

# Zainab Elrahal

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## Education

### **University of North Carolina at Charlotte**

*Bachelor of Fine Arts in Ceramics, Minors in Public Health and Art History (2022)*

- Honors College of Arts and Architecture, Chancellor's list

## Exhibitions/Publications

**Doco Market** - Doco Market Concord - Concord, N.C (April 2023)

**Internal Powers; External Forces** - Goodyear Arts - Charlotte, N.C (February – March 2023)

**New Visionary Magazine Issue 5** - Visionary Art Collective - Brooklyn, NY (January 2023)

**Erasure: Reimagining Syrian Ceramics** - Solo Exhibition at Rowe Galleries - Charlotte, N.C (December 2022)

**Sacred Space** - Rowe Galleries - Charlotte, N.C (November 2022)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sculpture Exhibition** - The In Art Gallery - Online Exhibition – Juror: Ginger Porcella (November 2022)

**Nova Literary Arts Magazine** - Charlotte, N.C (2022)

**A New Leaf: Book Arts Exhibition** - Rowe Galleries - Charlotte, N.C (August 2021)

**From Our Hands to Yours** - Rowe Galleries - Charlotte, N.C (May 2021)

**Novant Health Juried Student Exhibition** - Novant Health Southpark Family Physicians - Charlotte, N.C (March 2021)

**UNC Charlotte Student Juried Exhibition** - Rowe Galleries - Charlotte, N.C (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)

**Sanskrit Literary Arts Magazine** - Charlotte, N.C (January 2020)

**North Carolina Potters Conference Attendee Show** - North Carolina Potters Conference - Seagrove, N.C (March 2020)

**49er Student Art Showcase** - Popp Martin Student Union Art Gallery - Charlotte, N.C (2019)

## Awards

**Penland School of Craft Full Scholarship** – Summer Ceramics Workshop – Bakersville, N.C (August 2023)

**Goodyear Arts Project Space** – Goodyear Arts Temporary Studio Space – Charlotte, N.C (May-June 2023)

**Boynes Monthly Emerging Artist Award** – Boynes Emerging Artist Award – Melbourne, Australia (November 2022)

**Dwight M. Holland Student Scholarship** – North Carolina Potters Conference – Seagrove N.C (March 2020)

**Outstanding Junior in Studio Art Award** – University of North Carolina at Charlotte – Charlotte, N.C (May 2020)

**Popular Vote Award** – 49er Student Arts Showcase at the Popp Martin Student Union Art Gallery – Charlotte, N.C (2019)

## Experience

### **Thomas Schmidt Studios, Charlotte N.C**

*Studio Assistant (June 2020 – Present)*

- Completes tasks such as making porcelain, slip casting, and glazing pieces to assist Thomas Schmidt in making various commissioned ceramic installations
- Worked on multiple large scale installation commissions for organizations including Duke Energy, Hodges Taylor Gallery, and other private works

### **Clayworks Inc, Charlotte N.C**

*Community Engagement Instructor (January 2023 - Present)*

- Leads ceramic hand building workshops for members of the Charlotte community and creates unique project ideas to teach students ranging from children to seniors
- Teaches wheel throwing workshops and private lessons for beginners and creates lesson plans to effectively convey complex ceramic methods

## **Kenny Nguyen Studios, Concord N.C**

*Studio Assistant (January 2023 – Present)*

- Assists a working artist by creating commissioned pieces, working with galleries, handling shipping details, and organizing studio space to create an effective studio practice
- Works with other assistants efficiently to optimize projects and leads others in said commissions

## **UNC Charlotte- College of Arts and Architecture**

*Guest Speaker (August 2023)*

- Asked to return as an alumni speaker to give an hour presentation on the experience in regards to the Department of Art and Architecture as well as the opportunities taken after leaving the University
- Spoke with current and prospective art students about ideas and upcoming projects

*Preceptor (August 2020- December 2022)*

- Serves as a Professor's teaching assistant and assists in grading student work and presenting lecture information
- Meets with students as needed to elaborate course information and assist with other needs

*College of Arts and Architecture 2020 Strategic Planning Retreat (August 2020)*

*Art and Art History Department Student Representative*

- Selected from the eight studio art disciplines to represent the department of Art and Art History for a planning retreat involving creating a 5-year plan to integrate the art, architecture, and performing arts departments together.
- Collaborated with other UNC Charlotte colleges and the Charlotte community.

*Cerama (Ceramics club) President (January 2020 – December 2022)*

- Organized group events, enhanced leadership and developed interpersonal skills by teaching students how to work with ceramics and introducing different processes.
- Led pottery wheel workshops and worked with students individually to enhance throwing skills.

*Ceramics Department Studio Assistant (January 2020 - January 2021)*

- Worked closely with professors to assist other students with technical and conceptual project issues
- Was responsible for weekly tasks including making glazes, different clay bodies, and cleaning the ceramic studios.
- Loaded and fired electric, gas, raku, and soda kilns

## **Unorthodox Studios, Charlotte N.C**

*Studio Assistant (May 2019 – June 2020)*

- Directly assisted a working painter, Chalice Meikle, by building large panels, priming, and sanding.
- Assisted in installing and hosting gallery exhibitions through set up and promotion.
- Led figure drawing workshops by taking payments, setting up the studio, and leading timed exercises.

## **Noah's Art, Charlotte N.C**

*Art teacher (May 2019 - February 2020)*

- Taught a variety of children between the ages of 2 and 10 years art processes and skills through hands-on teaching, one on one instruction when needed, and various activities
- Created original projects and adapted them to accommodate each age group as well as children with motor skill deficiencies and special needs

## **Proficiencies**

**Languages:** Arabic

**Art based:** Mold making and slipcasting, creating ceramic decals, loading and firing electric, gas, soda, and raku kilns, ceramic handbuilding and pottery wheel work, mixing clay and glaze recipes