

Lauren Elizabeth Cunningham

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EDUCATION

- 2012 **The University of Georgia** Athens, Georgia
M.F.A. Sculpture
- 2009 **Davidson College** Davidson, North Carolina
B.A. Studio Art, Cum Laude
- 2005 **The Westminster Schools** Atlanta, Georgia
High School Diploma

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2011 **Graduate Teaching Assistantship** The University of Georgia
Awarded on a competitive basis to highly-qualified students
- 2009 **Phi Beta Kappa** Davidson College
Member of the Gamma of North Carolina Chapter
- Omicron Delta Kappa** Davidson College
Member of the Davidson College Chapter
- 2008 **Douglas Houchens Studio Art Award** Davidson College
Awarded to the most-improved Junior studio art major
- 2007 **Pepper Visual Arts Scholarship** Davidson College
Awarded to a student who shows exceptional promise in studio art
- William Randolph Hearst Scholarship** Anderson Ranch Arts Center
Awarded to a student based on artistic merit

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2012–present **Upper School Art Teacher** The Walker School, Marietta, Georgia
Long-term substitute; teach AP Art, Advanced Art Seminar, Sculpture, Painting, Drawing, and Foundations; advise high school students; supervise the Art Club.
- 2011–2012 **Employee/Intern** Design & Preparation, The Georgia Museum of Art, Athens, GA
Installed and lit exhibitions; matted and framed artworks; constructed crates, pedestals and mounts; packed, delivered and received art objects; painted walls; installed labels and other graphics; worked as a team to meet strict deadlines.
- Instructor of Record** The Lamar Dodd School of Art, The University of Georgia
Fundamentals of Sculpture, Color and Composition, and Three-Dimensional Design
- 2009–2011 **Woodshop Monitor** The Lamar Dodd School of Art, The University of Georgia
Maintained a clean, functional, and safe working environment; provided technical expertise; gave class demos on shop use and safety; ordered and restocked supplies.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Summer 2008 **Front Desk Intern** Anderson Ranch Arts Center
Performed clerical duties, including directing all incoming phone calls; opened, closed, and cashiered at the art supply and gift store; restocked inventory.
- Summer 2007 **Gallery Intern** The Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, Atlanta, Georgia
Greeted visitors; collected admission fees; installed *Talent Show*, the 2007 Atlanta Biennial; hosted at openings and other gallery events; performed gallery maintenance.
- Summer 2006 **Artist's Assistant** Studio of Gregor Turk, Atlanta, Georgia
Constructed, carved, and glazed freestanding and wall-mounted ceramic sculptures; gained experience with equipment such as the slab roller and pug mill.

EXHIBITIONS

- 2012
- Tipton Gallery** Eastern Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN
The Day on Fire: Apocalypse in Contemporary Art
Curator: Karlota I. Contreras-Koterbay (Director, Slocumb Galleries)
- Spruill Gallery** Atlanta, Georgia
Emerging Artists 2012
Curator: Hope Cohn (Director, Spruill Gallery)
- Lamar Dodd School of Art** The University of Georgia
MFA 2012 Thesis Exhibition
- Gallery Bar** New York, New York
*We Feel Like *****
Curators: Bernadette Torres and Lia Morgan Camion (Founders, NY Art Shows)
- Foundry Art Centre** St. Charles, Missouri
Group 4 Show
- 2011
- Ciné** Athens, Georgia
Escape
Juror: Lauren Fancher (Artist and Coordinator, 6X6 Media Arts Events series)
- The Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition** Brooklyn, New York
Wide Open 2
Juror: Nathan Trotman (Associate Curator, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum of Art)
- Hampton Fine Art Gallery** Greensboro, Georgia
Grandeur Juried Artists International Exhibition
Jurors: Nancy Lukasiewicz (Curator of Exhibitions, Lyndon House Arts Center) and Jean Westmacott (Sculptor)
- 2010
- Chase Street Warehouses, Unit 4** Athens, Georgia
In Position: Works by Lauren Cunningham and Terence Tirpak
- Lamar Dodd School of Art**
Second Annual Student Juried Show
Juror: Brian Holcombe (Director and Founder, Saltworks Gallery)

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- 2010 **Madison Museum of Fine Art** Madison, Georgia
Making Masters
Jurors: Dr. Asen Kirin (Faculty, The University of Georgia), Kathryn Hall and Samantha Cole (MFA Art History students, The University of Georgia)
- 2009 **South Thomas Street Gallery** The University of Georgia
New Work
- The Edward M. Smith Gallery** Davidson College
The Creative Body (solo)
- Foundry Art Centre**
Of the Earth
Group 4 Show Award
Juror: Patrick Dougherty
- The Van Every Gallery** Davidson College
Annual Student Juried Art Exhibition
Honorable Mention
Juror: Lauren Ross (Curator and Director of Programs, The Highline, New York, NY)
- 2008 **Craven Arts Council and Gallery** New Bern, North Carolina
3rd Annual Juried Sculpture Show
First Place
Juror: Lawrence J. Wheeler (Director, North Carolina Museum of Art)
- Belk Visual Arts Center** Davidson College
Symmetries (solo)
- Anderson Ranch Arts Center**
Resident Artist & Staff Exhibition
- The Van Every Gallery**
Annual Student Juried Art Exhibition
Honorable Mention
Juror: Bill Fick (Director, Cockeyed Press)
- 2007 **Two Brothers Beauty Supply** Providence, Rhode Island
Providence Art Windows
Jurors: Diana Gaston (Associate Curator, Fidelity Investments), Michael Guy (Senior Graphic Designer, Trinity Repertory Company), and Jill Brody (Photographer)
- Florida State University Museum of Fine Art** Tallahassee, Florida
22nd Annual Combined Talents Florida International
First Place
Jurors: Joe Sanders and Holly Hanessian (Faculty, FSU Art Department)
- 2007 **The Van Every Gallery**
Annual Student Juried Art Exhibition
Best in Show
Juror: David Steel (Curator of European Art, North Carolina Museum of Art)
- 2006 **Ingersoll Rand Global Leadership Center** Charlotte, North Carolina
Display of artworks from a select group of Davidson College students

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REVIEWS

- 2012 Feaster, Felicia. "Spruill Gallery's focus on emerging artists refreshing." *The Atlanta Journal Constitution* (Atlanta, Georgia), July 3, 2012. Print and web.
- Barratt, Caroline. "LDSOA Exit Show." *Flagpole Magazine* (Athens, Georgia). April 11, 2012. Web.
- 2007 Kanitra, Meredith. "Lauren Cunningham: A Found Artist." *Creative Loafing* (Charlotte, North Carolina). 21.36: 15. Print and web.
- Sams, Sara. "The Collision of Planes: Impressions of Lauren Cunningham's Studio." *Libertas* (Davidson College).

LEADERSHIP

- 2010 **Host** The Visiting Artist and Scholar Program, The University of Georgia
Invited artist Donald Lipski to visit campus and give a lecture; planned Mr. Lipski's itinerary, which included critiques with graduate students and class visits; arranged for Mr. Lipski to give a talk on public art to the Georgia Sculptors' Society.
- 2007–2009 **Chair** The Labyrinth Committee, Davidson College
Built a permanent, outdoor labyrinth on campus; collaborated with school administrators, faculty, staff, and students on the project; secured a grant of \$2000 from the Bonner Community Fund to fund the construction; worked with the leaders of six student organizations to obtain \$5000 from the school; coordinated fundraisers that raised over \$2,800 for the project; arranged for labyrinth-expert Dr. Trisha Senterfitt to deliver a lecture on labyrinths.
- President** *Ars Longa* (Visual Arts Club), Davidson College
Led a weekend art tour to Atlanta, Georgia, and the Rural Studio in Newbern, Alabama; arranged for artist Sherri Lynn Wood to visit campus with the Mantra Trailer; planned and taught a "Drawing with Fire" workshop; scheduled and oversaw executive committee meetings.
- 2006–2007 **Head of Visual Projects** *Ars Longa*, Davidson College
Arranged for artist Willie Cole to visit campus and give a lecture; organized a walking tour of Charlotte's public art with Dr. Tom Hanchett (Historian, Levine Museum of the New South).

SERVICE

- 2011–present **Volunteer** Davidson Alumni Recruitment Team (DART), Davidson College
Represent Davidson College at local college fairs and admission events.
- 2012 **Panelist** The Graduate School, The University of Georgia
Answered questions about the graduate program at two functions hosted for accepted students.
- 2012 **Judge** Northeast Georgia National History Day Competition, The University of Georgia
Evaluated and ranked high school students' entries in the Exhibit category.
- 2010–2012 **Judge** Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW Post 2872, Athens, Georgia
Patriotic art contest for regional high school students

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CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- 2011 **College Art Association 99th Annual Conference** New York, New York
- 2010 **F.A.T.E. Regional Forum** The Art Institute of Atlanta, Decatur, Georgia
New Exercises in Foundations
Coordinator: Gary Pearce (Instructor, The Art Institute of Atlanta-Decatur)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2012 **Travel Safety and Security** The University of Georgia
Safety, security and emergency planning for school trips
Instructor: John Newton (Emergency Operations Manager, The University of Georgia)
- Designing Educational Games** The University of Georgia
Creating games for the classroom
Instructor: Casey O'Donnell (Assistant Professor, Telecommunications)
- 2011 **Excellence in Academic Advising** The University of Georgia
Philosophy and methods of academic advising
Instructors: Leigh Holland (Assistant Advising Coordinator, The University of Georgia) and
Elizabeth Fuller (Academic Advisor II, The University of Georgia)
- Conflict De-escalation Techniques** The University of Georgia
Strategies to prevent a confrontation from becoming violent
Instructor: John Newton (Emergency Operations Manager, The University of Georgia)
- State-Certified Forklift Operator** The University of Georgia
Instructor: Robert McCurley (Operations and Maintenance, The University of Georgia)
- 2008 **Therapeutic Laughter Workshop** CTCA Eastern Regional Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA
Received training and earned certification to lead laughter therapy sessions.
Instructor: Steve Wilson (President, World Laughter Tour, Inc.)
- 2007 **Natural Materials Sculpture** Anderson Ranch Arts Center, Snowmass Village, CO
Instructor: Patrick Dougherty
- Beginning Blacksmithing** John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, North Carolina
Instructor: Kenneth Thomas
- Beginning Glassblowing** Janke Studios, Atlanta, Georgia
Instructor: Matt Janke