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B. 1983 Cleveland, Ohio

#### Education

2008 BFA Ceramics: The Cleveland Institute of Art  
2007 Studied Fine Art at Australian National University, Canberra, Australia

#### Selected Exhibitions

2010 An Act of Mischievous Misreading, International Studio & Curatorial Program, Brooklyn, NY  
2010 Cityscape, Socrates Sculpture Park, Long Island City, New York  
2009 Dome Colony X, X-Initiative, New York, New York  
2009 Objective Affection, BOFFO, Brooklyn, New York  
2009 Raw Translation, The Bogart, Brooklyn, New York  
2009 Vox V, Vox Populi, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
2009 Model Citizen Design Exhibition, Exit Art, New York, New York  
2009 Obsessions, MEM Gallery, Osaka, Japan  
2008 30 Years of CIA Ceramics, Convivium Gallery, Cleveland, Ohio  
2008 Give and Take, Live and Make, Heights Art Gallery, Cleveland, Ohio  
2008 CIA NCECA Exhibition, Borelli- Edwards Gallery, Pittsburgh, Penn.  
2008 62nd Student Independent Exhibition, Reinberger Gallery, Cleveland, Ohio  
2007 Bowls and Platters, River Gallery, Cleveland, Ohio  
2007 Shifting Perceptions, ACT Craft Gallery, Canberra, Australia  
2007 61st Student Independent Exhibition, Reinberger Gallery, Cleveland, Ohio

#### Teaching

2009, Adjunct Faculty; The Pratt Institute  
2009, Art and Design Education, The Pratt Institute

#### Professional Experience

2008-present Technical Assistant; The Pratt Institute  
2006-2008 Ceramic Department Intern, The Cleveland Institute of Art  
2002- 2004 Ceramic Department Lab Assistant, Cuyahoga Community College

#### Workshop Teaching

2008 Workshop Assistant for George Bowes, Haystack School of Crafts, Deer Isle MN  
2008 Workshop Assistant for Andrew Martin, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlin Burg, TN

#### Awards and Recognition

2008 Design\*Sponge Scholarship Top Twelve Finalist (National Competition)  
2008 Mary Ann and Jack Katzenmeyer Award for Excellence in Craft, 62nd Student Independent Exhibition  
2007 "3rd in 2D", 61st Student Independent Exhibition  
2007 Annette Macneil Watson Scholarship  
2007 George Clements Traveling Scholarship

#### Publications

Bowen, Alison. *Looking at, and Questioning, Nature*, "City Room" New York Times.(May 2010)  
<http://cityroom.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/05/01/looking-at-and-questioning-nature/>  
Schneid, Orna. "Nisha" Israeli Design Magazine. Issue #89 (June 2009): p.15  
Fornasari, Francesc. "Tendenze Green Therapy" Style.It (Italian).  
<http://www.style.it/cont/lifestyle/style- files/0906/0300/green-therapy-vasi-speziale-2.asp>

#### Collections

2008 Morten Mandel  
2007 Australian National University