



2014 WINDGATE FELLOWS ANNOUNCED BY THE CENTER FOR CRAFT, CREATIVITY & DESIGN

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ASHEVILLE, NC The Center for Craft, Creativity & Design (CCCD) announces the winners of the 2014 Windgate Fellowships, awarded to ten graduating college seniors with exemplary skill in craft. Each Windgate Fellow receives \$15,000 – one of the largest awards offered nationally to art students.

"The Windgate Fellowship program identifies the best emerging craft artists in the field through the nation's premier university programs," says Stephanie Moore, Executive Director of CCCD. "This is one of the largest awards offered to undergraduate seniors. We are reaching artists at a critical time when both the financial award and subsequent recognition provide the greatest impact."

Four judges reviewed a national pool of 112 applicants on the basis of artistic merit and the potential of each applicant to make significant contributions to the field of craft. The 2014 panel included: Susan Cummins, Director of the Rotasa Foundation, and founder of Art Jewelry Forum; Suzanne Isken, the Director of the Craft and Folk Art Museum in Los Angeles; Steven Young Lee, the Resident Artist Director at the Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts, and a contemporary artist working in ceramics and mixed media; and Alexis Myre, a 2010 Windgate Fellowship Award recipient and graduate from California College of the Arts with a BFA in jewelry/metal arts.

Winners of the 2014 Windgate Fellowships are:

- Samantha Bachman, Penn State University, Ceramics
- Shenequa Brooks, Kansas City Art Institute, Fiber/Textiles
- Norman Cramer, SUNY Buffalo State, Wood/Furniture
- Niki Grandics, San Diego State University, Jewelry
- Kassandra Huynh, Minneapolis College of Art & Design, Wood/Furniture
- Caroline Kaufman, Pratt Institute, Fiber/Textiles
- Katherine Lee, Tyler School of Art, Temple University, Ceramics
- Rangeley Morton, Maine College of Art, Wood/Furniture

- Colin Pezzano, University of the Arts, Wood/Furniture
- Melanie Sherman, Kansas City Art Institute, Ceramics

Since 2006, CCCD has awarded the Windgate Fellowships to 90 graduating seniors working in craft representing more than 100 colleges and universities.

CCCD's mission is to advance the understanding of craft by encouraging and supporting research, critical dialogue and professional development. For more information, visit craftcreativitydesign.org or call 828-785-1357.

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