

Curriculum Vitae

Education

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| 2024 | MFA, Ceramics. NSCAD University. Kijipuktuk/Halifax, NS.
Program Advisor: Rory MacDonald. |
| 2021 | BFA Honours, Ceramic/Business Administration. IshKaabatens
Waasa Gaa Inaabateg Department of Visual Art Brandon
University, Brandon, MB. |

Residencies

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| 2024-2025 | Long-Term Artist in Residence. Medalta International Artists in
Residence Program. Medicine Hat, AB. |
| 2022 | 2 Month Residency: FLEX @ Medalta. Medalta International
Artists in Residence Program, Medicine Hat, AB. |

Collaborative Projects

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| 2024-2025 | Manufactured Ecosystems, University of Guelph. Guelph, ON. |
| 2024-2025 | New Suns Worldbuilding Lab, Artengine. Ottawa, ON. |

Selected Solo Exhibitions

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| 2025 | <i>frogsong</i> . Yuill Family Gallery, Medalta in the Historic Clay District,
Medicine Hat, AB. |
| 2025 | <i>TBA</i> . Estevan Art Gallery & Museum, Estevan, SK |
| 2024 | <i>"it looked like your BioSuit"</i> MFA Thesis Exhibition, Anna
Leonowens Gallery, NSCAD University. Kijipuktuk/Halifax, NS. |
| 2021 | <i>Detritus</i> . BFA Honours Thesis Exhibition, Glen P. Sutherland
Gallery of Art. Brandon University, Brandon, MB. |

Selected Group Exhibitions

2025	<i>TBA</i> . New Suns Worldbuilding Lab Collective. Artengine, Ottawa, ON.
2025	<i>TBA</i> . Manufactured Ecosystems, University of Guelph. Guelph, ON.
2024	<i>SWARM</i> . Anna Leonowens Gallery, NSCAD University. Kjipuktuk/Halifax, NS. Curators: Shay Donovan and Autumn Star.
2023	<i>AX National Emerging Ceramic Artists Exhibition 2023</i> . AX Arts & Culture Center of Sussex. Sussex, NB.
2023	<i>Do-it-Yourself Shelters for the Wasteland Habitat!</i> Melanie Barnett and Lachlan Sheldrick. Anna Leonowens Gallery, NSCAD University, Kjipuktuk/Halifax, NS.
2023	<i>ICAF Next Generation</i> , 2023 International Ceramic Art Fair, Gardiner Museum, Toronto, ON.
2019	<i>Nuit Blanche Regina</i> . "Plastic Panic Room". Collaborator: Blaire Engel. Victoria Park, Regina, SK.
2018	<i>Between IV</i> . Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba. Brandon, MB.

Grants, Awards, and Scholarships

2024	Explore and Create: Research and Creation. Canada Council for the Arts.
2024	Governor General's Gold Medal in Academic Excellence
2023	Manitoba Arts Council Graduate Scholarship/Grant
2023	Nova Scotia Graduate Scholarship
2023	Canada Graduate Scholarship – Masters: Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC)
2022	Elizabeth Greenshields foundation Grant. 2022 Recipient. 1st Grant.
2021	Brandon University Gold Medal in the Bachelor of Fine Arts
2021	Manitoba Craft Council Bursary Fund.
2019	Manitoba Arts Council Undergraduate Scholarship/Grant

Curatorial Experience

2023	<i>Dreamhouse</i> , Anna Leonowens Gallery, NSCAD University. Kjipuktuk/Halifax, NS. Collaborator: Luke Pardy
2023	<i>Dreaming the Land</i> . Anna Leonowens Gallery. NSCAD University. Kjipuktuk/Halifax, NS. Collaborators: Megan Gellatly, Diane Langevin, Signy Holm, Nina Acosta, Wandi Zhou. Supervisor: Dr. Carla Taunton.

Teaching Experience

2024-present	Instructor. Medalta in the Historic Clay District, Medicine Hat, Alberta.
2022-2024	Teaching Assistant. NSCAD University, K'jipuktuk/Halifax, Nova Scotia.
2023	Instructor. NSCAD University, K'jipuktuk/Halifax, Nova Scotia.
2023	Instructor. Nova Scotia Center for Craft, K'jipuktuk/Halifax, NS.
2023	Instructor. Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, K'jipuktuk/Halifax, NS.

Selected Public Presentation History

2025	Presentation and Demonstration. <i>"it looked like your BioSuit": A Speculative Worldbuilding Project in Ceramic</i> , Ceramics and Glass Sustainability Symposium, Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery, Waterloo, ON
2024	Artist Talk. Medalta International Artist in Residence Program. Medalta in the Historic Clay District, Medicine Hat, AB.
2024	<i>Ecotones: Meeting Grounds for Scientific and Creative Methodologies</i> , Canadian Society for Education Through Art (CSEA-SCEA) Conference, 2024. Collaborators: Katherine Rae Diemert and Brigitta Zhao. Hosted by NSCAD University, K'jipuktuk/Halifax, NS.
2024	Artist Talk <i>"it looked like your BioSuit"</i> . Anna Leonowens Gallery, NSCAD University, K'jipuktuk/Halifax, NS.
2024	<i>Between Art and Science</i> , NSCAD University Graduate Symposium. Collaborators: Bin Zhao and Gracia Isabel Gomez Cantoya. Moderated by Luke Pardy. Hosted by NSCAD University, K'jipuktuk/Halifax, NS.
2021	Artist Talk. Melanie Barnett BFA Honours Thesis Artist Talk. Brandon University, Brandon, MB.

Publications

2024	<i>"it looked like your BioSuit"</i> MFA Thesis Publication. Independently printed, archived at the NSCAD University Library.
2022	Artsin Square Magazine. 2022. "Melanie Barnett." In Issue 3, by Artsin Square Magazine. 80-81. Canada.
2021	Art MAZE Mag. 2021. "Melanie Barnett." In Issue 22, by Art MAZE Mag, 144. London, England: Park Lane Press Ltd.