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Recent 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

Recent Professional Experience

Art Instructor & Program Coordinator | August 2023 - present

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

Workshop Instructor | April – May 2023

Monongalia Arts Center | Morgantown, WV

Instructor of Record | August 2021 – May 2023

Visual Foundations 2 (3D Design) & Visual Foundations 1 (2D Design) | West Virginia University

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: 2025 *Juried Student Exhibition*, October – November 2025

Memoirs, Whispers, & Daydreams, solo exhibition by Joseph Ovalle, May – Oct 2025

Natural Causes, AFA degree candidate exhibition, April – May 2025

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

2024 *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

2023 *Juried Student Exhibition*, October-November 2023

Memories in the Shadows, solo exhibition by Haley Clancy Inyart, August-October 2023

Recent Exhibitions

- 2027 UPCOMING: solo exhibition, Schmidt Art Center, Southwestern Illinois College, Belleville, IL
- 2026 UPCOMING: solo exhibition, John Waldron Art Center, Bloomington, IN
- 2025 *Play Time*, solo exhibition, Fitton Center for Creative Arts, Hamilton, OH
Lines between us, Two-person exhibit with Haley Clancy Inyart, Governor French Gallery, Belleville, IL
In CommonWealth: Kentucky Art, Craft, & Design, ECU Giles Gallery, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY
Owensboro Art Guild 63rd 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 62nd Juried Exhibition, Owensboro Museum of Fine Art, Owensboro, KY
Echoes in the Mountains, The Gallery at Andrew White Guitars, Morgantown, WV
- 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
10th Annual Juried Student Exhibition, Laura Mesaros Gallery, WVU, Morgantown, WV
- 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
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
9th 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

Recent 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 3rd 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
2nd 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

Professional Engagements

- 2025 Jentel Fellowship and Artist Residency, Banner, WY
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

Media Coverage

- 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