

## Artist Statement

## Harmony of Repetition

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Through the lens of functional pottery I focus on questions about our relationship with objects. I explore the concept of humanity's authority over landscape and record of construction as a form of time materialized. The geographical layered strata of each vessel represent fragments or glimpses into the density of every assemblage. With the intersections and overlaps, I contemplate the dynamic relationship between materiality and landscape and our attempt to control it. Each vessel is made using clay that is artificially colored to reference natural tones. The juxtaposition of the natural and artificial speaks to a notion of manicured space in an attempt to cultivate order.

Focusing on the fluidity of process and materials as remnants of making, I work with a limited number of tools and movements to allow the clay to actively inform the line quality and elegant volume. Relying heavily on the physicality of the technique I generously push and pull these lines to develop an undulation that resembles natural rhythms. The harmony of repetition comes through meditation of movement. The presence of process in the work is essential as my forms are searching for confidence in their construction. The conversation between the stained clay and glaze, obscuring or revealing, explores a didactic look at color as body and color as skin.

## Title

| Figure 1: | Harmony of Repetition (Detail) | Installation | Gallery View of Ceramic Exhibit |
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| Figure 2: | Black and Blue Bottles | Ceramic | Colored Porcelain, Glaze, 10.5 in $\times 4.5$ in $\times 4.5 \mathrm{in}$ |
| Figure 3: | Mug Stack | Ceramic | Colored Porcelain, Black Stoneware, Glaze, 4.5 in $\times 4.5$ in $\times 3.5$ in |
| Figure 4: | Blue Mini Moons | Ceramic | Colored Porcelain, Red Stoneware, Glaze, 4.5 in $\times 4.5$ in $\times 4.5$ in |
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| Figure 6: | Tumblers | Ceramic | Colored Porcelain, Glaze, 6 in $\times 3.5$ in $\times 3.5 \mathrm{in}$ |


| Figure 13: | Large Red Jar | Ceramic | Red Stoneware, Glaze, 24.5 in $\times 14.5$ in $\times 14.5$ in |
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Figure 1: Harmony of Repetition (Detail)


Figure 2: Black and Blue Bottles


Figure 3: Mug Stack


Figure 4: Blue Mini Moons


Figure 5: Blue Mini Moons (Detail)


Figure 6: Tumblers


Figure 7: Snifters Pair


Figure 8: Snifters Pair (Bottom)


Figure 9: Blue Teapot and Saucer


Figure 10: Blue Saucer (Bottom)


Figure 11: Large Blue Jar


Figure 12: Large Blue Jar (Detail)


Figure 13: Large Red Jar


Figure 14: Large White Jar


Figure 15: Large White Jar (Detail)


Figure 16: Harmony of Repetition


Figure 17: Harmony of Repetition

