

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

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS // solo

- 2023 Sojourn Arts // TBD // Sojourn Church Midtown // Louisville, KY
Valade Gallery // TBD // Adrian College // Adrian, MI
Aughinbaugh Gallery // TBD // Messiah College // Mechanicsburg, PA
Gallery G // TBD // Manchester University // North Manchester, IN
2022 Harcum Art Gallery // *Sculptures By Zac Benson* // Wilmington College // Wilmington, OH
Popp Martin Student Union Art Gallery // TBD // 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

- 2022 University of Maryland Art Fest // *Expression Exhibition* // Online Exhibition
A.D. Gallery // *Our Neighborhood* // University of North Carolina, Pembroke, NC
2021 William Harmon Gallery // *Benson Sculpture* // Maryville College, Maryville, TN
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

2018 NYC Phoenix Art // *January Exhibition* // Online Exhibition
 Ann Street Gallery // *Forget Me Not* // Newburgh, NY
 Center for Contemporary Political Art // *Defining the Art of Change* // Washington, DC

2017 Alex G Spanos Heart Center at Mercy Hospital // *Who Is My Neighbor?* // Sacramento, CA
 Rosewood Gallery // *Art Ed 2017* // Rosewod Arts Centre, Dayton, OH
 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

2016 Howard County Center for the Arts // *Reconstructions* // Columbia, MD
 Lessedra Art Gallery // *7th Lessedra International Mixed Media Exhibition* // Sofia, Bulgaria
 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

2015 Gallery I // *HoCo Open 2016* // Howard County, MD
 Sculpture By the Sea // *Sculpture Inside* // Bondi Beach, Australia
 Mist Gallery // *September Exhibition* // Online Exhibition

2014 Ground Floor Gallery // *You've Got Mail* // Brooklyn, NY
 Herman Maril Art Gallery // *Holes Over Bridges* // College Park, MD

2013 Gallery 102 // *Interpreting Icons* // Washington, DC

2011 The Lodge Gallery // *Transforming New York Street Objects* // New York, NY
 Rochester Contemporary Art Center // *6x6x2013* // Rochester, NY

2010 Union University Student Gallery // *Student Show* // Jackson, TN
 The Renaissance Center // *Wood Works* // Dixon, TN
 AI Art Labs // *We Make Objects; Objects Make Us* // Knoxville, TN

2009 West Tennessee Regional Art Center // *Artist of the 21st Century* // Humboldt, TN
 Union University Student Gallery // *Student Show* // Jackson, TN
 University Center // *Phoenix Exhibition* // Knoxville, TN // Fall
 University Center // *Phoenix Exhibition* // Knoxville, TN // Spring

2008 EURCA Undergraduate Research Exhibition // Knoxville, TN
 West Tennessee Regional Art Center // *Artist of the 21st Century* // Humboldt, TN
 Studio 212 // *Maryville Art Walk* // Maryville, TN

LECTURES // PRESENTATIONS // VISITING ARTIST

- 2022 Gallery Talk // Anderson University // Anderson, SC
Virtual Artist Lecture // Friday Lecture Series // University of North Carolina, Charlotte
- 2021 Artist Talk // Maryville College // Maryville, TN
Sublime in Art (Panelist) // CIVA Conference // Austin, TX
Virtual Artist Talk // McDonough Museum of Art YouTube channel // Youngstown, OH
- 2019 Gallery Talk // Shepherd University // Shepherdstown, WV
Cedarville University Research and Scholarship Symposium // *Exploring Ideas Through Art*
- 2018 Visiting Artist & Gallery Talk // Indiana Wesleyan University // Marion, IN
- 2017 Visiting Artist // University of Tennessee // Knoxville, TN
Presentation // Library of Congress, Emerson Hall // Washington, DC
- 2016 Gallery Talk // Furman University // Greenville, SC
Artist Talk (via Skype) // Union University // Jackson, TN
Presenter // Common Threads in Arts and Humanities: Research Symposium // University of Maryland
- 2011 Presentation // Jackson Central Merry High School // Jackson, TN
- 2010 Artist Talk // Bluefield College // Bluefield, WV
Presentation // Madison Academic High School // Jackson, TN

TEMPORARY PUBLIC WORKS // COMMISSIONS

- 2016 The City of Palo Alto Public Art Program // *Running Wall* // Palo Alto, CA
Alexandria Community Supported Arts // *Ceramic Bowls* // Alexandria, VA
Alumni Association Award // *Buried in History* // University of Maryland
- 2015 Sculpture By The Sea, Bondi // *Conspicuous Consumption* // Sydney, AUS
ARTsites 2015 // *You're Doing Great* // Columbia, MD
New Albany Public Art Project // *I'd Rather Have a Tree* // New Albany, IN
Suwanee SculpTour // *Tic-Tac-Toe Bench* // Suwanee, GA
- 2014 Georgetown GLOW // *Lit From Within* // Washington, DC
- 2012 University of Colorado // *Conspicuous Consumption* // Boulder, CO
University of Colorado // *Arch* // Boulder, CO
- 2011 Knoxville Museum of Art // *Stimulus Package* // Knoxville, TN
The University of Tennessee // *Extinction of the Masses* // Knoxville, TN
Prairie Center of the Arts // *Interwoven* // Peoria, IL
Vermont Studio Center // *Explorations in Snow* // Johnson, VT
- 2009 Maryville Arts Coalition // *Random Precision* // Maryville, TN

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS // PUBLIC WORKS

- 2017 University of Tennessee // *God is Greater* // Knoxville, TN
- 2016 Lihpao Cultural Arts Foundation // *To Stand for Nothing and Stand Up For No One* // Taiwan
- 2015 University of Maryland // *Wye Oak Building* // College Park, MD
Union University // *Oasis* // Jackson, TN
- 2013 Metro Nashville // *Anchor in the Storm* // Nashville, TN
- 2011 Anderson Center // *Red Wing Brand* // Red Wing, MN
Union University // *500 Years* // Jackson, TN

- 2010 Walter Shroyer // *Mankind's Grip on Nature* // Bluefield, WV
 Ijams Nature Center // *Wrapped* // Knoxville, TN
 Bluefield College // *Juxtaposition and Infinite Space* // Bluefield, VA
 Art in Public Places Knoxville // *Dogwood Arts Festival* // Knoxville, TN
- 2008 Beardsley Farm // *Random Precision* // Knoxville, TN

AWARDS

- 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

- 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
 Mahoning Matters // *McDonough Museum to feature 4 exhibitions beginning Friday* // February 23, 2021
- 2020 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

- 2021 Faculty Development Committee Grant // *Anderson University*
 Faculty Development Committee Summer Research Grant // *Anderson University*
- 2020 Faculty Development Committee Grant // *Anderson University*
- 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

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