

Heather Mae Erickson Biography

Heather Mae Erickson is an artist, a craftsperson and a designer. She is currently Assistant Professor of Ceramics and Studio Art at Western Carolina University in Cullowee, North Carolina. Erickson earned her BFA at The University of the Arts in Philadelphia, majoring in Crafts with a concentration in Art Education. Continuing her studies at Cranbrook Academy of Art, she earned an MFA in Ceramic Art. After the following summer as a resident at the Archie Bray Foundation in Helena, Montana, Erickson was awarded a Fulbright fellowship to conduct independent research at Aalto University in Helsinki, Finland from 2004-2005. Afterwards she resided in Philadelphia where she was a resident artist at The Clay Studio, and taught at The University of the Arts, Rowan University, and Arcadia University. Erickson's work has been shown internationally and is represented in collections around the world. She has earned numerous awards, including first place for the Horizon Award presented by the Museum of Art and Design in New York and honorable mentions at the Korea Biennale International 2007 & 2009 Exhibitions. She was awarded an Independence Fellowship for a summer 2009 residency at The International Ceramic Research Center in Denmark. Heather Mae was the 2009-2012 Robert Chapman Turner Teaching Fellow in Ceramic Art at the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University. Heather Mae moved to Colorado in 2012 where she taught part-time at Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design, Red Rocks Community College, Colorado Mountain College-Aspen Campus and Arapahoe Community College and just finished a visiting teaching artist sabbatical replacement this past academic year at CU Boulder.