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## EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS 2020 – 2024  
University of Cincinnati School of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning (DAAP)

BACHELOR OF ARTS ENGLISH LITERATURE 1992-1997  
Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey

## EXPERIENCE

QUEEN CITY CLAY STUDIO ASSISTANT December 2022-December 2023

- Organized and led gallery preparation for NCECA national conference exhibits.
- Collaborated in 4 public sculpture installations for NCECA.
- Assisted NCECA conference workshops.
- Created and tested glazes for research
- Assisted classes and workshops.
- Glazed and packaged commissioned wholesale products.
- Mixed shop glazes in batches of 8.000 grams
- Gained experience in wood and soda kiln firings.
- Glazed student works
- Loaded, unloaded, fired studio kilns.

DAAP CERAMICS LAB TECHNICIAN May 2022-August 2022

- Tested over 100 glaze recipes, created, and tested new glaze formulations.
- Made over 1000 tons of lab clay bodies and lab glazes in 5.000gr batches.
- Learned kiln operation procedures, loaded/started all kilns including BLAUUW gas kiln.
- Organized spaces, labels, materials, and equipment for more efficient use
- Created slab-built demos, attended, and helped student questions and problems.

OWNER/CCO SCUBA-DU DIVE CENTER June 2000-Oct 2003

PADI Dive Instructor and Staff Instructor

- Taught, certified over 100 divers aged 10-80 in beginner and advanced courses.
- Organized, coordinated, and led touristic dive trips for groups of 20 divers.
- Staff instructor for PADI IDC instructor training program 3 times
- Designed teaching materials, merchandise, retail, and classroom spaces.

PILE JARSE TEXTILES MANUFACTURING Aug 1998-Apr 2000

Sales and marketing coordinator

- Managed customer orders, scheduling, manufacturing process
- Oversaw production and quality control on over 100 raschel weave machines and from yarn to finished dyed fabric to timely shipments.
- Organized and promoted company presence at international trade fairs including creation of new products, and catalogues.

## AWARDS/ RECOGNITIONS

- School of Art Director search committee student representative 2022
- Sophomore Research Studio inclusion, selected by DAAP faculty.
- Robert Fabe/Cook-Trane Fine Arts Award 2020-2021
- Dean's List, continuous placement 2020-2023
- Cumulative GPA 3.98



## CURRENT & UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

- BFA Thesis solo show – April 2024
- DAAPWORX – Capstone Group Exhibition – April 2024
- Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park – Art and Earth day -April 2024

## PAST EXHIBITIONS

- Summerfair Cincinnati - Regional Emerging Artists Exhibition - Clifton Cultural Arts Center, OH -Feb 9-March 1, 2024
- Midsouth Sculpture Alliance Select Member's Exhibition – MTSU Todd Art Gallery, TN Feb9-Feb23, 2024
- 'ISC 2023 little Sculpture Show' Group exhibition International Sculpture Center Jersey City, NJ -Fall 2023
- 'Echoes of the Anthropocene' Group exhibition Cincinnati OH -Summer 2023
- 'In Bloom' Group exhibition Trish Martindell Gallery Cincinnati OH -Spring 2023
- 'DAAPWorks' Show and Sale, UC Clay Club Cincinnati OH -Spring 2023
- Window installation Indigo Hippo NCECA Cincinnati OH -Spring 2023
- Public art installation Imagination Alley NCECA Cincinnati OH -Spring 2023
- Permanent Outdoor sculpture Queen City Clay Cincinnati OH -Spring 2023
- 'Rough Edges' group exhibition DAAP Courtyard Cincinnati OH -Fall 2022
- 'Learning Curve' group exhibition Tabula Rasa Gallery Cincinnati OH -Fall 2022
- 'Deeply Rooted Deeply Held' group exhibition 1628 ltd Gallery Cincinnati OH -Fall 2022
- 'Loaves and Fishes' Mural team member for St. Leo's Food Pantry Summer 2022
- 'Art & Earth Day' group exhibition Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park Cincinnati OH -Spring 2022
- Advanced sculpture group exhibition Ancient Art Museum, Pyramid Hill Cincinnati OH -Spring 2022
- Advanced sculpture group exhibition Reed Gallery DAAP Cincinnati OH -Spring 2022
- 'Midnight Oil' group exhibition Meyers Gallery Cincinnati OH -Fall 2021
- 'Sharing Space' selected group exhibition UC Wolfson Gallery Hall DAAP -Summer 2021

## SKILLS

- Fluent in Turkish, English, German
- Advanced level Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Illustrator, Lightroom, Photoshop
- PADI Master Instructor/ IDC Staff & Emergency First Aid Instructor
- Stick, MIG, TIG Welding, Brazing
- Metal, and Woodworking
- Pottery Wheel, and handbuilding
- Multi-part moldmaking
- Lost wax casting, Foundry
- DSLR photography
- Drawing, painting