

# Laura Blumenberg

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## Education

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**Kansas City Art Institute** (Kansas City, MO)  
BFA, Ceramics and Art History

**2006-2010**

## Work History

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**Handmade Group** (Brooklyn, NY)  
*Jewelry Studio Artist*

**2/2013-Present**  
*Full-time*

- Produced complete metal and resin-cast jewelry pieces for Seeka and Yoolie's lines
- Organized, packaged and shipped jewelry for wholesale and online purchases

**Red Star Studios** (Kansas City, MO)  
*Gallery Assistant; Interim Gallery Coordinator*

**11/2010-12/2012**  
*Full-time*

- Researched and developed relationships with artists and art institutions; curated placement of works in gallery
- Assisted in planning, organizing, marketing, and presenting exhibitions
- Catalogued artworks; maintained organization and cleanliness of gallery facilities
- Performed essential administrative and clerical duties, including: ceramic artwork sales, packing, receiving, and shipping
- Provided support for gallery programming and private events; fostered engagement through informal interactions with patrons
- Supervised interns responsible for completing inventories of on-site ceramic artworks

**Belger Arts Center** (Kansas City, MO)  
*Collections Coordinator*

**2/2011-12/2012**  
*Full-time*

- Provided key support in processing artworks for loans; catalogued and condition-reported works in the John and Maxine Belger Family Foundation collection
- Organized and maintained documentation related to Foundation-owned artworks and exhibitions, including new acquisitions, borrowed artworks for on-site exhibition, and outgoing loans
- Assisted with art handling tasks for recently loaned and newly acquired artworks
- Supervised interns responsible for shipping, receiving, and cataloguing artworks

**Sweet Mud Clay Works** (Kansas City, KS)  
*Studio Assistant, Sales Representative*

**1/2009 – 7/2012**  
*Internship, Part-time*

- Formed, fired and glazed ceramic jewelry; assisted with finishing pieces
- Independently researched potential marketing opportunities; represented artist in meetings with prospective retailers

**Artist Cary Esser** (Kansas City, MO)  
*Studio Assistant*

**9/2009 - 6/2010**  
*Internship, Part-time*

- Formed and molded slabs and tiles, created plaster molds
- Mixed clay and glazes, loaded kilns

## Skills and Interests

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<b>Computer</b>	QuickBooks, GalleryPro, proficient with both MS and Mac operating systems, Microsoft Office suite, Powerpoint, and Photoshop
<b>Studio</b>	Experienced with cast resin and plaster, mixing clay, glazes and slips, firing electric and gas kilns; proficient on the pottery wheel, creating clay slabs, using clay extruders
<b>Professional Interests</b>	Managing relationships with artists and art institutions across all media, providing informal exhibition interpretation