

*"The closet seemed to me of infinite dimensions of infinite depth." -Sherry Turkle Evocative Objects*

As a young girl, objects became actors that connected me to the world, something that was further than myself. I work in extreme scales to represent larger than life objects as viewed from childhood. Drawing from memory, my work examines early self-identity through the awareness of objects found in the linen closet and garage.

I relate my amorphous objects to historical and contemporary still life paintings. The flat canvas and it's not fully realized objects offers suggestive, imagined other dimensions and possibilities which I then perform in sculpture. This reality creates an echo from the painting to the object. I approach the mediums in both directions which allow for spontaneous results: Anthropomorphic objects, plant based references, objects still, human objects, a scene, an environment.

I was born in Highland, Michigan. My first connection to clay was in a river located on the property of my Aunt and Uncle's cottage on the Tittabawassee River in Michigan. I remember the smell of the river clay and it's responses; a quickness to drying and cracking.

After high school, with the support of my ceramic and painting instructors, I was awarded a scholarship to work alongside a potter in Germany for a year. After graduating from Eastern Michigan University with a BFA, I began a year-long apprenticeship with studio potter, John Glick. While in Michigan, I worked as the Ceramics Studio Manager for the Ann Arbor Art Center. I attended Penland School of Crafts with a work-study scholarship. In 2007 I moved to Durham, North Carolina. From 2006 to 2015 I taught a range of course topics including, wheel throwing, hand building, sculpture, and glaze calculation at The Ann Arbor Art Center, The Durham Arts Council, The Pullen Art Center, and Claymakers. Afterward I worked as a gallery assistant for The NC Crafts Gallery in North Carolina. I attended Alfred University's Summer Program and then moved to Phoenix, AZ. I am currently pursuing my graduate studies at Arizona State University.