

Jess Tolbert

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Education

- 2013** University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, MFA Studio Art / Craft / Metal, Magna Cum Laude
Avery Fellowship 2010-2011
- 2009** Texas State University, San Marcos, BFA Metalsmithing/Jewelry, Magna Cum Laude
- 2007** Study Abroad, Florence, Italy, Art History and Drawing
- 2005** National Student Exchange, West Chester University, West Chester, PA

Teaching and Professional Experience

- 2014-present** **Adjunct Instructor**, School of Art & Design, Texas State University, San Marcos
- Adjunct Instructor**, Southwest School of Art, San Antonio, Texas
- 2013-2014** **Visiting Assistant Professor**, School of Art+Design, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- 2011-2013** **Instructor of Record**, Jewelry/Metal, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- 2011-2012** **Gallery Attendant/Coordinator**: Free Print Fridays, Figure One Gallery, Champaign, IL
- 2010** **Visiting Artist**, Mold Making Workshop, Texas State University, San Marcos
- 2009** **Teaching Assistant**, Metals I, Professor Beverly Penn, Texas State University, San Marcos

Residencies

- 2015** **Open Studio Residency**, Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, Deer Isle, ME
- 2014-2015** **Artist in Residence**, Metal, Southwest School of Art, San Antonio, TX

Professional Activities

- 2015** Presenter, SNAG (Society of North American Goldsmiths) Annual Conference, Boston, MA
Curator/Organizer, *Infra-Ordinary*, 'Adorned Spaces' Pop-up Exhibit, SNAG Conference, Boston, MA

Exhibitions

- 2016** *Cooperation Garnish* Brooklyn Metal Works, Brooklyn, NY
- 2015** *Cooperation Garnish* Baltimore Jewelry Center, Baltimore, MD
Earrings Galore Heidi Lowe Gallery, Rehoboth Beach, DE
Earrings Galore SNAG Conference, Boston, MA
Infra-Ordinary Adorned Spaces, Boston, MA *curator
Metal @ Illinois Adorned Spaces, Boston, MA
Faculty Exhibition The University Galleries, Texas State University, San Marcos
- 2014** *Craft Forms 2014* 20th Anniversary, Wayne Art Center, Wayne, PA
Alumni Invitational 14th Annual, The University Galleries, Texas State University, San Marcos
Resolutely Ambiguous Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN
Art from the Heartland Indianapolis Art Center, Indianapolis, IN
Material Matters: Making Connections Art Avenue, Greenville, NC
Materials: Hard & Soft Greater Denton Arts Council, Denton, TX
- 2013** *Ctrl + A* Fine Arts Building, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Magnitude 7 Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
MFA Exhibition Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, IL
Encompass Link Gallery, Champaign, IL
Artificial Turf The Peanut Gallery, Chicago, IL
Post-Conceptual Glitter: A Mastery of Fine Arts Exhibition Lawton Gallery, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
Fabricated: An Exhibition of Wearable Art Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center,

Alexandria, VA *Best in Show Runner up, monetary reward*

2012	<i>OC/DC: Kitty City Art Collective</i>	E.A.S.T: East Austin Studio Tours, Austin, TX
	<i>Art Basil</i>	Link Gallery, Champaign, IL
	<i>Redefine/Refine</i>	Link Gallery, Champaign, IL
	<i>You, I, You, See</i>	Co Prosperity Sphere, Chicago, IL
2011	<i>Petri Dish</i>	Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria, VA
	<i>Engage!</i>	Link Gallery, Champaign, IL
	<i>Now Breath- Ex Voto</i>	St. Rochuskapel Chapel, Ravenstein, Netherlands In conjunction with Ruudt Peters' <i>Now Breath</i> workshop
	<i>CoOperation Tableware</i>	FANCY Gallery, Seattle, WA
	<i>Artsplasia</i>	Co Prosperity Sphere, Chicago, IL
	<i>Material World</i>	Link Gallery, Champaign, IL
2010	<i>Consensus</i>	The Firehouse Gallery, Del Rio, TX
	<i>6/6</i>	Indigo Gallery, Champaign, IL
	<i>Extremities: Exploring the Margins of the Human Body</i>	The Jung Center of Houston, Houston, TX
	<i>No Boundaries</i>	Glassell Junior School Building, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, TX
2009	<i>Still and Still Moving</i>	Joann Cole Mitte Gallery, San Marcos, TX
	<i>Friends of F8TL</i>	F8TL Studios, San Marcos, TX
	<i>Metal Evolution</i>	SNAG Conference, <i>Revolution</i> , Philadelphia, PA
	<i>Present/Represent</i>	SNAG Conference, <i>Revolution</i> , Philadelphia, PA
2008	<i>FASA Juried Show</i>	Gallery Lombardi, Austin, TX

Publications

2015	<i>10 Best Displays at SNAG Boston 2015</i> , Infra-Ordinary, Art Jewelry Forum
2014	<i>American Art Collector</i> , December 2014 Issue 110, interview
	<i>Shift Exhibition Review</i> Contributing Writer, Art Jewelry Forum
2013	<i>Magnitude 7</i> Exhibition Catalog
2012	EAST Austin Studio Tour Catalog
	<i>Austin Chronicle</i> , <i>Best Of</i> , Best Emergent Art Collective (EAST)
2009	Joann Cole Mitte Annual Gallery Brochure

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

2014	Center for Teaching Excellence, List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students, Fall 2013
2013	Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Convocation, May 2013
	Best in Show (runner up), <i>Fabricated: An Exhibition of Wearable Art</i> , Target Gallery, Alexandria, VA
2010-2011	Avery Fellowship, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Activities

2012- Present	Kitty City Art Collective, Austin, TX
2007- Present	SNAG- Society of North American Goldsmiths
2010- 2013	AGSO- Art Graduate Student Organization, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
2010- 2013	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Metals Guild (Treasurer since Spring 2011)
2008 - 2009	Orchesis Modern Dance Company, Texas State University
2007 - 2009	FASA- Fine Art Student Association, Texas State University
2007 - 2009	Texas State University Metals Guild Member and Fundraiser (President from 2008-2009)