

EDUCATION

- 2017 **University of Maryland** // Masters of Fine Arts // GPA 4.0 // College Park, MD
 2012 **University of Colorado** // Post Baccalaureate Program in Sculpture and Post-Studio Practice
 Boulder, CO
 2011 **The University of Tennessee** // Bachelor of Fine Arts in Sculpture, Secondary Focus in Ceramics
 Magna Cum Laude // Knoxville, TN
 2006 **Union University** // Additional Undergraduate Coursework // Jackson, TN

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2020- **Anderson University** // Associate Professor of Studio Art // Anderson, SC
 2017-2020 **Cedarville University** // Assistant Professor of Studio Art // Cedarville, OH
 2015-2017 **University of Maryland** // Graduate Teaching Associate // College Park, MD

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016-17 **University of Maryland** // Instructor // Art and Learning Center
 University of Maryland // Instructor // Art and Learning Center Summer Arts Camp
 2012 **Jackson Madison County School System** // Substitute Teacher // Jackson, TN
 Certified for Pre-Kindergarten-12th grade

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS // solo

- 2025 **Garrett Museum of Art** // TBD // Garrett, IN
 2024 **Art Gallery** // TBD // North Greenville University // Greenville, SC
 Luz Art Gallery // TBD // New York, NY
 Aughinbaugh Gallery // *Among the Perishing* // Messiah University // Mechanicsburg, PA
 2023 **Sojourn Arts** // *Reflecting on Faithfulness* // Sojourn Church Midtown // Louisville, KY
 2022 **Harcum Art Gallery** // *Sculptures By Zac Benson* // Wilmington College // Wilmington, OH
 Popp Martin Student Union Art Gallery // *Contemplative Awareness* // University of North Carolina,
 Charlotte // Charlotte, NC
 Vandiver Gallery // *Recent Work* // Anderson University // Anderson, SC
 2021 **McDonough Museum of Art** // *Realizations* // Youngstown State University // Youngstown, OH
 2020 **Cecelia Coker Bell Gallery** // *Introspection* // Coker University // Hartsville, SC
 Gallery 126 // *Zac Benson: Benson Sculpture* // University of North Alabama // Florence, AL
 2019 **Phaze 2 Gallery** // *Zac Benson: Installation and Sculpture* // Shepherd University // Shepherdstown, WV
 Chakeres Interactive Gallery // *God Help Us All* // Springfield Museum of Art // Springfield, OH
 Beach Gallery // *Among the Perishing* // Springfield Museum of Art // Springfield, OH
 2018 **Williams Gallery** // *Rekindling Consciousness* // Indiana Wesleyan University // Marion, IN
 Union University Gallery // *Awakening* // Union University // Jackson, TN
 2017 **University of Maryland Art Gallery** // *Voices to be Heard* // College Park, MD
 2016 **Thompson Art Gallery** // *Soul Stirrings* // Furman University // Greenville, SC

2013 Barefoots Joe // *It Is What It Is* // Jackson, TN
 2010 Bea Paine Gallery // *Reclaiming Creation* // Bluefield Area Arts Center // Bluefield, WV
 2009 Union University Student Gallery // *Explorations in Wood* // Jackson, TN

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS // group

2024 12th Annual Collegiate Invitational Art Exhibition // *Spartanburg County Public Libraries* // Spartanburg, SC
 2023 Cleve Carney Museum of Art // *Once: 2023 Emerging Artist Exhibit* // Glen Ellyn, Illinois
 22 Rue de Bourgogne // *Paix Sur Terre* // Paris, France
 2022 The Green Art Gallery // *Peace, Be Still: Artists of Faith Respond to an Anxious Age* // Biola University // La Mirada, CA
 Art Gallery // *Makom: Ekphrastic Responses to Marc Chagall's Visual Representations of the Bible* // Union University // Jackson, TN
 NYC Phoenix Art // *October Exhibition* // Online Exhibition
 Vandiver Gallery // *Faculty Exhibition* // Anderson University // Anderson, SC
 College Park Scholars Arts Program // *Voices* // Online Exhibition
 A.D. Gallery // *Our Neighborhood* // University of North Carolina, Pembroke // Pembroke, NC
 2021 Connections Gallery // *3D at GSP: The Connections Gallery Inaugural Sculpture Show* // GSP International Airport, Greer, SC
 William Harmon Gallery // *Benson Sculpture* // Maryville College, Maryville, TN
 2020 Lys d'Or // *Humanitas: the value of human being* // Online Exhibition
 2019 Hiestand Galleries // *2019 Miami University Young Sculptors Competition* // Miami University, Oxford, OH
 Peerless Gallery // *2019 Annual Alumni Invitational Show* // Peoria, IL
 1619 Flux: Art + Activism // *Perspectives Of Home: An Exhibition Of Social Practice* // Louisville, KY
 NYC Phoenix Art // *January Exhibition* // Online Exhibition
 Ann Street Gallery // *Forget Me Not* // Newburgh, NY
 2018 Center for Contemporary Political Art // *Defining the Art of Change* // Washington, DC
 Alex G Spanos Heart Center at Mercy Hospital // *Who Is My Neighbor?* // Sacramento, CA
 Rosewood Gallery // *Art Ed 2017* // Rosewood Arts Centre, Dayton, OH
 2017 Dadian Gallery // *ReFORMATION* // Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC
 Connersmith // *Academy 2017* // Washington, DC
 SpaceCamp Gallery // *Artists For Truth* // Baltimore, MD
 Tawes Hall // *Visualizing Migration* // College Park, MD
 Ewing Gallery // *BENSON SCULPTURE: a common lineage* // Knoxville, TN
 Howard County Center for the Arts // *Reconstructions* // Columbia, MD
 Lessedra Art Gallery // *7th Lessedra International Mixed Media Exhibition* // Sofia, Bulgaria
 2016 Herman Maril Art Gallery // *Collections* // College Park, MD
 Laboratory Research Gallery // *Continuing Graduate Student Work* // College Park, MD
 Lih Pao International Sculpture Biennial // *To Stand for Nothing and Stand Up For No One*
 Traveling Exhibition at Participating Institutions:
 Ya-Tang Hall, Taichung Cultural & Creative Industries Park // Taichung City, Taiwan
 National Taiwan University of Arts // New Taipei City, Taiwan
 New Taipei City Art Center // New Taipei City, Taiwan
 The Pier-2 Art Centre in Kaohsiung // Kaohsiung City, Taiwan
 Stamp Gallery // *Drawing Board* // College Park, MD
 The University of Montana (online exhibition) // *Walking Through Glue* // Missoula, MT

Stamp Gallery // *MidPoint 2016* // College Park, MD
 Laboratory Research Gallery // *Preparation as Practice* // College Park, MD
 Gallery I // *HoCo Open 2016* // Howard County, MD
 Sculpture By the Sea // *Sculpture Inside* // Bondi Beach, Australia
 2015 Mist Gallery // *September Exhibition* // Online Exhibition
 Ground Floor Gallery // *You've Got Mail* // Brooklyn, NY
 Herman Maril Art Gallery // *Holes Over Bridges* // College Park, MD
 2014 Gallery 102 // *Interpreting Icons* // Washington, DC
 The Lodge Gallery // *Transforming New York Street Objects* // New York, NY
 2013 Rochester Contemporary Art Center // *6x6x2013* // Rochester, NY
 2011 Union University Student Gallery // *Student Show* // Jackson, TN
 The Renaissance Center // *Wood Works* // Dixon, TN
 2010 AI Art Labs // *We Make Objects; Objects Make Us* // Knoxville, TN
 West Tennessee Regional Art Center // *Artist of the 21st Century* // Humboldt, TN
 Union University Student Gallery // *Student Show* // Jackson, TN
 2009 University Center // *Phoenix Exhibition* // Knoxville, TN // Fall
 University Center // *Phoenix Exhibition* // Knoxville, TN // Spring
 EURCA Undergraduate Research Exhibition // Knoxville, TN
 West Tennessee Regional Art Center // *Artist of the 21st Century* // Humboldt, TN
 2008 Studio 212 // *Maryville Art Walk* // Maryville, TN

LECTURES // VISITING ARTIST

2024 Artist Talk // *Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU) Headquarters* // Orlando, FL
 Speaker // *The Master's Academy Chapel* // Orlando, FL
 2023 Speaker // *The Life Jacket Project* // Anderson University Chapel // Anderson, SC
 Artist Talk // *Clemson University CRU* // Clemson, SC
 2022 Artist Talk // *Orlando Arts and Culture presented by Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU)* // Orlando, FL
 Gallery Talk // *Vandiver Gallery* // Anderson, SC
 Artist Talk // *The Master's Academy* // Orlando, FL
 2021 Virtual Artist Lecture // *Friday Lecture Series (virtual)* // University of North Carolina, Charlotte
 Guest Lecturer // *Cedarville University Urban Missiology Course (virtual)* // Cedarville, OH
 Artist Talk // *Maryville College* // Maryville, TN
 Virtual Artist Talk // *McDonough Museum of Art YouTube channel* // Youngstown, OH
 Guest Lecturer // *Union University 3D Design Course (virtual)* // Jackson, TN
 2020 Guest Lecturer // *Cedarville University Urban Missiology Course (virtual)* // Cedarville, OH
 Visiting Artist & Gallery Talk // *Coker University* // Hartsville, SC
 Panel Discussion // *University of North Alabama* // Florence, AL
 Gallery Talk // *Shepherd University* // Shepherdstown, WV
 2019 Visiting Artist & Gallery Talk // *Indiana Wesleyan University* // Marion, IN
 2018 Visiting Artist & Gallery Talk // *Union University* // Jackson, TN
 Visiting Artist // *University of Tennessee* // Knoxville, TN
 2017 Gallery Talk // *Furman University* // Greenville, SC
 2016 Artist Talk (virtual) // *Union University* // Jackson, TN
 Presentation // *Jackson Central Merry High School* // Jackson, TN
 2011 Artist Talk // *Bluefield College* // Bluefield, WV
 2010 Presentation // *Madison Academic High School* // Jackson, TN

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS // PUBLIC WORKS

2024	United Way of Anderson County // <i>Carol Burdette Memorial</i> // Anderson, SC
2023	International Fine Art Fund // <i>I'm With You to the End</i> // Dallas, TX
	United Way of Anderson County // <i>Dr. Marshall Meadors, III Memorial</i> // Anderson, SC
	Launch Capital Partners // <i>I'm With You to the End</i> // Louisville, KY
	United Way of Anderson County // <i>Richard Shirley Memorial</i> // Anderson, SC
	Rocky River Nature Park // <i>Trail Markers</i> // Anderson, SC
2017	University of Tennessee // <i>God is Greater</i> // Knoxville, TN
2016	Lihpao Cultural Arts Foundation // <i>To Stand for Nothing and Stand Up For No One</i> // Taiwan
2015	University of Maryland // <i>Wye Oak Building</i> // College Park, MD
	Union University // <i>Oasis</i> // Jackson, TN
2013	Metro Nashville // <i>Anchor in the Storm</i> // Nashville, TN
2011	Anderson Center // <i>Red Wing Brand</i> // Red Wing, MN
	Union University // <i>500 Years</i> // Jackson, TN
2010	Walter Shroyer // <i>Mankind's Grip on Nature</i> // Bluefield, WV
	Ijams Nature Center // <i>Wrapped</i> // Knoxville, TN
	Bluefield College // <i>Juxtaposition and Infinite Space</i> // Bluefield, VA
	Art in Public Places Knoxville // <i>Dogwood Arts Festival</i> // Knoxville, TN
2008	Beardsley Farm // <i>Random Precision</i> // Knoxville, TN

TEMPORARY PUBLIC WORKS // COMMISSIONS

2022	Traveling Sculpture for Ukraine Humanitarian Relief // <i>A Peace of Candy</i> // Traveling Sculpture at Participating Institutions: Anderson Art Center // Anderson, SC Concord Baptist Church // Anderson, SC G. Ross Anderson Jr. Student Center // Anderson University // Anderson, SC YardWork // <i>Explorations in Wood II</i> // Greenville, SC
2016	The City of Palo Alto Public Art Program // <i>Running Wall</i> // Palo Alto, CA Alexandria Community Supported Arts // <i>Ceramic Bowls</i> // Alexandria, VA Alumni Association Award // <i>Buried in History</i> // University of Maryland
2015	Sculpture By The Sea, Bondi // <i>Conspicuous Consumption</i> // Sydney, AUS ARTsites 2015 // <i>You're Doing Great</i> // Columbia, MD New Albany Public Art Project // <i>I'd Rather Have a Tree</i> // New Albany, IN Suwanee SculptTour // <i>Tic-Tac-Toe Bench</i> // Suwanee, GA
2014	Georgetown GLOW // <i>Lit From Within</i> // Washington, DC
2012	University of Colorado // <i>Conspicuous Consumption</i> // Boulder, CO University of Colorado // <i>Arch</i> // Boulder, CO
2011	Knoxville Museum of Art // <i>Stimulus Package</i> // Knoxville, TN The University of Tennessee // <i>Extinction of the Masses</i> // Knoxville, TN Prairie Center of the Arts // <i>Interwoven</i> // Peoria, IL Vermont Studio Center // <i>Explorations in Snow</i> // Johnson, VT
2009	Maryville Arts Coalition // <i>Random Precision</i> // Maryville, TN

AWARDS

- 2024 Faculty Award // 12th Annual Collegiate Invitational Art Exhibition // Spartanburg County Public Libraries
- 2023 Once: 2023 Emerging Artists Exhibit // Outstanding Submission
Partner of the Year // Student Government Association // Anderson University
- 2019 2019 Miami University Young Sculptors Competition // Finalist
- 2017 David C. Driskell Award // The University of Maryland
- 2016 The 3rd Lih Pao International Sculpture Biennial Awards // Excellence Award
International Sculpture Center's 2016 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Honorable Mention
Daniel Nicholson Ohlke Memorial Fund Award // The University of Maryland
- 2015 Artists To Look Out For // Starry Night Programs // Truth of Consequences, NM
Sadat Art for Peace // Honorable Mention
- 2014 Dean's Fellowship // The University of Maryland
- 2013 Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Arts Award Finalist // The University of Tennessee Nominee
- 2011 3-D Award // Student Show // Union University
- 2010 Featured Artist // MYARTSPACE.com
3-D Award // Student Show // Union University
Top 3-D Award // Artists of the 21st Century

REVIEWS // PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 Catalog // LUZ Art Conference // The Innermost
Anderson Magazine // Collaboration Enhances Visitor Experience at Rocky River Nature Park // Spring 2024
- 2023 Chicago Gallery News // Once: 2023 Emerging Artists Exhibit
Daily Harold // Cleve Carney Museum featuring emerging artists at exhibit opening Oct. 7 // October 4, 2023
- 2022 Patch // CCMA Announces Emerging Artists Selected for Exhibition Opening Oct. 7 // September 21, 2023
Catalog // Makom: Ekphrastic Responses to Marc Chagall's Visual Representations of the Bible
Greenville Journal // Outdoor art exhibition 'YARDWORK' to return to Greenville's Hampton Pinckney neighborhood // July 21, 2022
Wilmington News Journal // WC's Harcum Gallery to present exhibit of Zac Benson's multimedia works // February 26, 2022
- 2021 AndersonUniversity.edu // A Student's Perspective: Professor Zac Benson and the Desire to Inspire // October 4, 2021
Philosophy of Religion and Art (Contributor) // Cambridge Scholars Publishing // March 4, 2021
- 2020 Mahoning Matters // McDonough Museum to feature 4 exhibitions beginning Friday // February 23, 2021
EcoTheo Collective // EcoTheo Social Justice | Autumn 2020 Folio // Autumn 2020
Edge of Faith Magazine // October 2020 Art Gallery // October 2020
Sojourn Arts Blog // On Voting: Zac Benson's Sheep Among Wolves // October 28, 2020
- 2019 The Shepherdstown Chronicle // Installation art exhibit reflects artist's family history of social justice // October 18, 2019
Peoria Magazine // A Showcase of Creative Connections // August 2019 Edition
Wotisart Magazine // Featured Artist (June) // 27th Edition
Average Art Magazine // Featured Artist (June) // 35th Edition
CIVA Featured Artist // March
Cedars // God, Life and Art // Vol. 71 // Issue 8

	Springfield News-Sun // Gallery, artist talks planned // Thursday, March 21
	Cedars // Ministry Moments // Vol. 71 // Issue 7
2018	The Woven Tale Press // Vol. 6 // Issue 4 // p. 1-8
	The Woven Tale Press Central // Artist Interview // Interview by Jennifer Nelson
	Cedars // The Global Refugee Crisis: Perspective - Raising Awareness Through Art // Vol. 70 // Issue 9
	Cedarville Review Artist Spotlight // Vol. 18 // Article 3
2017	Cedarville.edu // CU Professor Combines Faith and Culture at Seminary Art Show // Thursday, Dec. 14
	Cedars // New Art Professor Molds Students // Vol. 70 // Issue 3
	Lessedra Gallery // 7th Lessedra International Competition Catalogue
2016	Palo Alto Weekly // "Upfront: Local news, information and analysis" // Friday, October 21
	SustainableUMD // "Wye Oak Building's Design Honors Grow" // Fall 2016
	Washington Post // Midpoint 2016 reviewed "In the Galleries" column // Sunday, May 1
	Bmore Art blog // Midpoint 2016 reviewed "BmoreArt Picks" column // Tuesday, March 22
	Stamp Gallery Blog // "Interview with Midpoint artist Zac Benson" // June 20
2015	SustainableUMD Spotlight // Fall Issue
	International Business Times // Sculpture by the Sea 2015 // October 26
	Sculpture by the Sea // Nineteenth Annual Exhibition Catalogue and Site Map
2013	Cardinal & Cream // Vol. 97 // Issue 12
2010	Art Calendar // Mankind's Grip on Nature // Vol. 24 // Issue 1 // p. 6
2009	Phoenix Literary Arts Magazine // Infinite Space // Vol. 51 // Issue 1
	Phoenix Literary Arts Magazine // Bowl // Vol. 50 // Issue 2 // p. 43
	The University of Tennessee // Designed and Published Sculpture Tour Website
	Phoenix Literary Arts Magazine // The Different Shades of Wood // Vol. 50 // Issue 2 // p. 41
2008	The Daily Beacon // Community // Vol. 109 // Issue 38 // p. 2

GRANTS

2024	Innovations in Teaching Award // Center for Learning and Teaching Excellence // \$3000.00
	Summer Research Grant // Anderson University // \$1200.00
	Faculty Development Committee Grant // Anderson University // \$1250.00
2023	Summer Research Grant // Anderson University // \$1250.00
	Biblically Based Immigration Grant // Council for Christian Colleges & Universities // \$3000.00
	Faculty Development Committee Grant // Anderson University // \$1250.00
2022	Summer Research Grant // Anderson University // \$1000.00
	University Travel Grant // Anderson University // \$1200.00
	Innovations in Teaching Award // Center for Learning and Teaching Excellence // \$3100.00
2021	Faculty Development Committee Grant // Anderson University
	Summer Research Grant // Anderson University
2020	Faculty Development Committee Grant // Anderson University // \$1200.00
2019	Vice President for Academics Faculty Scholarship Grant // Cedarville University
2018	Vice President for Academics Faculty Scholarship Grant // Cedarville University
2016	College of Arts and Humanities Graduate Student Travel Grant // The University of Maryland
	Departmental Travel Grant // The University of Maryland
2015	Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant // The University of Maryland
	College of Arts and Humanities Graduate Student Travel Grant // The University of Maryland
	Departmental Travel Grant // The University of Maryland
2009	The University of Tennessee Undergraduate Summer Research Grant

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 **Presenter** // *Art and Community* // Knot Conference // Anderson, SC
Presenter // *GOD Is My Content* // LUZ Art Conference // Wildwood, NJ
- 2023 **Co-Chair** // *On the Same Page: Flexible Collaboration within a Consistent Structure* // Foundations in Art: Theory and Education (FATE) // Denver, CO
- 2022 **Panelist** // *Faith & Learning* // Anderson University
Presenter // *Collaboration with Tech: How To Utilize An On-Campus Makerspace To Promote Creative Learning In The Classroom* // Learning Design & Technology Forum // Orlando, FL
Panelist // *Leveraging Technology for Efficient and Excellent Team-Teaching and Student Learning* // Learning Design & Technology Forum // Orlando, FL
- 2021 **Panelist** // *Sublime in Art* // CIVA Conference // Austin, TX
Panelist // *Faith Integration- New Faculty Orientation* // Anderson University
- 2019 **Presenter** // *Exploring Ideas Through Art* // Research and Scholarship Symposium // Cedarville University
- 2017 **Presenter** // *Library of Congress, Emerson Hall* // Washington, DC
- 2016 **Presenter** // *Common Threads in Arts and Humanities: Research Symposium* // University of Maryland

ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICE

- 2024 **The Life Jacket Project** // *Founder & CEO*
Faculty Development Committee Vice Chair // Anderson University
Fellows Scholarship Competition Committee Member // Anderson University
- 2023 **Freddie Stowers Memorial Veterans Park Foundation Advisor** // Anderson County
DOT Hazardous Materials General Awareness, Familiarization, and Introduction to HazMat Functions // *Certified*
Diversity & Inclusion Leaders Scholarship Committee Member // Anderson University
Fellows Scholarship Competition Committee Member // Anderson University
Faculty Development Committee Member // Anderson University
Panelist // *Spiritual Self Care* // Anderson University Faculty In-Service
- 2022 **Diversity & Inclusion Leaders Scholarship Committee Member** // Anderson University
I AM (Diversity) Faculty Mentor // Anderson University
- 2021 **Photography Hiring Committee Member** // Anderson University
- 2018 **Cedarville Park Committee** // Cedarville Township
- 2017 **Center for Teaching and Learning Committee** // Cedarville University
- 2016 **ARHU Dean's Cabinet Member** // The University of Maryland
Director of Development // Laboratory Research Gallery
- 2015 **ARHU Grad Advisory Board Member** // The University of Maryland
- 2014 **The Art Gallery Advisory Board Member** // The University of Maryland
- 2013 **Benson Sculpture LLC Member**
- 2012 **Assistant Director** // Jackson Sculpture Tour // JUST
- 2011 **Vice President** // The University of Tennessee Potter's Club

RESIDENCIES

- 2011 **Prairie Center of the Arts** // June // Peoria, IL
Anderson Center for Interdisciplinary Arts // May // Red Wing, MN
Vermont Studio Center // January // Johnson, VT

TECHNICAL ABILITIES

Forklift operator // trained and operated
Scissor Lift operator // trained and operated
CNC Router // trained and operated
CNC Plasma // trained and operated
Laser Engraver // trained and operated
Welding // basic MIG // TIG // Stick welding
Plasma Torch // trained and operated
Wood shop // Power and Hand Tools
Mold making // basic casting techniques
Glaze calculation // Glaze chemistry
Kiln firing // Cone 10 Gas (up draft / down draft) // Wood // Electric
Screen Printing // photo emulsion

TECHNICIAN EXPERIENCE

2016 The University of Maryland // Wood Shop Assistant // College Park
2014 The University of Maryland // Wood Shop Assistant // College Park
2012 University of Colorado // Metal Shop Assistant // Boulder
2011 The University of Tennessee // Metal Shop Assistant // Knoxville // Fall 2009 // Spring 2011
2010 Union University // Shop Technician // Jackson, TN // Spring 2010
2008 Union University // Shop Technician // Jackson, TN // Summer 2008

INTERNSHIPS

2013 Socrates Sculpture Park // Sculpture Intern // Long Island City, NY
2009 Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts // Faculty Assistant // Gatlinburg, TN
 Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts // Work Study Intern // Gatlinburg, TN