## **PENLAND** GALLERY

## MICHELLE KWIECIEN

Philadelphia, PA

## **METALS AND BOOKS**

**Penland Affiliation** | Penland Winter Resident 2024, Penland Studio Assistant 2023, Penland Student 2022

**Artist Information** | Studio artist; education: BA Interdisciplinary Art, Alfred University (NY); residencies: Salem Art Works (NY), Franconia Sculpture Park (MN), Pyramid Atlantic Art Center (MD); teaching: NextFab Studio (PA)

**Artist Bio** | Michelle Kwiecien is an interdisciplinary artist living and working in Philadelphia, PA. Her background in sculpture and printmaking coupled with years of work as a metal fabricator has resulted in a melding of material poetry, imagery, and functional object making. Elements of industrial design and heirloom craftsmanship are interwoven in her work, creating objects that are both aesthetic and emotionally rousing.

**Technical Information** | Coptic bound journals with laser engraved leather covers and printed book ends. Etched brass and forged steel utensils and tableware.