Education

M.F.A. 2005, University of Missouri-Columbia, Ceramics, Fibers B.F.A. 2002, Kansas State University, Ceramics

Selected Recent Exhibitions

- 2020 Governor's Capitol Art Exhibition, Wyoming State Juried Exhibition, Wyoming State Museum, Cheyenne, WY
- 2019 Ware / Wear, Drinking Vessel + Earring Show, National Juried Exhibition, Poscin Arts School of Fine Craft, Columbia, NC (Postcard Image)
 Cupcakes & Clouds, 4-Person Exhibition, Mystery Print Gallery, Pinedale, WY
 Twin Cups, National Juried Ceramics Exhibition, Potter Fine Arts Gallery, Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph, MO
 Animal Totems, Invitational Exhibition, Mystery Print Gallery, Pinedale, WY
- 2018 International Cup, National Juried Exhibition, The Clay Studio of Missoula, MT Ensemble, Laramie County Library Book Arts Invitational, Cheyenne, WY Animal Shelter, Invitational Exhibition, Mystery Print Gallery, Pinedale, WY Spiders! Interconnectedness, Innovation and Stewardship, Pop-Up Show as part of the Lowell Lecture Series at the Boston Public Library, Boston, MA
- 2017 Luck of the Draw, National Juried Exhibition, Foundry Art Centre, St. Charles, MO Place / Settings, Invitational Exhibition, The Galleries, Cabarrus Arts Council, Concord, NC Utopia / Dystopia, Laramie County Library Book Arts Invitational, Cheyenne, WY
- 2016 Governor's Capitol Art Exhibition, Wyoming Juried Exhibition, Wyoming State Museum, Cheyenne, WY (Postcard Image)
 Around the Corner, Invitational Exhibition, The Beggars Table, Kansas City, MO
 Spiders! Interconnectedness, Innovation and Stewardship, AMK Ranch in Grand Teton National Park, WY
 A Literary Landscape, 3-Person Exhibition, ECCE Gallery in the Emerson Center, Bozeman, MT
- 2015 49th Annual National Drawing & Small Sculpture Show, National Juried Exhibition, Joseph A. Cain Memorial Gallery, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, TX
 Twin Cups, National Juried Exhibition, Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph, MO
 Acting Out, Solo Exhibition, Center for the Arts, Jackson, WY
 Repetition, Ritual, Rhythm, National Juried Exhibition, Pottery Northwest, Seattle, WA

Selected Awards and Honors

- 2015 Honorable Mention, Wyoming Arts Council Visual Arts Fellowship
- **2013** Patron Award, Northern National Art Competition, Nicolet College Art Gallery, Nicolet College, Rhinelander, WI
- 2011 Heritage Tile Award, Feats of Clay XXIV, Lincoln Arts, Lincoln, CA
- **2009** Group Exhibition Award, *Friendly Fire*, National Juried Exhibition, Foundry Art Centre, St. Charles, MO
- 2007 Second Place, The Five Senses, Art and The Written Word, National Juried Exhibition, Public Library, Northbrook, IL
- **2006** First Place, 20 x 20 x 20 Compact Exhibition, LSU Union Art Gallery, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

Current Employment

2020 Instructor, Art Association of Jackson Hole (2007 – 2020) Ceramics, Drawing, Printmaking, Professional Development for Artists

Selected Related Professional Experience

- 2019 Curator of Cupcakes & Clouds, 4-person exhibition, Mystery Print Gallery, Pinedale, WY
- 2010- Co-Owner, Dowd House Studios, LLC, Alpine, WY
- present A small pottery and art business
- 2014 Ceramics Artist In Residence, Interlochen Art Center, Interlochen, MI
- 2012 Curator of Inhabiting, 4-woman exhibition, Art Association of Jackson Hole, Jackson, WY

Selected Visiting Artist Lecture/Workshop/Presentations

- 2019 Juror & Artist Talk, exhibition Cupcakes & Clouds, Mystery Print Gallery, Pinedale, WY Artist Talk, Chalky Characters & Helpful Objects, temporary drawings on the Town Enclosure Pavilion at the Center for the Arts, Jackson, WY
- 2017 Artist Talk, exhibition Spiders! Interconnectedness, Innovation and Stewardship, Berry Biodiversity Center, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY
- 2016 Artist Talk, Jackson Hole High School, Jackson, WY Artist Talk for the exhibition *Spiders! Interconnectedness, Innovation and Stewardship,* National Museum on Wildlife Art, Jackson, WY

Selected Grants/Fellowships

- 2016 Wyoming Arts Council Visual Art Fellowship, Honorable Mention
- 2014 Jackson Hole Community Supported Artist, Selected artist to create 40 "shares" for CSA program
- 2011 Wyoming Arts Council Visual Art Fellowship
- 2010 Ucross Foundation Residency, Ucross, WY

Selected Public Collections

Fondazione Arnaldo Pomodoro, Milan, Italy Jingdezhen Sanbao Ceramic Art Institute Museum, Jingdezhen, China National Museum of Wildlife Art, Jackson, WY Jackson Hole Historical Museum, Jackson, WY

Selected Collaborative Projects

- 2019 Observator R. Park, Interactive Installation, Rendezvous Park, Wilson, WY
- (In collaboration with Matt Daly) Supported by Jackson Hole Land Trust and JH Public Art
- 2018 Chronicles of the Introverted Minifauna, FoundSpace Installation, Emily's Pond, Wilson, WY (In collaboration with Matt Daly) Supported by Jackson Hole Land Trust and JH Public Art
- **2016** *Flying West in Summer*, Invitational Exhibition curated by Agnes Borne Studio, Custom Artwork designed for the Western Design Conference Show House, Jackson, WY

Selected Public Art Projects

- 2020 The Cloud Factory, large-scale temporary installation and performance art at the Town Enclosure, Center for the Arts, Jackson, WY, Supported by JH Public Art
- 2019 Chalky Characters & Helpful Objects, large-scale temporary chalk drawings on the Town Enclosure, Center for the Arts, Jackson, WY, Commissioned by JH Public Art PARKing Day, Jeny's Flower Cart, 1-day Public Art Installation, Jackson Hole Public Art
- 2018 Stickem Up, Temporary Wall Mural Project in Jackson, WY, by Jackson Hole Public Art

Selected Public Commissions

- 2019 Designed and created large-scale pole puppet in collaboration with Sam Dowd, for Dancers' Workshop
- 2015 40 Porcelain Paperclay pendant light shades, custom designed in conjunction with E/Ye Designs, for Picnic, Jackson, WY
- **2012** Designed and created costume for summer performance of Contemporary Dance Wyoming, "Satellite," Center for the Arts, Jackson, WY

Publications

- 2019 "Seeking the Light: Paintings by Isabel Rucker," Studio Wyoming Review, WyoFile, January 22, 2019, https://www.wyofile.com/seeking-the-light-paintings-by-isabel-rucker/
- 2018 "Limbic Memory," A review of ceramic sculpture by Margaret Hayden, Studio Wyoming Review, WyoFile October 2, 2018, https://www.wyofile.com/limbic-memory/
 - "Inspired Kitchen: Recipes from CWC's Culinary Arts Program," Illustrated by Jocelyn Slack, Jenny Dowd, Cal Brackin. Edited by Connie Wieneke and Amy Madera
- **2017** "Art in Translation builds bridges in Jackson," Studio Wyoming Review, WyoFile, June 2, 2017 https://www.wyofile.com/art-translation-builds-bridges-jackson/