - “Creating a Mosaic Mural at School”**  
New York State Art Teachers Association Conference, Albany NY

## Exhibitions

- 2023 **Art Source 2023**  
Downtown Gallery, Knoxville TN
- AMPLIFY**  
Cattywampus Puppet Council, Knoxville TN
- 2022 **Maker Wall**  
Maker Exchange, Knoxville TN
- Common Ground 2022**  
Beardsley Community Farms, Knoxville TN
- Art Source 2022**  
Downtown Gallery, Knoxville TN
- SYNERGY Art Exhibition 2022**  
Clayton Art Center at Maryville College, Maryville TN
- 2021 **Greetings from Vestal**  
Candoro Marble Building, Knoxville TN
- Common Ground 2021**  
Beardsley Community Farms, Knoxville TN
- Art Source 2021**  
Downtown Gallery, Knoxville TN
- 2020 **Post Script**  
Ewing Gallery of Art + Architecture, Knoxville TN
- Beyond Desolation: Embracing a Ruderal Aesthetic**  
C For Courtside, Knoxville TN
- 2019 **Atelier de la Nature: Art & Nature Festival**  
Atelier de la Nature, Arnaudville LA
- Bad Art, Good Food**  
Gallery 1010, Knoxville TN
- Glizwhip**  
Fluorescent Gallery, Knoxville TN
- 72nd Annual Student Art Competition**  
Ewing Gallery of Art + Architecture, Knoxville TN
- Domestic Oasis**  
Gallery 1010, Knoxville TN

- 2018 ***Almanac: collaborative & new works by Jillian Hirsch & Lila Shull***  
Fluorescent Gallery, Knoxville TN
- Year of Tin & China; 2018 residence exhibition***  
Mildred Complex(ity), Narrowsburg NY
- Back for Seconds: second year MFA exhibition***  
Gallery 1010, Knoxville TN
- 2017 ***First Course: first year MFA exhibition***  
Downtown Gallery, Knoxville TN
- 2016 ***Common Thread: 4 Artist, 3 Cities, 1 Common Thread***  
Engine: Propelling the Creative Community, Biddeford ME
- 2015 ***Fence***  
Art Center of the Capital Region, Troy NY
- 2012 ***Between the Threshold: BFA Thesis Exhibition***  
New Hampshire Institute of Art, Manchester NH
- 2011 ***2011 Exhibition: ISCAECE***  
Tokyo University of the Arts, Tokyo Japan

## Studio Management Experience

- 2017 - 2019 **Graduate Ceramic Studio Technician**  
University of Tennessee - Knoxville TN
- 2016 - 2017 **Assistant Ceramic Studio Manager**  
Monroe Clayworks - Northeast Ceramic Supply, Troy NY
- 2014 - 2015 **Ceramic Studio Manager**  
Art Center of the Capital Region, Troy NY
- 2012 - 2013 **Ceramic Studio Intern**  
Studio 550, Manchester NH

## Residencies & Fellowships

- 2022 **Resident Artist - 2022 Spring "Artist-in-Collaboration" with Emre Gurpinar**  
Museum of Infinite Outcomes, Knoxville TN
- 2021 - 2023 **Studio Member**  
Mighty Mud, Knoxville TN



- 2021 - 2022      **Tri-Star Fellow - Candoro Marble Studio**  
Tri-Star Arts, Knoxville TN
- 2018              **Resident Artist - Year of Tin & China**  
Mildred's Lane, Narrowsburg NY
- 2016              **Visiting Artist - Ceramics Department**  
The Sage College of Albany, Albany NY
- 2014              **Resident Artist - Ceramics Department**  
The Sage College of Albany, Albany NY

## Press & Citations

- 2019              **"Maynard Elementary Community Art Project"** (4/2019,) Higher Ground: College of Arts & Sciences 2018 Annual Report Publication, University of Tennessee
- Skyler, Aria, **"Global artist Brandon Ballengée unveils seasonal sculpture at UT Gardens"** (3/9/19,) Daily Beacon, [http://www.utdailybeacon.com/campus\\_news/global-artist-brandon-ballengee-unveils-seasonal-sculpture-at-ut/article\\_557690cc-427c-11e9-a328-4737193a7f81.html](http://www.utdailybeacon.com/campus_news/global-artist-brandon-ballengee-unveils-seasonal-sculpture-at-ut/article_557690cc-427c-11e9-a328-4737193a7f81.html)
- 2018              Owens, Tracy, **"Artist Jillian Hirsch helps communities create"** (10/17/18,) Knox TN Today, <https://www.knoxtntoday.com/artist-jillian-hirsch-helps-communities-create/>
- Blakely, Amy, **"MFA Student Involves Community in Creation, Installation of Murals"** (9/17/18,) University of Tennessee NEWS, <https://news.utk.edu/2018/09/17/mfa-student-involves-community-in-creation-installation-of-murals/>
- Moran, Sharon **"Chapter 9: Creative Engagements with Waterway Restoration & Environmental Justice"** (6/18,) Revitalizing Urban Waterway Communities: Streams of Environmental Justice, Earthscan/Taylor & Francis
- "Art Students, Children, Completing Mural at Elementary School"** (4/11/18,) Tennessee Today, The University of Tennessee – Knoxville, <https://news.utk.edu/2018/04/11/art-students-children-completing-mural-at-elementary-school/>
- Anderson, Nancy, **"Mural stresses residents' role in stream health"** (3/26/18) Knox Shopper News, <https://www.knoxnews.com/story/shopper-news/2018/03/26/shopper-news-blog-0326-brings-you-latest-happenings-your-community/457922002/>
- 2017              Axel-Lute, Miriam **"A Tale of Two Murals"** (1/2017,) Shelterforce Magazine

- 2016 Bump, Bethany “**Albany Mural a Symbol of ‘Urban Resilience’**” (9/9/16,) Times Union, Albany NY
- Russo, Gianlucca “**Roarke Center Mosaic Formed from Troy Lives**” (5/27/16,) Times Union, Albany NY
- 2015 Nelson, David H. “**Briefly: Celebrating Sturgeon**” (12/15,) The Conservationist, NY State Department of Environmental Conservation
- Churchill, Chris “**‘Resist’ Crosswalk Mural Causes a Stir in Troy**” (9/29/15,) Times Union, Albany NY
- Sanzone, Danielle, “**Community Installation Opened to Remember Crash Victim in Troy**” (8/24/15,) Troy Record, Troy NY
- 2013 Crowe II, Kenneth C. “**Mosaic Art to Shine in North Troy**” (5/13/13,) Times Union, Albany NY

## K-12 Student Accomplishments & Awards

- 2023 **Best in Show**, Cole Davis  
The Dogwood Arts Chalk Walk Festival  
Dogwood Arts, Knoxville TN
- 2023 **T-Shirt Award**, Cole Davis  
The Dogwood Arts Chalk Walk Festival  
Dogwood Arts, Knoxville TN
- 2022 **Best in Mixed Media**, Fen Hoffman  
2021 East Tennessee Regional Student Exhibition  
Knoxville Museum of Art, Knoxville TN
- 2022 **Best in Printmaking**, Beth Suters  
2021 East Tennessee Regional Student Exhibition  
Knoxville Museum of Art, Knoxville TN
- 2022 **May First Friday Exhibition**, Visual Art 1  
Jacks, Knoxville TN
- March First Friday Exhibition**, Visual Art 1, Advanced Art 2D & Painting  
Jacks, Knoxville TN
- 2nd Place in Category: Collaborative High School**, NAHS  
The Dogwood Arts Chalk Walk Festival  
Dogwood Arts, Knoxville TN
- Gold Key Award**, Noah Baird

2022 Scholastic Art Competition

2021

**Best in Show**, Kelsey West

Congressional Medal of Honor Student Exhibition, Knoxville TN

**Best in Printmaking**, Luke Dahl

2021 East Tennessee Regional Student Exhibition

Knoxville Museum of Art, Knoxville TN

**Best in Drawing**, Cole Davis

2021 Tennessee Valley Fair Student Art Exhibition, Knoxville TN

**Best in Sculpture**, Izzy Brown

2021 Tennessee Valley Fair Student Art Exhibition, Knoxville TN

**3rd Place in 10th Grade Category**, Mars Neubauer

2021 Tennessee Valley Fair Student Art Exhibition, Knoxville TN

**Gold Key Award**, Noah Baird

2021 Scholastic Art Competition

2020

**Best in Sculpture**, Ivy Parker

2020 Tennessee Valley Fair Student Art Exhibition, Knoxville TN

**2nd Place in 9th Grade Category**, Luke Dahl

2020 East Tennessee Regional Student Exhibition

Knoxville Museum of Art, Knoxville TN

## Equipment & Tool Proficiencies

Firing kilns (electric, gas, raku)

Minor kiln repair (replace elements, thermocouples, masonry)

Mixing, formulating, & troubleshooting glazes

Potters wheel, slab roller, extruder, & other common clay studio equipment

Mixing &/or recycling clay with pugmill & Solder Mixer

Forklift certified

Screen printing

Etching press

Common woodshop equipment & tools