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EDUCATION

2010 MFA, University of California, Los Angeles, CA
2005-6 Special studies, California State University, Long Beach, CA
2003-5 Continuing education, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, CA
2002 BS, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
BA, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2015 *Torsos & Buckets: Amy Bessone, Matthias Merkel Hess*, Salon 94 Freemans, New York, NY (forthcoming)
MRKL, Peters Projects, Santa Fe, NM (forthcoming)
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2014 *MerkelWare Party*, Marine Projects, Los Angeles, CA
Things, Volume Gallery, Chicago, IL
Water and Gasoline, Burnet Gallery in Le Méridien Chambers, Minneapolis, MN
2013 *Oeuvreday*, James Harris Gallery, Seattle, CA
Hereafter, Salon 94 Freemans, New York, NY
Anvils, ACME., Los Angeles, CA
2011 *Bucketry*, ACME., Los Angeles, CA
Two Projects and a Drawing, Mary Moody Gallery, West Texas A&M, Amarillo, Texas
Spottieottiedopaliscious Dishes, IKO IKO at Space 1520, Los Angeles, CA
2010 *Devils Tower-LA*, Las Cienegas Projects, Los Angeles, CA
Fine Art 626-394-3963, 18th Street Arts Center Project Room, Santa Monica, CA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2014 *Cassius Clay*, Marcelle Joseph Projects, London, England
Transmogrification of the Ordinary, Angles Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
20 Years of ACME., ACME., Los Angeles, CA
Another Cats Show, 356 Mission, Los Angeles
More Material, curated by Duro Olowu, Salon 94 Bowery, New York
Corporeal Impulse: Julia Haft-Candell, Matt Merkel Hess, Jeffry Mitchell, Kathleen Ryan, Bari Ziperstein, curated by Allyson Unzicker, Vincent Price Art Museum, Monterey Park, CA

- 2013 *HIGH LOW*, Irvine Fine Arts Center, Irvine, CA
The Cat Show, curated by Rhonda Lieberman, White Columns, New York, NY
Faux Real, Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA
Salon No. 10: The Boy's Club, Marine Art Salon, Venice, CA
The White Album, Louis B. James Gallery, New York, NY
A Thousand Hours, Jane Deering Gallery, Santa Barbara, CA
- 2012 *Americana*, Grey Area, New York, NY
Venice Beach Biennial, curated by Ali Subotnik, Venice, CA
The Planter Show, ForYourArt, Los Angeles, CA
SUM. Matthias Merkel Hess, William J. O'Brien, Arlene Shechet, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, KS
Material, curated by Duro Olowu, Salon 94 Freemans, New York, NY
- 2011 *001*, Favorite Goods, Los Angeles, CA
Works of Paper, ACME., Los Angeles, CA
Paul Clay, Salon 94 Bowery, New York, NY
Los Angeles Museum of Ceramic Art, ACME., Los Angeles, CA
EXTRAordinary LIFE series, IKO IKO at Space 1520, Los Angeles, CA
- 2010 *Monster Drawing Rally*, Outpost for Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA
Haunted JMOCA, Justin's Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA
(N)either Swords (N)or Ploughshares, Cerritos College Gallery, Cerritos, CA
Wet Paint II, Steve Turner Contemporary, Los Angeles, CA
Keramik, Pacific Design Center, West Hollywood, CA
UCLA MFA Thesis Show #1, New Wight Gallery, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
- 2009 *UCLA MFA 2010 Group Show*, New Wight Gallery, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
Greater LA MFA Exhibition, California State University, Long Beach, CA
College Art Association Los Angeles MFA Exhibition, USC Roski Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2008 *Greater LA MFA Exhibition*, California State University, Long Beach, CA
- 2006 *Insights 2006: The Annual Student Exhibition*, University Art Museum, California State University, Long Beach, CA

CURATORIAL

- 2012 *The Planter Show*, ForYourArt, Los Angeles, CA co-curator with Lisa Sitko
- 2008 Group Effort: Collaboration as Form and Process, Wight Biennial 2008, Wight Gallery, University of California, Los Angeles, co-curator with Jennifer Gradecki, Alexandro Segade and Wu Tsang

LECTURES

- 2013 Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, CA
 Biola University, La Mirada, CA
 Chapman University, Orange, CA
 Santa Barbara City College, Santa Barbara, CA
- 2012 Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, KS
 Visiting Artist Talk, Ceramics Department, Otis College of Art & Design, Los Angeles, CA
- 2011 Visiting Artist Talk and Seminar, West Texas A&M, Amarillo, TX
- 2010 Visiting Artist Talk, Ceramics Department, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
 Visiting Artist Talk, Ceramics Department, Cerritos College, Norwalk, CA

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2014	Fellowship for Visual Arts, Emerging Artist, California Community Foundation
2010	18 th Street Arts Center Project Room Award
2009	Elaine Krown Klein Award, University of California, Los Angeles, CA
2009	Laura Andreson Ceramics Scholarship, University of California, Los Angeles, CA
2009	Matthias Denny Award, University of California, Los Angeles, CA
2009	Hoyt Scholarship, University of California, Los Angeles, CA
2008	Hyman Eugene Oxman Scholarship, University of California, Los Angeles, CA
2007	Laura Andreson Ceramics Scholarship, University of California, Los Angeles, CA
2006	Fine Arts Affiliates Scholarship, California State University, Long Beach, CA
2005	Art Department Scholarship, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, CA

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2013	Graves, Jen. "Touching Things," <i>The Stranger</i> , Vol 23, No. 2, September 11-17, page 27. Ollman, Leah. "Paying Homage to the Humble Anvil," <i>Los Angeles Times</i> , June 19. Zara, Janelle. "Art for the Afterlife," <i>Modern Painters</i> , May. Donelan, Charles. "Light Touch: Ceramics and Photography on Display," <i>Santa Barbara Independent</i> , 17 Jan. Suqi, Rima. "Ceramics that make the afterlife more fun," <i>New York Times</i> , 19 June.
2012	Ollman, Leah. "The Happy Medium," <i>Art in America</i> , December 2012. Harris, Gareth and Riah Pryor. "Domestic Bliss Meets DIY," <i>The Art Newspaper</i> , Frieze Art Fair Friday edition, 17 Oct. 2012, p. 2. Finkel, Jori. "Venice Beach gets a Breezy Biennial on the Boardwalk," <i>The Los Angeles Times</i> , 11 Jul. Drohojowska-Philp, Hunter. "Biennial Goes to the Boardwalk," <i>KCRW Art Talk</i> , 12 Jul. Wagley, Catherine. "Venice Beach Biennial Preview: 'Art World' Artists Meet Boardwalk Vendors," <i>LA Weekly</i> , 12 Jul, 2012 Rolnik, Daniel. "Recap of the 2012 Venice Beach Biennial," <i>Argot & Ochre</i> , July 18. Thorson, Alice. "Nerman shows the power of ceramics," <i>The Kansas City Star</i> , June 17. "Artist of the Week: Matthias Merkel Hess," lvl3.tumblr.com 2 April. Artist Project, Slake, Issue #4 "Dirt," P. 208-211, Apr. 2012 Smith, Roberta. "Duro Olowu: Material," <i>New York Times</i> , 2 March 2012. Ollman, Leah. "Peering into Clay's Tectonic Shift," <i>Los Angeles Times</i> , January 29. Shaw, Michael. "Matthias Merkel Hess: Come for the Merkel, Stay for the Bucketry," <i>The Conversation: an Artist Podcast</i> , notesonlooking.com , 13 Jan.
2011	Hodge, Brooke. "Seeing Things I Matthias Merkel Hess," <i>The New York Times Style Magazine</i> , December 8. Ollman, Leah, "Art Review: Aaron Morse and Matthias Merkel Hess at ACME," <i>Los Angeles Times</i> , 8 Dec. Wagley, Catherine. "Five Artsy Things to See This Week," <i>LA Weekly</i> , 1 Dec. Baum, Gary, Marissa Gluck and Alexis Johnson. "Arts & Power: On the Make," <i>Angeleno Magazine</i> , Dec. "Pin-Up Menagerie: A Collection of 69 Beautiful Things," <i>Pin-Up Magazine</i> , Issue 11, Fall/Winter 2011-2012, p.167. Hodge, Brooke. "Iko Iko Goes West," <i>Seeing Things blog</i> , <i>New York Times T Magazine</i> , 18 Aug. Ollman, Leah. "Art review: 'Works of Paper' at ACME," <i>Los Angeles Times</i> , 21 Jul. Smith, Roberta. "Paul Clay," <i>New York Times</i> , June 30. Kilston, Lyra. "Los Angeles Museum of Ceramic Art," <i>Artforum.com Critics' Pick</i> , January

20.

Pagel, David. "Los Angeles Museum of Ceramic Art at ACME." *Los Angeles Times*,
January 13.

AWARDS

2009 Elaine Brown Klein Award, University of California, Los Angeles, CA
Matthias Denny Award, University of California, Los Angeles, CA
Hoyt Scholarship, University of California, Los Angeles, CA
2008 Hyman Eugene Oxman Scholarship, University of California, Los Angeles, CA
2007 Laura Anderson Ceramics Scholarship, University of California, Los Angeles, CA
2006 Fine Arts Affiliates Scholarship, California State University, Long Beach, CA
2005 Art Department Scholarship, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, CA

MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Cedar Rapids, IA
Hallmark Art Collection, Kansas City, MO
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Houston, TX
Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, KS