

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

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

Professional Development

- 2025 Groundlings. Workshop taught by Shary Boyle. Medalta in the Historic Clay District, Medicine Hat, AB.
- 2022 Pit Fire Pottery. Arts West Retreat. Riding Mountain National Park, MB
- 2021 Introduction to Clay Bodies Online. Ceramic Materials Workshop. Abbottstown, PA, USA (online course)

Residencies

- 2024-25 Long-Term Artist in Residence. Medalta International Artists in Residence Program. Medicine Hat, AB.
- 2022 2 Month Residency. Medalta International Artists in Residence Program, Medicine Hat, AB.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 *frogsong*. Yuill Family Gallery, Medalta in the Historic Clay District, Medicine Hat, AB.
- 2025 *"it looked like your BioSuit"*. Estevan Art Gallery & Museum, Estevan, SK.
- 2024 *"it looked like your BioSuit"* MFA Thesis Exhibition, Anna Leonowens Gallery, NSCAD University. K'jipuktuk/Halifax, NS.
- 2022 *Detritus*. Killarney Heritage House for the Arts, Killarney, MB.
- 2021 *Detritus*. Prairie Fusion Arts & Entertainment, Atrium Gallery. Portage la Prairie, MB
- 2021 *Detritus*. Wasagaming Community Arts. Wasagaming, MB.
- 2021 *Detritus*. BFA hons. Thesis Exhibition, Glen P. Sutherland Gallery of Art. Brandon University, Brandon, MB.

Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *This is Your BioSuit*. Community-based collaborative collage. Lumiere 2025. Sydney, NS.
- 2025 *New Suns*. New Suns Worldbuilding Lab Collective. Artengine, Ottawa, ON.
- 2025 *Manufactured Ecosystems*. Manufactured Ecosystems, Zavitz Gallery, University of Guelph. Guelph, ON.
- 2024 *20th Annual Members' Show*. Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba. Brandon, MB.
- 2024 *SWARM*. Anna Leonowens Gallery, NSCAD University. K'jipuktuk/Halifax, NS.
- 2023 *AX National Emerging Ceramic Artists Exhibition 2023*. AX Arts & Culture Center of Sussex. Sussex, NB.
- 2023 *Sustainability Through Craft*. Mary E. Black Gallery, Center for Craft Nova Scotia. K'jipuktuk/Halifax, NS.
- 2023 *NSCAD MFA Group Exhibition*. Anna Leonowens Gallery, NSCAD University. K'jipuktuk/Halifax, NS.
- 2023 *Do-it-Yourself Shelters for the Wasteland Habitat!* Melanie Barnett and Lachlan Sheldrick. Anna Leonowens Gallery, NSCAD University, K'jipuktuk/Halifax, NS.
- 2023 *ICAF Next Generation*, 2023 International Ceramic Art Fair, Gardiner Museum, Toronto, ON.
- 2022 *Strata*, Anna Leonowens Gallery, NSCAD University. K'jipuktuk/Halifax, NS.
- 2021 *Pacific Art League 100th Anniversary Exhibition*, Pacific Art League. Palo Alto, CA, USA.
- 2021 *Lasting*. Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba. Brandon, MB.
- 2020 *16th Annual Members' Show*. Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba. Brandon, MB.
- 2019 *Nuit Blanche Regina*. "Plastic Panic Room". Collaborator: Blaire Engel. Victoria Park, Regina, SK.
- 2019 *Making Our Mark 2*. Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba. Brandon, MB.

- 2019 = *for Everyone*. Glen P. Sutherland Gallery of Art, Brandon University. Brandon, MB.
- 2018 *Between IV*. Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba. Brandon, MB.
- 2018 *3rd Annual Wheat City Nuit Blanche*. "BUFASA Live Portrait Drawing" Medallion Room and Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba. Brandon, MB.

Public Presentation History

- 2025 Artist Talk. *Speculative Agroecosystems*. Hosted by Manufactured Ecosystems, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON. (online).
- 2025 Demonstration. Medalta in the Historic Clay District. Hosted by The Medicine Hat Potters' Association. Medicine Hat, AB.
- 2025 Artist Talk & Panel Discussion. Yuill Family Gallery, Medalta in the Historic Clay District.
- 2025 Pechakucha. *Making a Sci-Fi Sandwich out of Bologna and Frogs*. Esplanade, Medicine Hat, AB.
- 2025 Artist Talk and Presentation. "*it looked like your BioSuit*" A Speculative Worldbuilding Project in Ceramic, University of the Fraser Valley. March, 2025.
- 2025 Presentation and Demonstration. "*it looked like your BioSuit*" A Speculative Worldbuilding Project in Ceramic, Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery, Ceramics and Sustainability Symposium, January, 2025.
- 2024 Artist Talk. Medalta International Artist in Residence Program. Medalta in the Historic Clay District, Medicine Hat, Alberta.
- 2024 *Ecotones: Meeting Grounds for Scientific and Creative Methodologies*, 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 for "*it looked like your BioSuit*" MFA Thesis Exhibition. Anna Leonowens Gallery, NSCAD University, K'jipuktuk/Halifax, NS.
- 2024 *Between Art and Science*, NSCAD University Graduate Symposium. Collaborators: Bin Zhao and Gracia Isabel Gomez Cantoya. Moderated by Luke Pardy. Hosted by NSCAD University, K'jipuktuk/Halifax, NS.
- 2022 Artist Talk. Killarney Turtle Mountain Arts Council Heritage House for the Arts. Killarney, MB.
- 2022 Artist Talk. Medalta International Artist in Residence Program. Medalta in the Historic Clay District, Medicine Hat, Alberta.
- 2021 Artist Talk. Wasagaming Community Arts Artist Talk Series, July 2021. Wasagaming, MB.
- 2021 Artist Talk and Workshop (online). Eco-Arts Presentations and Workshops. Brandon, MB.
- 2021 Artist Talk. Lunch & Look with Melanie Barnett, Eleni Kilbride, Linda Aleta Tame, and Blaire Trenaman. Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba, Brandon, MB.
- 2021 Artist Talk. Melanie Barnett BFA Honours Thesis Artist Talk. Brandon University, Brandon, MB.

Grants, Awards, & Scholarships

- 2024 Explore and Create: Research and Creation. Canada Council for the Arts.
- 2024 Governor Generals 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 Receiptient. 1st Grant.
- 2022 Joan Catherine DeWolfe Scholarship. NSCAD University
- 2022 NSCAD University Entrance Scholarship
- 2021 Brandon University Gold Medal in the Bachelor of Fine Arts (Honours)
- 2021 Manitoba Craft Council Bursary Fund.
- 2020 Networks Scholarship in Visual and Aboriginal Art. Brandon University.
- 2020 Darren Gusdal Memorial Bursary. Arts West Artist Retreat.
- 2019 Manitoba Arts Council Undergraduate Scholarship/Grant.
- 2019 Networks Scholarship/Bursary in Visual and Aboriginal Art, Brandon University.
- 2018 Brandon College of '50 Millennium Scholarship. Brandon University.

- 2017 G. F. MacDowell Scholarship in Principles of Economics. Brandon University.
2016 Brandon University Entrance Scholarships

Teaching Experience

- 2024-2025 Instructor. Medalta in the Historic Clay District, Medicine Hat, Alberta.
2024 Teaching Assistant. NSCAD University, K'jipuktuk/Halifax, Nova Scotia.
2023 Instructor. Adv. Wksp. Figurative Ceramics NSCAD University, K'jipuktuk/Halifax, Nova Scotia.
2023 Instructor. Nova Scotia Center for Craft, K'jipuktuk/Halifax, NS.
2023 Instructor: Youth Art Camps. Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, K'jipuktuk/Halifax, NS.
2022-23 Teaching Assistant. NSCAD University, K'jipuktuk/Halifax, Nova Scotia.
2021-22 Eco-Arts Presentations and Workshops. École secondaire Neelin High School, Brandon, MB.
2018-22 Instructor. Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba

Curatorial

- 2023 *Dreamhouse*, Anna Leonowens Gallery, NSCAD University. K'jipuktuk/Halifax, NS.
Collaborator: Luke Parody.
2023 *Dreaming the Land*. Anna Leonowens Gallery. NSCAD University. K'jipuktuk/Halifax, NS. Collaborators:
Megan Gellatly, Diane Langevin, Signy Holm, Nina Acosta, Wandu Zhou. Supervisor: Dr. Carla Taunton.

Adjudication

- 2024 Mary E. Black Gallery 2026 Exhibitions Committee. Centre for Craft Nova Scotia. K'jipuktuk/Halifax, NS.
2018 Rural by Design Art Contest, Rural Development Institute. Brandon University. Brandon, MB.

Publications

- 2024 *"it looked like your BioSuit"*. Independently printed, archived at the NSCAD University Library.
2023 *Did You Read My Diary?* Exhibition Catalogue/ Publication. NSCAD University, K'jipuktuk/Halifax, NS.
2022 Artsin Square Magazine. 2022. "Melanie Barnett." In Issue 3, by Artsin Square Magazine. 80-81. Canada,
2022 Art+Type Magazine. 2022. "Melanie Barnett." in Issue 3, by Art+Type Magazine. 31-32. New York, USA:
Art+Type Magazine.
2021 Art MAZE Mag. 2021. "Melanie Barnett." In Issue 22, by Art MAZE Mag, 144. London, England:
Park Lane Press Ltd.

Governance & Leadership

- 2025- Director at Large. Grasslands Naturalists, Medicine Hat, AB.
2020-21 Treasurer. Brandon University Fine Art Students Association. Brandon, MB.
2017-18 Chair. Brandon University Fine Art Students Association. Brandon, MB.