



Christian Benefiel

Sculptor

EDUCATION

MFA University of Maryland, College Park, MD
BFA East Carolina University, Greenville, NC

AWARDS/GRANTS

Professional

2012 Roth Endowment Award- Helsinki Finland/ Washington DC
2011 Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Grant
2010 William J Fulbright PostGraduate Research Grant, Helsinki, Finland
2009 Oliver Award, Baltimore, MD
2008 Hamiltonian Fellowship, Washington, DC
Keyholder Residency, Pyramid Atlantic Arts Center, Silver Spring, MD
2006 Daniel Nicholson Ohlke Memorial Fund Award. University of Maryland
Sadat Center for Peace and Reconciliation Award (purchase)

Academic

2013 Faculty Senate Professional Development Award- Shepherd University
Center For Teaching and Learning Assesment Mini Grant- Shepherd University
2012 Faculty Research Mini Grant- Shepherd University
2010 Outstanding Achievement in First Year Teaching - Montgomery College, Takoma
Park, MD
2007 Goldhaber Travel Grant. University of Maryland, College Park, MD
2006-2008 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Sculpture, University of Maryland
2004 Graduation Award for Excellence in the Field of Sculpture. East Carolina University

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

2013 Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum St. Michael's, MD
2012 Pirkkala Sculpture- Pirkkala, Finland
2011 Academy of Fine Arts, Helsinki, Finland.
2010 Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT (1/2 fellowship)
2009 Jackson County Green Energy Park, Dillsboro, NC
2008 Pyramid Atlantic Arts Center, Silver Spring, MD
2007 Pirkkala Sculpture, Pirkkala Finland

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

2011- current **Assitant Professor/Area Coordinator- Sculpture- Shepherd University**
Shepherdstown WV- Develop curriculum and instruct all levels of Sculpture and
foundartions. Oversee operations for sculpture studios.
Courses Taught: ART 140 Visual thinking Skills 1, ART 170 Visual thinking Skills 2,
ART 250 Sculpture 1, Art 350 Sculpture 2, ART 130 Drawing 1, ART 475
Interdisciplinary Studio
2010-2011 **Guest Lecturer, Finnish Academy of Fine Arts**, Helsinki Finland, Metal
fabrication, (F 2010) Metal casting (S 2011).
2010 **Photovoltaic System Designer, Astrum Solar**,(MD) Design for business and
residential photovoltaic solar electric systems using various 3-D CAD platforms.
2009-2010 **Adjunct Faculty, Montgomery College**, Takoma Park, MD, AR281E: Sculpture
Practicum, AR101: Introduction to Drawing.
2008-2009 **Instructional Assistant, Montgomery College**, Takoma Park MD, Department
of Visual Arts, Takoma Park Campus
2007-2008 **Instructor of Record**, University of Maryland, ARTT 200 Three Dimensional Art
Fundamentals Spring term. 2007 ARTT 110 Intro to drawing Winter Term

- 2006-2008 **Teaching Assistant, University of Maryland**, (Steel Sculpture, Metal Casting, Wood Design, Mixed Media, Digital Media)
- 2007 **Studio technician, Estonian Academy of Art** maintained equipment,renovated facilities, basic instruction in metal and wood working, mold making, Tallinn, Estonia
- 2004-2005 **Production Manager, Earthtones Pottery Studio**. oversaw production, product design, taught classes, maintained equipment and supplies.

SOLO (s) AND SMALL GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2014 TBD- Area 405, Baltimore MD- Exp March
- 2013 Lacking Code Compliance in Social Structures, Contemporary American Theater Festival- Shepherdstown WV (S)
- 2012 Hot Air, Olin Art Gallery- Washington, PA (s)
- 2011 Foreign objects, Kaiku Gallery, Helsinki, FI (s)
Christian Benefiel, 1708 Gallery, Richmond,VA (s)
- 2010 Christian Benefiel, School 33 Arts Center, Baltimore, MD (s)
Christian Benefiel, Katherine Mann, Michael Enn Sirvet, Hamiltonian Artists, Washington, DC
- 2009 Christian Benefiel, Arlington Arts Center, Arlington, VA (s)
Christian Benefiel, Leah Frankel, Mark Cameron Boyd, Hamiltonian Artists, Washington, DC
- 2007 "New works", Amandus Adamson Museum, Paldiski, Estonia (s)
- 2006 Imaginescape, Maryland Federation of Art City Gallery, Baltimore, MD
- 2004 A Practical Application of Mathematics and Geometry, Wellington B. Gray Gallery, Greenville, NC (s)
- 2003 One man's Trash, Kingston Community Counsel for the Arts, Kingston, NC (S)

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

- 2008 USUK Retrospective. New Cut Arts Centre, Halesworth, England
- 2007 Pirkkala Sculpture. Pirkkala, Finland
"Ugly But Necessary" Dock Gallery, Merikarvia, Finland.
- 2004 Karosta Iron, K.maksa? Gallery of Temporary Art, Liepaja, Latvia
"Iron Sculpture" Tallinn Art institute, Tallinn, Estonia
"Territory", Pedvale Outdoor Sculpture Gallery, Sabile, Latvia

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS (j-juried)

- 2013 Approach to Drawing- Marlboro Gallery, Largo, MD. Curated by John Anderson
Sense of Place, Huntington Museum, Huntington WV
Hydroflow- Towson University Siebler Gallery- Curated by Laura Payne Amussen
Sweet'Art- Area 405 Gallery, Baltimore, MD (j)
- 2012 Crossing the Line- Drawings by Sculptors, Czurles Nelson Gallery, Buffalo State College, Buffalo NY (j)
Sculpture Now 2012- Edison Place Gallery, Washington DC
D.O.L.L: DIWO OPNSRC LMFAO LHOOQ- Experimental Media Series Artisphere
Terrace gallery Arlington VA
Creature Comforts- Workhouse Art Center, Lorton, VA- Curated By Microwave Art projects
ART NOW, Washington College, Chestertown, MD curated by Alex Castro/Cara Ober

2011 Movement, Par Projects, Cincinnati, OH
The Rule of Five, Imperial Center for the Arts, Rocky Mt, NC

2010 1st on 1st Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition and artwalk, Washington DC.
Art Scouts- Arlington Arts Center, Arlington VA- Curated by Mary Early.
"Don't Feed the Art" Lustine Gallery, Hyattsville MD- Curated by Jesse Cohen
"Of Itself" Athenaeum Alexandria VA- Curated by J.T. Kirkland
Artscape 2010, School 33 Arts Center, Baltimore, MD
Bad Ideas, Dead Ends and Guilty pleasures, Curated by David Page, Hamiltonian Artists, Wash DC
Microwave Arts Project, Crystal City, VA
Montgomery College Faculty Exhibition, King St Gallery, Takoma Park, MD

2009 Scope Arts Fair, Miami Beach, FL
Hunter Gatherer, Art Gallery, CCBC Catonsville MD
Sink/Float, Area 405, Baltimore, MD
Reform, Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton VA (curated by Claire Huschle)
Flora- Growing inspiration, United States Botanical Gardens, Washington, DC
Ferrous Bloom : The Nature of Iron, Alfred's Fosdick Nelson Gallery, Alfred University, NY curated by Coral Lambert
Contemporary Trends, Marlboro Gallery, Prince Georges Community College, Largo MD

2008 Scope Arts Fair, Miami Beach, FL
"Aquifer" , Einstein Gallery, Washington DC curated by Deborah McLeod and J.W. Mahoney
Pyramid Atlantic Fellows, Takoma Park Arts Center, Takoma Park MD
Rhythmic Notions, Woodman Studios, Silver Spring MD
Convergence, Maryland Art Place, Baltimore MD Invitational
27th Annual Montpelier Invitational Sculpture Exhibition, Montpelier Arts Center, Laurel MD. (Invitational)
08: University of Maryland, Department of Art MFA Thesis Exhibition The Art Gallery, University of Maryland, College Park MD
Southern Heat, Wilson Center for the Arts, Jacksonville, FL (Invitational)
Sculpture Now, Washington Square, Washington DC
Hand-Made, The Museum at the Mansion at Strathmore, Rockville Pike MD. (Juried)

2007 Solstice, Woodman Studios, Silver Spring MD, (Invitational)
Intervene/Activate, Union Gallery, College Park, MD
WPAC Benefit exhibition and Auction, The Corcoran Museum of Art, Washington DC, (Invitational)
Midpoints MFA Union Gallery, College Park, MD

2006 Franconia Sculpture Park 2006-2007 Exhibition, Shafer MN
Selections, Union Gallery, College Park MD (Juried)

2005 The Down East, Mendenhall and Emerge Galleries, Greenville NC

2004 Sculpture Salmagundi VIII, Rocky Mount Arts Center, Rocky Mount, NC, (Juried)
Look to The Left... Emerge Gallery, Greenville NC,
The Third Annual 'Barbie' Show, Emerge Gallery, Greenville NC (Invitational)
Tiny Art Show, emerge Gallery, Greenville, NC

2003 UNC and David Nash Juried sculpture exhibition, Center for Craft Creativity & Design, Hendersonville, NC, (Juried)

2002 Rebel 45: Rebel Against Mediocrity, Emerge Gallery, Greenville, NC, (Juried)

Public works-

Pirkkala Sculpture Park, Pirkkala Finland
 Franconia Sculpture Park, Franconia MN

MEDIA BIBLIOGRAPHY

Blog Roll - Art 21, There were ten tigers, Contemporary Art Review, Hatchets and skewers,
 B-more Art, Painterly visions, Contemporary Art Review, reCollect Collective.
 Brightest Young things, The Pinkline Project. Dcist.com, Lost at E minor.

- 2013 Fluent Magazine- A modern renaissance sculptors tool kit. Vol. 2, No. 2 Oct.-Nov. 2013. pp 12-19
 Star Democrat- CBMM announces new summer boat shop programs. May 23 2013
- 2012 Washington Post- Weekend Gallery Guide- Gallery opening of the week, D.O.L.L. April 6, 2013- Michael O'Sullivan
- 2010 Art in America, August 2010, Guide to artists, Museums and Galleries- pg 211
- 2009 Carrie Blaskowski, Art Foundry Fueled with Landfill Methane is First of its Kind. Sculpture.org
 Martin L Johnson, Feeling Gravity's Pull, Baltimore City Paper, Aug 5, 2009, p27 Review.
 Alex Castro, Eye to eye, Baltimore Urbanite Magazine, Image, article. May 2009
 Jen Thomas, Economy Hinders Artists, Medill Reports Washington, Interview, Image Apr23
- 2008 Sterling Meyers, Industrial Arts, Image, article, Washington Times, April 4, 2008.
 27th Annual Montpelier Invitational Sculpture Exhibition, Image, The Gazette, August 7, 2008
- 2007 Robin Tierney, Agents of Social Change, Review, DC Examiner, January 22.
- 2002 Rebel 45: Rebel Against Mediocrity (Image)

Catalogues:

Hydroflow 2013, Sense of place 2013, Sculpture Now 2012, Hamiltonian Artists 2010, Aquifer2009, Reform 2009, Hunter Gather 2009, Hand-made2008, Icarus International 2004.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- 2013 Curator-
 Juror- Washington County Arts council Studio Residency
- 2012 Visiting Artist- Washington College- Chestertown, MD
- 2010 Juror- Annual Student Exhibition, McDaniel College, Westminster MD
 Visiting Artist, McDaniel College, Westminster, MD
- 2009 Visiting Artist, Alfred University, Alfred NY
 Visiting Artist, Goucher College, Baltimore MD
- 2008 Assistant Coordinator, 9th International USUK Cast Iron Sculpture Symposium, England
- 2007 Curator, "equinox" Woodman Studios, Silver Spring MD
- 2006-2007 University of Maryland College Park- College of Arts and Humanities/ Estonian Academy of Art Student Exchange Program

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

College Art Association
 Washington Sculptors Group (Washington DC)
 International Sculpture Center. (NJ)

Washington Project For the Arts (DC)

SYMPOSIUMS/CONFERENCES/PANELS/LECTURES

- 2014 Director of International Furnaces, 7th annual International Conference on Contemporary Cast Iron Art-
- 2012 Artists In Residence, Washington Project for the Arts, Washington DC
Artist Workshop- Washington and Jefferson College, Washington PA
- 2011 America in Living color-Speaker-Contemporary Metal Casting, Tampere, FI
- 2010 American Voices xviii, Lecturer, Turku University, Turku, FI
- 2009 Discussing Reform, Panelist, Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton VA
National Conference on Cast Iron Art, Panel Chair "Renegade recycling or excessive energy expenditure; The ecological impact of the small foundry" Sloss Furnaces, Birmingham, AL
- 2008 9th Annual US/UK Cast Iron Sculpture Symposium, Suffolk, England
- 2007 UK iron, Visiting Artist, Butley Mills Studio, Butley England.
Pirkkala Sculpture 2007, Program coordinator, Lecturer, Artist in Residence, Pirkkala, Finland
Southern Conference on Cast Iron Art, Panelist, Sloss furnaces, Birmingham AL
- 2006 1st Annual University Of Georgia Iron Invitational, Slide Lecture Athens, GA
NC Sculpture Consortium, Greenville, NC
- 2004 Mesalands Community College Iron Workshop, Tucumcari NM
The Four Basic Elements Project:"Territory' , Pedvalle Sculpture Park, Sebile, Latvia,
Visiting artist Estonian Iron, Tallinn, Estonia, Visiting artist
Midsummers Iron, Liepaja Latvia

COLLECTIONS AND COMMISSIONS

Private collections, DC, NC, MD, NY, MS, U.K. FI
Public Collections-Sadat Center for Peace and Reconciliation, College Park, MD
East Carolina University, Goldsboro Arts Center, Goldsboro, NC Kinston Arts
Counsel, Kinston NC,