

## **MO KESSLER**

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## **EDUCATION**

2018 MFA in Studio Arts (to be completed May 2021) – Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC.

2003-07 BFA in Sculpture – Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, Maryland.

## **TEACHING**

2021 3D Design, Instructor of Record, (Online Class) Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC.

2020 LIVLAB, Co-Instructor, (Hybrid/Online Class) Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC.

2020 3D Design, Instructor of Record, (Hybrid/Online Class) Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC.

2019 Intro to Sculpture, Instructor of Record, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC.

2018-2019 2D Design & Intro to Ceramics, Teaching Assistant, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC.

2004-07 Foundations & Sculpture, Teaching Assistant, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD.

2006 Experimental Design, Instructor of Record, St. Pius X Summer School, Greensboro, NC.

2005 Drawing 1, Teaching Assistant, Maryland Institute College of Art Pre-College, Baltimore, MD.

## **EXHIBITIONS**

2020 *Lapwork and Leftovers* Kitchenshop, Dillsboro, NC- Solo Show

2020 *Hope Is A Horizon* Revolve, Asheville, NC.- Group Show

2020 *Still Relevant* Happy Gallery Chicago, Chicago, IL.- Online Group Show

2020 *ArtFields* Lake City, SC.- Online Group Show

2019 *Next Wave IV, MFA Candidacy Exhibition* Revolve, Asheville, NC.- Group Show

2019 *Appalachia Futures* West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV. - Group Show

2019 *STREET/ART* Push Gallery, Asheville, NC. - Group Show

2019 *SoundWave* Bascom Art Gallery, Highlands, NC.- Group Show

2018 *Rad and Unexpected* Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC. - Group Show

2018 *Queering The Mountains* Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC. - Group Show

2011 *Dirty Laundry* Occupy Greensboro, Greensboro NC. - Group Show

2009 *Winter Art Show* Richmond Studio Project, Richmond, KY. - Group Show

2009 *Richmond Gallery Hop* Curriers Music, Richmond, KY. - Group Show

2008 *Artifacts* Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem, NC. -Solo Show

2007 *Selected Works* The Garage at Biltmore, Asheville, NC. - Group Show

2007 *Layered Insights* The Dripolator Coffeehouse, Asheville, NC. - Group Show

2007 *All Member Juried Exhibition* Greensboro Center for Visual Arts, Greensboro, NC. - Group Show

2007 *The Summer Salon* Greensboro Center for Visual Arts, Greensboro, NC. - Group Show

2007 *Commencement Exhibition* Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore MD. - Group Show

2006 *Just off the Path* Hyattstown Mill Arts Project, Hyattstown, MD. - Group Show

2006 *Repercussions* Load of Fun Studios, Baltimore, MD. - Group Show

2006 *Wondering* Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD. - Group Show

2004 *Freshman Exhibition* Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, Maryland. - Group Show

## **PUBLIC ART PROJECTS**

2019-2020 *UKKU*, Arts in Embassies, US Department of State permanent artwork commission for the US Embassy, Niamey, Niger, Western Carolina University School of Art and Design/Workingman Collective, Collaborating Artist for Courtyard Sculpture. In-Progress began Spring 2017- projected completion Spring 2020. 185K commission budget.

2018-2020 *Du Quotidien*, Arts in Embassies, US Department of State commission for the US Embassy, Niamey, Niger, Abdou Moumouni University, Niamey Niger/Western Carolina University School of Art and Design/Workingman Collective Collaborating Artist for Interior Art Work Installation. In-Progress began Spring 2017- project completion Spring 2020. 100K commission budget.

2019 *Glue: Celebrating the Unseen Women of Appalachia*, panel discussion and community engagement event through Z Smith Reynolds Inclusive Public Art Grant, Museum of the Cherokee Indian, NC. Co-Organizer

2019 *LIVLAB Townhalls 1 & 2*, community engagement event through the Z Smith Reynolds Inclusive Public Art Grant, Sylva Public Library, NC. Co-Organizer

2019 *Draw Sylva: Community Sketchbook Project*, Sylva, NC. Collaborative Artist

## **CURATION**

2020 Creator of SiP Artist Residents Show, Online Show Platform, Shelterinplace.art

2011 Creator of Occupy Art Fest, Occupy Greensboro, Greensboro, NC.

2008-09 Curator & Gallery Director, Dripolator Coffee House, Asheville, NC. (12 exhibition per year)

2008 Our Voice Organization Survivor's Art Show Guest Curator, Asheville, NC.

## **LECTURES AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS**

2019 Warren Wilson College -Visiting Artist

2019 *WCU LivLab Presents Glue: Celebrating the Unseen Women of Appalachia* -Panel Moderator

2019 *Art & Organizing: Expanding What is Possible through Changing the Frame*, Graduate Research Symposium, Western Carolina University- Presenter

2017 *Women in Greensboro: Communicating for Social Change*. Harriet Elliott Lecture Series. University of North Carolina at Greensboro -Panelist

2016 *Food + Equity + Co-ops: a recipe for a food system that works for everyone*. Philadelphia Area Cooperative Alliance -Keynote Speaker

2016 *Breaking Down the Silos*. CommonBound Conference -Presenter

2014 *Stories from the Front Lines*. Hard Times Are Fighting Times Conference -Panelist.

2008-10 Independent Portfolio Consulting. Richmond KY, Asheville NC, Greensboro NC.

2008 Warren Wilson College -Guest Critic

2005-06 Grimsley High School -Guest Critic

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION**

2020-Current 100 Days in Appalachia Advisory, Board Member

2020-Current SiP Online Artist Residency Shelterinplace.art, Founder

2019-Current College Art Association, Member

2018-Current LIVLAB Artist Collective, Founding Member

2012-2018 Beloved Community Center, Board Member

2016-2018 Greensboro Radio Project, Founding Board Member

2015-17 Central Carolina Worker Justice Center, Board Co-Chair

2011-2017 Renaissance Community Cooperative, Founding Board Member and Vice President

2011-2012 Youth & Student Coalition for Police Accountability, Founding Member

2009-10 Richmond Studio Project, Founder

## **AWARDS**

2020 Workshop Scholarship- Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN (postponed due to COVID)

2019 Workshop Scholarship- Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN

2018 Graduate Scholarship- Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC

2003 Academic and Merit Scholarships- Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD

## **GRANTS RECEIVED**

2020 Graduate Summer Research Grant, Western Carolina University (individual) \$3,000

2020 UNC Systems Undergraduate Research Grant, (lead grant writer for LivLab Artist Collective) \$12,000

2020 Campus Theme Grant Western Carolina University , (lead grant writer for LivLab Artist Collective) \$1,000

2019 Western Carolina University's School of Art and Design's Catalyst Grant, (lead grant writer for LivLab Artist Collective) \$5,500

2018 Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation Inclusive Public Art Grant, Semi-finalist Z. (lead grant writer for LivLab Artist Collective) \$5,000

## **MEDIA PUBLICATIONS**

2020 Dinner Bell Magazine vl. 2, Featured Artist

2020 Power Clash, "Remote Residencies with Mo Kessler of SiP Residency"

2020 Reject Collective, Issue 1. Featured Artist

2019 Blueridge Public Radio, "Memories Appalachian Women Are Worth Preserving"

2012 MSNBC's The Rachel Maddow's Show: "We've Got Your Back[Yard]."

2012 Avant Greensboro "Occupy Art Fest Part 2".

2012 The Carolinian "Occupy Greensboro Presents: Dirty Laundry."

## **COMMISSIONS**

2020 Dinner Bell Magazine- Illustrations

2020 Promotional Material Design for Musician Shamir Lee, Greensboro, NC.

2019 Promotional Material Design for LIVLAB Artist Collective, Cullowhee, NC.

2018 Promotional Photography for Artist Henry Campbell, Greensboro, NC.

2018 Album Art for Musician Shamir Lee, Greensboro, NC.

2017 Album Art for Musician Matty Sheets, Greensboro, NC.

2017 Promotional Material Design for the Greensboro Radio Project/WPRG-LP, Greensboro, NC.

2016 Interior Murals for the Renaissance Community Cooperative, Greensboro, NC.

2016 Album and T-Shirt Art for the band Magpie Thief, Greensboro, NC.

2016 Program and Promotional Material Design for the North American Students of Cooperation (NASCO) National Conference, Chicago, IL.

2016 Program and Promotional Art for *Big Ideas That Guide Our Work* Conference, Greensboro, NC.

2016 Promotional Material Design for Participatory Budgeting Project, New York, NY.

2016 Promotional Material Design for the Central Carolina Worker Justice Center, Greensboro, NC.

2015 Promotional Material and Program Design for the Black Lives Matter *Raised in the Revolution* conference, Greensboro, NC.

2014-16 Promotional and Education Material Design for YWCA Greensboro, Greensboro, NC.

2013 Logo Illustration for the Renaissance Community Cooperative, Greensboro, NC.

2013 Promotional Material Design for the Beloved Community Center, Greensboro, NC.

2013 Educational and Promotional Material Design for the Youth and Student Coalition for Police Accountability, Greensboro, NC.

2012-19 Logo Design for the CoopEcon Conference, Epes, AL.

2012 Logo Design for Raise Up Atlanta, Atlanta, GA.

2012 Promotional Materials Design for Food Not Bombs, Greensboro, NC.

2012 Logo Design for the NC Student Power Union, Durham, NC.

2012 Logo Design for Organize 2020, Durham, NC.

2012 Promotional Material Design the Queer People of Color Coalition, Greensboro, NC.

2012 Logo Redesign for the Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace & Justice, Olympia, WA.

2012 Logo Design for the Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy, London, UK.

2011 Promotional Materials Design for Glenwood Coffee & Books, Greensboro, NC.

2011 Promotional Materials Design for Occupy Greensboro, Greensboro, NC.

2010 Promotional Materials Design for Whole Foods Market, Lexington, KY.

2010 Interior Mural for Whole Foods Market Wine Shop, Lexington, KY.

2009 Educational Design Student Health Services, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY.