

# Jillian Hirsch

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## Education

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

## Teaching Certifications and Licenses

- 2020 - 2023      **K -12 Visual - Practitioner Teacher - 1st Issuance (Active)**  
Tennessee Department of Education, Nashville TN
- 2014 - 2022      **K -12 Visual Art - Initial with Extension (Active)**  
New York State Education Department, Albany NY
- 2013 - 2016      **K -12 Visual Art - Initial (Expired)**  
New Hampshire Department of Education, Concord NH

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

- 2020 - Current      **Visual Art Educator - 9th to 12th Grade**  
L&N STEM Academy - Knox County Schools, Knoxville TN  
*Lead teacher for five highschool level courses: Visual Art 1, Advanced Art 2D, Advanced Art Painting/Drawing, Advanced Art 3D, and Advanced Placement (AP 2D, 3D, and Drawing). Developed and instructed lesson content with an emphasis on art history, conceptual design, the formal language, and material exploration. Teacher Sponsor for National Art Honors Society and Co-Sponsor for Prom Committee.*
- 2020 - Current      **Community Art Instructor - Sculpture and Handbuilding**  
Mighty Mud, Knoxville TN  
*Developed and 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 and sculptural.) Also managed classroom materials and student work.*

- 2020 (Summer)      **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 and non-art major handbuilding techniques such as coil building and paper core construction. Emphasis on conceptual art approaches.*
- 2019 (Spring)      **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 and elementary students to complete 4 collaborative art projects at Maynard Elementary.*
- 2018 (Fall)      **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 and principles of art and design.*
- 2018 (Spring)      **Graduate Teaching Assistant - Ceramic Sculpture**  
School of Art - University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN  
*Assisted lead professor Sally Brogden. Facilitated small-group demonstrations and providing one-on-one feedback for students.*
- 2017 (Fall)      **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 and providing one-on-one feedback for students.*
- 2016 (Spring)      **Adjunct Faculty - Introduction to Ceramics**  
Hudson Valley Community College, Troy NY  
*Instructed fast-paced introductory level ceramic courses to undergraduates with a focus on craft, functional ware, and the pottery wheel.*
- 2015 (Fall)      **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 and slab building.*
- 2013 - 2014      **Visual Arts Integration Specialist - 2nd & 5th Grade**  
Ark Charter School, Troy NY  
*Worked with classroom teachers to develop and 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  
(Summers)      **Youth Supervisor - Found Art in North Troy: UPTOWN SUMMER**  
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 and instructed several 8 week long mosaic and ceramic art classes for adults, youth, and adults with special needs in a community art center setting. Responsible for ordering and managing classroom materials and student work.*
- 2013 (Spring)      **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.*
- 2012 (Fall)      **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) and Ms. Wike (grade 9th to 12th) as part of the New Hampshire Institute of Art K-12 NH teacher certification program.*
- 2011 (Spring)      **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 and refugees, co-developed ESL lessons with guidance from mentors. Part of Pedagogy and Methodology Class at the New Hampshire Institute of Art K-12 NH teacher certification program.*

## Community-Base and Public Art Project

- 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, and Commissions**

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 and 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 and Sciences, University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN	<b>\$2,000</b>
	<b>Dorothy Dille Materials Award</b> School of Art, University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN	<b>\$500</b>
2017	<b>Visiting Artist Program Committee Funding, Brandon Ballengee</b> School of Art, University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN	<b>\$1,200</b>
	<b>Knox County ABC (Artist Builds Communities) Grant</b> TN Arts Commission ABC Program Arts and Cultural Alliance, Knoxville, TN Knox County Stormwater Management, Knoxville TN	<b>\$2,000</b>

	<b>Onondaga County Community Arts Grant</b> New York State Decentralization Program - CNY Arts, Syracuse NY	<b>\$1,500</b>
	<b>Call for Public Art: Commission Awarded</b> Dover Development, Knoxville TN	<b>\$7,500</b>
2016	<b>BREATHING LIGHTS Arts Award</b> Breathing Lights, Capital Region NY	<b>\$1,000</b>
	<b>Albany County Community Arts Grant</b> New York State Decentralization Program Art Center for the Capital Region, Troy NY	<b>\$5,000</b>
	<b>Albany County Art Education Grant</b> New York State Decentralization Program Art Center for the Capital Region, Troy NY	<b>\$2,500</b>
	<b>Rensselaer County Individual Artist Award</b> New York State Decentralization Program Art Center for the Capital Region, Troy NY	<b>\$2,500</b>
	<b>Rensselaer County Arts Education Grant</b> New York State Decentralization Program Art Center for the Capital Region, Troy NY	<b>\$2,500</b>

## Lectures, Panels, and Other Professional Activities

2022	<b>Co-Panelist - “Connecting Community Through Participatory Art”</b> (03/26/22,) TAEA Spring Virtual Conference, Knoxville, TN
	<b>Elected Board Member - East Tennessee Regional Representative</b> (1/2022 - 1/2024 Term) Tennessee Art Education Association, Nashville, TN
2019	<b>Chair - “Art Making and Creative Practice in the Anthropocene”</b> (10/19/19,) SECAC (Southeastern College Art Conference), Chattanooga, TN
2018	<b>Panelist - “Biologic, Ecologic: Greening the Greyscape”</b> (10/17/18,) SECAC (Southeastern College Art Conference), Birmingham AL
2017	<b>Co-Panelist - “The Importance of Community Art”</b> (4/7/17,) Breathing Lights Finale & Policy Summit, Schenectady NY
	<b>Keynote Speaker - “Making Art Together”</b> (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”**  
(10/25/16,) New Hampshire Institute of Art, Manchester NH
- Panelist - “Public Art: Engaging Communities”**  
(10/114/16,) Neighborhood Preservation Coalition of New York State Conference, Albany NY
- 2015      **Co-Panelist - “Creating a Mosaic Mural at School”**  
(11/18/15,) New York State Art Teachers Association Conference, Albany NY

## Exhibitions

- 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**  
Dogwood Arts, Knoxville TN  
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 and 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 and new works by Jillian Hirsch & Lila Shull**

Fluorescent Gallery, Knoxville TN

**Year of Tin and 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 - 2018

**Graduate Ceramic Studio Technician**

University of Tennessee - Knoxville TN

2016 - 2017

**Assistant Ceramic Studio Manager**

Monroe Clayworks - Northeast Ceramic Supply

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 - Current        **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 and 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 and 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 and Awards

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  
Dogwood Arts Chalk Festival, 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 and Tool Proficiencies

Firing kilns (electric, gas, raku)  
 Minor kiln repair (replace elements, thermocouples, masonry)  
 Mixing, formulating, and troubleshooting glazes  
 Potters wheel, slab roller, extruder, and other common clay studio equipment  
 Mixing and/or recycling clay with Soldner Mixer and Solder Mixer  
 Forklift certified  
 Screen printing  
 Etching press  
 Common woodshop equipment and tools

## Software and Program Proficiencies

Adobe (InDesign, Photoshop, Acrobat)  
 Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams, Outlook)  
 Aspen  
 Canvas  
 Frontline  
 TRA Sponsor Portal

## Hobbies and Other Skills

Beekeeping  
 Gardening and houseplants  
 Bicycling  
 Kayaking  
 Hiking and camping