

# Abbi Loree Ruppert

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## **Public Art**

*Unity Tree* | August 2022 – present

Permanent commission for **Waynesburg University**, Unity Trail, Waynesburg, PA

*Goodnight, Shut Up: The Sculpture* | December 2022 – August 2024

Evansdale Campus, **West Virginia University**, Morgantown, WV

*Revival*, **Scovill Sculpture Park**, Decatur, IL | June 2022 – present

**Krutch Park**, Knoxville, TN | June 2021 – June 2022

**Southern Illinois University Edwardsville**, Edwardsville, IL | October 2019 – June 2021

*Leave the trauma to me* | May – October 2021

Sukup Lakeside Courtyard and Sculpture Garden, **Clear Lake Arts Center**, Clear Lake, IA

## **Recent Professional Experience**

**Art Instructor & Program Coordinator** | August 2023 - present

**Owensboro Community & Technical College: Humanities & Fine Arts** | Owensboro, KY

- Organize, curate, install & de-install 3-4 exhibitions per semester in the Dayman Art Gallery.
- Develop course curriculum & teach 3-6 classes per semester, such as Sculpture, 3D Design, Printmaking, Art History, Intro to Art, & Survival Skills for Artists
- Develop and implement safe operations of all Art Studio equipment, tools, and inventory, including proper storage of flammable materials and safe operation of shop equipment, tools, & PPE
- Assess areas for improvement and implement change to continually grow and the Associate in Fine Arts -Visual Art program

**Workshop Instructor** | April – May 2023

Monongalia Arts Center | Morgantown, WV

- Developed curriculum for and instruct found object assemblage workshop and work with program coordinator to schedule details and promote programming

**Instructor of Record** | January 2022 – May 2023

Visual Foundations 2 (3D Design) | West Virginia University

- Organized and performed daily classroom activities, such as lectures and demonstrations, help students problem solve, and facilitate group critiques, while cultivating a positive learning environment
- Effectively utilized alternative approaches to demonstrate/explain difficult concepts to students as needed

**Instructor of Record** | August 2021 – December 2021

Visual Foundations 1 (2D Design) | West Virginia University

- Demonstrated fundamental art concepts and techniques, provided guidance and feedback on sketches and projects, and guided group critiques

## **Education**

- 2022 Master of Arts: Studio Art  
College of Creative Arts, West Virginia University (WVU), Morgantown, WV
- 2021 Bachelor of Fine Arts: Sculpture  
Minors: Applied Communication Studies, Art History  
College of Arts and Sciences, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE),  
Edwardsville, IL

## **Recent Gallery & Curatorial Experience**

- Dayman Art Gallery Coordinator/Curator, OCTC, Owensboro, KY
- 2025 UPCOMING: *AFA degree candidate exhibition*, April – May 2025  
UPCOMING: *Skylark 2025, Art & Literary Exhibition*, March – April 2025  
*Waterways*, solo exhibition by Allena Marie Brazier, January 2025 – March 2025
- 2024 *SIUE x OCTC Print Exchange*, December 2024 – January 2025  
*Beauty of Life*, AFA degree candidate exhibition, December 2024 – January 2025  
*Juried Student Exhibition*, October-November 2024  
*Functional Uncertainty*, solo exhibition by Asha Cabaca, May-October 2024  
*Engrossed*, AFA degree candidate exhibition, April-May 2024  
*Skylark 2024, Art & Literary Exhibition*, March – April 2024  
*KO Lewis*, Black History Month Exhibition, February 2024
- 2023 *Ever Evolving*, AFA degree candidate exhibition, December 2023 – January 2024  
*Juried Student Exhibition*, October-November 2023  
*Memories in the Shadows*, solo exhibition by Haley Clancy Inyart, August-October 2023

## **Recent Exhibitions**

- 2025 UPCOMING: *Next of North Spruce*, solo exhibition, Fitton Center for Creative Arts,  
Hamilton, OH  
UPCOMING: *Lines between us*, Two-person exhibition with Haley Clancy Inyart,  
Governor French Gallery, Belleville, IL  
*In CommonWealth: Kentucky Art, Craft, & Design*, EKV Giles Gallery,  
Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY  
*Owensboro Art Guild 63<sup>rd</sup> Juried Exhibition*, Owensboro Museum of Fine Art, Owensboro, KY  
*Abound Credit Union Celebration of the Arts*, Kentucky Museum, Bowling Green, KY  
Artist feature in *Chronology of a Poisoned Well*, Joseph Ovalle, Schmidt Art Center,  
Southwestern Illinois College, Belleville, IL
- 2024 *Along the way*, solo exhibition, Foundry Art Center, St. Charles, MO  
*Owensboro Art Guild 62<sup>nd</sup> Juried Exhibition*, Owensboro Museum of Fine Art, Owensboro, KY  
*Echoes in the Mountains*, The Gallery at Andrew White Guitars, Morgantown, WV  
*SIUE x OCTC Print Exchange*, Dayman Art Gallery, OCTC, Owensboro, KY
- 2023 *Maybe tomorrow*, two-person exhibition with Haley Clancy Inyart at Bonsack Gallery,  
John Burroughs School, St. Louis, MO  
*Three Rivers Arts Festival Juried Visual Arts Exhibition*, SPACE Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA  
*Making Sense: interactive exhibition*, Beckley Art Center, Beckley WV  
*Heavy Water*, The Co-op, Morgantown, WV
- 2022 *Goodnight, Shut Up*, two-person exhibition at Clear Lake Arts Center, Clear Lake, IA  
*Tapped*, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH  
*Adorned: Inspired by Fabric and Fashion*, AnnMarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center,  
Solomons, MD

- 16th Annual HWD Juried Sculpture Exhibition*, Rosewood Art Center, Kettering, OH  
*Smorgasbord 3: West Virginia University Student Exhibition*, Artists Image Resource, Pittsburgh, PA  
*Trifecta: West Virginia University Ceramics, Sculpture, and Printmaking Showcase*, Love Hope Center for the Arts, Fayetteville, WV  
*10<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Student Exhibition*, Laura Mesaros Gallery, WVU, Morgantown, WV  
*Kingdom Animalia – 2022*, Exhibizone, Biafarin Online Exhibition
- 2021 *Among Beasts*, Sugar Gallery, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR  
*Cedarhurst Biennial*, Cedarhurst Center for the Arts, Mt. Vernon, IL  
*2021 ISC Student Member Exhibition*, International Sculpture Center, sculpture.org  
*Art in Public Places Sculpture Exhibition*, Dogwood Arts, Krutch Park, Knoxville TN  
*2021 Sculpture Exhibition*, Clear Lake Arts Center, Clear Lake, IA  
*2021 AAH 4th Biannual Exhibition*, Angad Arts Hotel, St. Louis, MO  
*The Emerging Artist Showcase*, Jacoby Arts Center, Alton, IL  
*Breaking Ground*, Bachelor of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition, SIUE, Edwardsville, IL  
*22nd Annual Wills Creek Exhibition of Fine Art*, Saville Gallery, Allegany Arts Council, Cumberland, MD  
*Cherished: Things Most Loved*, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH  
*Common Threads: A fibers exhibition*, Lux Center for the Arts, Lincoln, NE  
*Self-Reflections*, Foundry Art Centre, St. Louis, MO  
*Why*, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH  
*SIUE Student Exhibition*, SIUE, Edwardsville, IL  
*9<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Student Exhibition*, Laura Mesaros Gallery, WVU, Morgantown, WV  
*The Greatest Student Exhibition*, The In Art Gallery, theinartgallery.com  
*Abstraction*, The In Art Gallery, theinartgallery.com  
*Homegrown*, Sean Christopher Gallery, Columbus, OH  
*Flyover*, Hub Arts and cultural Center, Rushville, IL
- 2020 *2020 ISC Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards*, Online exhibition, International Sculpture Center, artsy.net  
*Encore*, Webster Arts, invitational group exhibition, St. Louis, MO  
*Stand Up Prints*, Highpoint Center for Printmaking, Minneapolis, MN  
*Voices of the Midwest*, The Kavanagh Gallery at Fine Line Creative Arts Center, St. Charles, IL  
*Modern Art National Juried Exhibition*, Dallas Metro Arts Contemporary, Anna, TX  
*Dangerous Lullabies VI*, Old Courthouse Arts Center, Woodstock, IL  
*Women Speak (1920-2020)*, Jacoby Arts Center, Alton, IL  
*Cell Phone Art Exhibit*, Jag Gallery, Key West, FL  
*Art in the Time of Corona | A Global Art Project*, Dab Art Co., Dabart.me  
*Wood River Small Works Show*, Wood River Museum and Visitor Center, Wood River, IL  
*41<sup>st</sup> National Juried Art Show*, Arts Council of Wayne County, Goldsboro, NC

### **Awards and Accolades**

- 2025 Short list artist, Nice Art Grant, Midwest Nice Art, www.midwestnice.art  
 2023 Juror's Choice Award, *Three Rivers Arts Festival Juried Visual Arts Exhibition*, SPACE Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA  
 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Award, *16th Annual HWD Juried Sculpture Exhibition*, Rosewood Art Center, Kettering, OH  
 Honorable Mention, *Adorned*, AnnMarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center, Solomans, MD

- CCA Student Professional Development Grant, College of Creative Arts, WVU,  
Morgantown, WV
- 2021-22 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, College of Creative Arts, WVU, Morgantown, WV
- 2021 People's Choice Award, *Dogwood Art in Public Places Sculpture Exhibition*, Knoxville, TN  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Award, *Dogwood Art in Public Places Sculpture Exhibition*, Knoxville, TN  
Juror's Award, *Self-Reflections*, Foundry Art Centre, St. Charles, MO  
Edna and Frithiof Carlson Endowed Award for Creative Expression in a CAS Discipline, SIUE  
Thomas and Carol Gipe Award in Sculpture, Art & Design department, SIUE
- 2020 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award,  
International Sculpture Center  
SIUE Art & Design Scholarship  
William Justin Brown Memorial Award, Art & Design department, SIUE  
Award of Excellence, Open Theme Annual, Webster Arts Center  
Sculptors at Wagner Award, Annual Student Juried Exhibition, SIUE

### **Professional Engagements**

- 2025 UPCOMING: Resident, Jentel Artist Residency, Banner, WY  
UPCOMING: Guest Speaker and workshop presenter, Rembrandt Society Art Convention,  
Champaign, IL  
Art Editor, *Skylark Art & Literary Magazine*, 2025 issue, OCTC
- 2024 Juror, *Artworks, Inc. Fall Exhibition*, Kentucky Museum, Bowling Green, KY.  
Juror, *OAG High School Juried Art Exhibition*, Anna Eaton Stout Art Gallery, Brescia  
University, Owensboro, KY  
Art Editor, *Skylark Art & Literary Magazine*, 2024 issue, OCTC
- 2022 Artists in Action Residency, AnnMarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center  
Festival of Combustion, Rivers of steel, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2021 Rapid Fire ARTslam, Virtual artist talk, International Sculpture Center  
Career Day Virtual Talk to students at my old high school: Nokomis High School, IL

### **Media Coverage & Publications**

- 2025 Freddie Bourne, *Messenger Inquirer*, "Creating and making: Ruppert finds passion in sculpture work,  
teaching," Jan 13  
Ryan Richardson, Katie Powers, *The Owensboro Times*, "OCTC Art Faculty Member Abbi Ruppert  
Featured in Kentucky-Wide Art Exhibit",  
<https://www.owensborotimes.com/features/2025/02/octc-faculty-member-featured-in-kentucky-wide-art-exhibit/>, Jan 31
- 2024 *Meet Abbi Ruppert*, Bold Journey, <https://boldjourney.com/meet-abbi-ruppert/>
- 2023 *Meet Abbi Ruppert*, Canvas Rebel, <https://canvasrebel.com/meet-abbi-ruppert/>
- 2022 ART IN THE TIME OF CORONA™ VOL.1, Dabster Arts Inc., Reischling Press, Inc.,  
(Tukwila, Washington), Nov 2022.
- 2021 University of Arkansas News, "School of Art M.F.A. Student and Artists Across the  
Midwest Present 'Among Beasts' at sUgAR Gallery," Dec, 14  
*Sculpture Magazine*, "The 2020 ISC Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary  
Sculpture Awards," January/February 2021 Issue  
*Artistonish Magazine*, Issue #9, April 2021
- 2020 Kimberly Sletten, "SIUE's Ruppert Receives Prestigious Award from the International Sculpture  
Center," SIUE News, October 2

**Artist Groups/Collectives**

2023-present    Member, Owensboro Art Guild, Owensboro, KY  
2020-23        Member, Rural Midwest Artists Cooperative, Midwest USA  
2022-23        Member, Lab Art Collective, Morgantown, WV