

# Michelle Laxalt

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## Education

- 2017 MFA, Ceramics. Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design. Georgia State University, Atlanta.  
Graduation date: Summer 2017.
- 2014 BFA, Ceramics. University of Nevada, Reno.

## Residencies

- 2016 Vermont Studio Center. July 2016. Johnson, VT.

## Solo Exhibitions

- 2017 *Haunt and Hold*. MFA Thesis Exhibition. Gallery 72. Atlanta, GA. (Forthcoming, March 2017).  
*Haunt and Hold*. Holland Project Gallery. Reno, NV. (Forthcoming, May 2017).
- 2014 *Give and Take*. Clay Arts Vegas. Las Vegas, NV.  
*Give and Take*. BFA Thesis Exhibition. Student Galleries South. University of Nevada, Reno.
- 2013 *Take Care*. BFA Midway Exhibition. Student Galleries South. University of Nevada, Reno.

## Invitational Exhibitions

- 2017 *Tough Times*. SOUP Experimental. Tallahassee, FL.
- 2016 *Go Figure*. Doppler Projects. Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 *Little Things Mean a Lot*. Swan Coach House Gallery. Atlanta, GA.  
*Community Through Clay*. Las Vegas City Hall. Las Vegas, NV.  
*Alternate/Alternate*. Doppler Projects. Atlanta, GA.  
*Clay Review*. Abernathy Arts Center. Atlanta, GA.  
*The Skull Show*. Donna Beam Fine Art Gallery, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- 2014 *Sheppard Contemporary Valentine Art Auction Biennial*. Sheppard Contemporary. University of Nevada, Reno.  
*Bathed in Sunshine, Covered in Dust: An Introduction to Contemporary Art in Reno, NV*. Holland Project Gallery. Reno, NV.
- 2013 *Creativity Creates Community*. Las Vegas City Hall. Las Vegas, NV.

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2017 *Trifecta*. Welch School Galleries. Atlanta, GA.  
*BURNAWAY Annual Art Crush Auction*. Gallery 874. Atlanta, GA.
- 2016 *Creative Maladjustment*. Aqua Art Miami. Miami Beach, FL.  
*Home: Reflections on Place*. The Xchange Gallery at The Arts Exchange. Atlanta, GA.  
*Trifecta*. Mary S. Byrd Gallery of Art. Augusta University. Augusta, GA.  
*Thread Count*. Mammal Gallery. Atlanta, GA.

### (Selected Group Exhibitions, continued)

- 2016** *National Council on the Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) National Juried Student Exhibition.* Leedy-Volkous Art Center. Kansas City, MO.  
*The Twelfth Annual Marge Brown Kalodner Graduate Student Exhibition.* The Clay Studio. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2015** *7th Annual Juried Student Exhibition.* Welch School Galleries. Atlanta, GA.  
*Modeling Life: Figurative Sculpture from GSU.* Biggin Gallery, Auburn University. Auburn, AL.  
*New Kids on the Block 2.* MINT Gallery. Atlanta, GA.  
*Concrete Acquaintances.* Thomas Deans Fine Art. Atlanta, GA.  
*Interpolation.* Welch School Galleries. Atlanta, GA.  
*NCECA National Juried Student Exhibition.* Sol Koffler Gallery, Rhode Island School of Art and Design. Providence, RI.
- 2014** *Visions in Clay.* LH Horton Jr. Gallery, San Joaquin Delta College. Stockton, CA.
- 2013** *NCECA National Juried Student Exhibition.* Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts. Houston, TX.  
*Art Blast.* McKinley Arts and Culture Center. Reno, NV.  
*University of Nevada, Reno Student Exhibition.* 25<sup>th</sup> Annual California Conference for the Advancement of Ceramic Art (CCACA). Davis, CA.
- 2012** *In the Making.* Holland Project Gallery. Reno, NV.  
*The Stranger Show.* Holland Project Gallery. Reno, NV.
- 2011** *Common Ground.* McNamara Gallery. University of Nevada, Reno.  
*Myself Too.* McNamara Gallery. University of Nevada, Reno.

### Awards

- 2017** Welch Fellowship. Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design. Atlanta, GA.
- 2016** The Vermont Studio Center Artist Grant.  
Welch Fellowship. Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design. Atlanta, GA.
- 2015** Honorable Mention. *Fourth Annual Dean's Art Awards in the College of Arts and Sciences.* Georgia State University. Atlanta, GA.  
Juror's Choice. *7th Annual Juried Student Exhibition.* Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design Galleries. Atlanta, GA.  
Honorable Mention. *New Kids on the Block 2.* MINT Gallery. Atlanta, GA.  
NCECA Graduate Award for Excellence, Third Place. *NCECA National Juried Student Exhibition.* Sol Koffler Gallery, Rhode Island School of Art and Design. Providence, RI.  
Welch Fellowship. Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design. Atlanta, GA.
- 2014** Welch Fellowship. Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design. Atlanta, GA.  
Millenium Scholarship. University of Nevada, Reno. Awarded from fall 2009 to spring 2014.
- 2013** NCECA Undergraduate Award for Excellence, First Place. *NCECA National Juried Student Exhibition.* Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts. Houston, TX.  
Studio Potter Magazine Undergraduate Merit Award. *NCECA National Juried Student Exhibition.* Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts. Houston, TX.
- 2009** Morby Fine Arts Scholarship. University of Nevada, Reno.

### Published Writing

- 2017** "Shiny Tangles of Clay: Marja Vallila at Atlanta Contemporary." BURNAWAY. Web. 7 February 2017.

## Bibliography

- 2017 Sarah McNutt. "NCECA's National Student Juried Exhibition." *Ceramics Monthly*. January 2017.
- 2016 Sarah Workneh. "Creative Maladjustment." Catalog essay for *Creative Maladjustment*, Aqua Art Miami, 2016.
- 2014 Julie Hale, editor. *500 Figures in Clay Volume 2*. New York: Lark Books, 2014.
- 2012 Vagner, Kris. "Family Show." *Reno News and Review*. June 21, 2012.

## Experience

- 2017 Instructor of Record. Three Dimensional Design. Spring 2016. Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design. Atlanta, GA.
- 2016 Instructor of Record. Ceramics Handbuilding. Spring and Fall 2016. Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design. Atlanta, GA.  
Intern. BURNAWAY. Atlanta, GA.  
Ceramics Club President. Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design. Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 Instructor of Record. Three-Dimensional Design. Fall 2015. Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design. Atlanta, GA.  
Presenter. *Modeling Life: Figurative Sculpture from GSU* closing reception and artist talks. Biggin Gallery. Auburn University. Auburn, AL.  
Graduate Lab Assistant. Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design. Atlanta, GA.  
Ceramics Club Vice President and Treasurer. Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design. Atlanta, GA.
- 2014 Graduate Lab Assistant. Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design. Atlanta, GA.  
Ceramics Club Secretary. Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design. Atlanta, GA.  
Workshop Instructor. Clay Arts Vegas. Las Vegas, NV.  
Workshop Instructor. The Wedge Ceramics Studio. Reno, NV.  
Panelist. *Bathed in Sunshine, Covered in Dust* Panel Discussion. The Holland Project. Reno, NV.  
Work-Study Assistant. Ceramics Lab. University of Nevada, Reno.  
Visiting Artist and Instructor. Art Masterpiece Series, Ceramics. Brown Elementary School. Reno, NV.  
Art Instructor. Drawn2Imagine Art Academy for Kids and Teens. Reno, NV.
- 2013 Work-Study Assistant. Ceramics Lab. University of Nevada, Reno.  
Visiting Artist and Instructor. Art Masterpiece Series, Ceramics. Brown Elementary School. Reno, NV.  
Art Instructor. Drawn2Imagine Art Academy for Kids and Teens. Reno, NV.  
Ceramics Club President. University of Nevada, Reno.
- 2012 Visiting Artist and Instructor. Brown Elementary School. Art Masterpiece Series, Ceramics. Reno, NV.  
Art Instructor. Drawn2Imagine Art Academy for Kids and Teens. Reno, NV.  
Ceramics Club President. University of Nevada, Reno.  
Assistant Supervisor Intern. Sheppard Contemporary. University of Nevada, Reno.