

# Lotus Bermudez

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## Education

- 2002 - 2004 MFA Studio Art - Sculpture/Ceramics, University of Houston  
2001 - 2002 Graduate Studies, University of North Texas  
1997 - 2000 BFA Sculpture/Ceramics, Art History Minor, Magna cum Laude, University of Houston  
1996 - 1997 Galveston College  
1994 - 1996 TX A&M Galveston

## Teaching/Business

- 2013 - Current Co-Owner of Third Coast Clay, Community Clay Studio  
2014 - Current Co-Owner TAB Electric, Electrical Contractor  
2011 - Current Owner of ClayMatter, Artist Business Name  
2010 - 2015 Sculpture Artist Affiliate at University of Houston  
2008 - 2009 Sculpture Affiliate Artist at University of Houston, Ceramics Adjunct at Houston Community College Central  
2006 - 2008 Sculpture Affiliate Artist at University of Houston, Ceramics Adjunct at Lone Star Montgomery Community College  
2004 - 2006 Adjunct and Continuing Education Professor at Houston Community College SW/ Stafford College and Lone Star Montgomery Community College  
2003 - 2004 Teaching Fellow and Teaching Assistant, University of Houston, TX, Fundamentals and Intermediate Ceramics, (instructor of record), loaded and fired kilns (electric, gas, and raku), mixed glazes and clay, studio reorganization and maintenance  
2003 Adjunct Professor College of the Mainland, Texas City, TX  
2002 - 2003 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Teacher, KIPP 3D Academy, Houston, TX, TAKS compliant, set-up new art classroom and curriculum  
2001 - 2002 Teaching Assistant, University of North Texas, Denton, TX, Design I and Design II (instructor of record)  
1998 - 2000 Private Ceramic Instructor/Assistant, Foelber Studio, Houston, TX

## Solo & Two Person Exhibitions

- 2024 *Lotus & Jordan Phillips*, Houston Cider Co, Houston, TX  
2013 *A Full Plate*, Solo Show, Galveston College, Galveston, TX  
*Joe Winston & Lotus*, The Art Studio, Beaumont, TX  
*Clean Plate Club*, Winter St Studio, Houston, TX  
2012 *Dirty Dozen*, San Jacinto College Central Fine Arts Gallery, Pasadena, TX  
2011 *Betsy Evans & Lotus*, 18 Hands Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Amber Tiemann & Lotus*, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft  
2007 *Lotus Witt & Rodney Navarre: Twist & Spout*, Houston Potters Guild, Houston, TX  
2006 *Lotus Witt: Ceramic Works*, Montgomery College, Conroe, TX  
2005 *Spiked*, Houston Potters Guild Gallery, Houston, TX  
2000 *Laura and Lotus*, Foelber Gallery, Houston, TX

## Selected Group Exhibitions/Festivals

- 2025 *Between Me and You*, Houston Endowment Building, Houston, TX
- 2024 *Grounded in Clay: Rooted in Community*, Houston City Hall Rotunda, TX  
*Endless Summer*, Foltz Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Friends*, Bolton Davis Gallery, Alexandria, LA  
*Third Coast Clay & Friends Art Festival*, Houston, TX  
*EBH Invitational*, Archway Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Art with a Purpose*, Brookwood Gallery, Brookshire, TX  
*Texas Clay Festival*, Gruene, TX
- 2023 *Texas Dimensional*, San Antonio Art League & Museum  
*Bayou City Clay Crawl*, ClayHouston at Third Coast Clay  
*Texas Clay Festival*, Gruene, TX  
*Bayou City Arts Festival Houston*  
*Texas Sculpture Group Exhibition*, Irving, TX  
*Lavender Festival*, Blanco, TX
- 2022 *Texas Clay Festival*, Gruene, TX  
*Bayou City Arts Festival Houston*  
*Lavender Festival*, Blanco, TX
- 2021 *Texas Clay Festival*, Gruene, TX  
*Bayou City Arts Festival Houston*  
*Bayou City Clay Crawl*, ClayHouston at Third Coast Clay  
*Lavender Festival*, Blanco, TX
- 2019 *Spree*, Front Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Rockport Arts Festival*, Rockport, TX  
*Lavender Festival*, Blanco, TX  
*Texas Clay Festival*, Gruene, TX  
*Houston Center for Contemporary Craft Holiday Show*
- 2018 *Fiesta Arts Fair San Antonio*, TX  
*Rockport Arts Festival*  
*Texas Clay Festival*, Gruene, TX
- 2017 *Texas Clay Festival*, Gruene, TX
- 2016 *Texas Clay Festival*, Gruene, TX
- 2015 *NCECA: Gallery Expo*, Providence, RI  
*Sculpture Invitational*, The Art Studio, Beaumont, TX  
*Bayou City Arts Festival*, Memorial Park, Houston, TX
- 2014 *8th Annual CAMEO Show*, Dishman Art Museum, Beaumont, TX  
*Gun Show*, Art Car Museum, Houston, TX  
*Acquae Obscurae*, Beaumont, TX  
*Texas Clay Festival*, Gruene, TX  
*Four Texas Potters*, Pasadena, TX
- 2013 *Bayou City Arts Festival*, Houston, TX  
*NCECA: Gallery Expo*, Houston, TX  
*Texas Clay Festival*, Gruene, TX  
*Third Coast Clay Holiday Show*, Houston, TX  
*Bluegrass Bourbon*, Kentucky Museum of Art, Louisville, KY  
*Houston Pop Shop*, Houston, TX  
*Houston International Festival*, Houston, TX
- 2012 *Annual Juried Exhibition*, Live Oak Art Center, Columbus, TX

- Six Pack Show*, Coop Gallery, San Angelo, TX  
*NCECA: Gallery Expo*, Seattle, WA  
*Texas Clay Festival*, Gruene, TX  
*Craftidote*, Houston, TX  
*Houston Holiday Shop*, Houston, TX  
*Five X Seven*, AMOA-Arthouse, Austin, TX
- 2011 *Crafting Live(s): 10 Years of Artists-in-Residence*, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX  
*Spectrum*, Avis Frank Gallery, Galveston, TX  
*NCECA: Gallery Expo*, Tampa, FL  
*Defining Green*, Russ Pitman Park, Bellaire, TX  
*Texas Clay Festival*, Gruene, TX  
*Six Pack Show*, Live Oak Art Center, Columbus, TX
- 2010 *Texas Clay Festival*, Gruene, TX  
*Preserving Space*, Russ Pittman Park, Bellaire, TX  
*NCECA: Gallery Expo*, Philadelphia, PA  
*Inspired in Education*, 18 Hands Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2008 *Orton Cone Box Show*, Baldwin City, Kansas  
*Lost & Found*, Janette Kennedy Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Texas Clay Festival*, Gruene, TX  
*Craft Texas*, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX  
*Open Studio*, Studio 2017, Houston, TX  
*Clay Houston Festival*, Houston, TX
- 2007 *Open Studio*, Studio 2017, Houston, TX  
*ARToberFest*, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fine Art Festival, Galveston, TX  
*AIR Craft*, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX  
*Clay Houston Festival*, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX
- 2006 *Clay Houston Festival*, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX  
*8<sup>th</sup> Annual Ikebana*, Houston Potters Guild Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Faculty Show*, Montgomery College, Conroe, TX  
*Faculty Show*, HCC SW Stafford, Stafford, TX
- 2005 *Faculty Show*, Montgomery College, Conroe, TX  
*Houston Potters Guild Show*, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX  
*Contemporary Clay*, Design Works, Galveston, TX  
*25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show*, Houston Potters Guild Gallery, Houston, TX  
*New Members Show*, Houston Potters Guild Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2004 *Faculty Show*, HCC SW Stafford, Stafford, TX  
*Faculty Show*, Montgomery College, Conroe, TX  
*Masters Thesis Exhibition*, Blaffer Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2003 *Art Crawl*, Commerce Street Artist Warehouse, Houston, TX  
*5 X 7*, Art House at the Jones Center, Austin, TX  
*50/50*, C. S. A.W., Houston, TX  
*Fresh Fire*, Mixed Bag Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Texas Arts and Crafts Festival*, Shriner University, Kerrville, TX  
*Emerging Artists*, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, TX  
*Sculpture Garden Opening*, Univ. of Houston South Park Annex, TX
- 2002 *Art Crawl*, Commerce Street Artist Warehouse, Houston, TX  
*Mélange*, Gerald D. Hines School of Architecture, Houston, TX

- Big Show Small Space*, Gallery\_803, Denton, TX  
*Denton Jazz Festival*, Denton, TX  
2001 *Art Crawl*, Preston Workshop, Houston, TX  
*UNT Ceramics Graduate Show*, Denton, TX  
2000 *Art and Craft Juried Competition*, Art Museum of South Texas,  
Corpus Christi, TX, Susan Peterson Juror  
*Art Crawl*, Preston Workshop, Houston, TX  
*Let There be Light*, Foelber Gallery, Houston, TX  
*TAACL Annual Exhibition*, TAACL, Clear Lake, TX

## **Conferences and Workshops**

- 2024 Artist Demonstrator, Texas Arts Educators Assn Conference, Galveston, TX  
Artist Demonstrator, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX  
Artist Workshop Presenter, Third Coast Clay, Houston, TX  
2023 Artist Demonstrator, TexasClay Festival, online and on-site, Gruene, TX  
Artist Affiliate, Fire Under the Oaks, Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art, Biloxi, MS  
2015 Artist Lecture & Workshop, Lutheran North High School, Houston, TX  
2014 Artist Lecture, ClayHouston, TX  
2013 Artist Lecture & Workshop, Galveston College, Galveston, TX  
Artist Lecture & Workshop, Lone Star Mont. College, Conroe, TX  
Artist Lecture, NCECA: Gallery Expo, Houston, TX  
Artist Lecture, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, TX  
2012 Artist Lecture & Workshop, San Jacinto Central College, Pasadena, TX  
Artist Lecture & Workshop, Victoria College, Victoria, TX  
Artist Lecture & Presenter, ClayHouston, Houston, TX  
2010 Artist Demonstration at Houston Center for Contemporary Craft (Nov), Houston, TX  
Artist Workshop/Demonstration Lee College, Baytown, TX  
2008 Artist Demonstration at Houston Center for Contemporary Craft (Nov), Houston, TX  
2007 HISD Art Teacher Workshop: Ceramics Course, lead workshop, Houston Center for  
Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX  
Thinking Outside the Bowl Workshop, led the artist workshop, Houston Center for  
Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX  
Artist Lecture and Demo, Cesar Chavez High School, Houston, TX  
2003 Artist Demonstration, KIPP 3D Academy, Houston, TX  
Artist Lecture, NCECA Graduate Forum, San Diego, CA  
2002 Artist Workshop, College of the Mainland, Texas City, TX  
2001 Hotter than a Texas Summer, Wood kiln building and firing workshop, University of  
North Texas, Denton, TX

## **Current Gallery Representation**

The Barn Gallery, Gruene, TX  
Brieger Pottery, Blanco, TX

## **Former Gallery Representations**

18 Hands Gallery, Houston, TX  
Asher Gallery, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft

## Projects, Commissions, Publications & Press

- 2025 Support for Artists Grant, City of Houston and Houston Arts Alliance  
100 Bowl Donation Challenge, Empty Bowls Houston
- 2024 Orange Show Artist Open House, Orange Show, Houston, TX
- 2023 Let Creativity Happen Grant, City of Houston and Houston Arts Alliance  
Orange Show Artist Open House, Orange Show, Houston, TX
- 2022 Commission from Root Lab to create large Vessel series for Houston Museum of Natural Science: King Tut Exhibition
- 2018 Empty Bowls Fundraiser and Bowl-A-Thon at Third Coast Clay
- 2014 New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung, Published image, Oct. 26  
UH Bowl-A-Thon to support Houston Empty Bowls
- 2013 Houston Chronicle, Molding Matters of Life & Death, Oct. 11th  
Galveston Daily News, Nov. 4th  
UH Bowl-A-Thon to support Houston Empty Bowls
- 2012 Cover of webpage on Houston Press.com May, 13th  
UH Bowl-A-Thon to support Houston Empty Bowls
- 2011 Work in The Daily News, Galveston, TX  
UH Bowl-A-Thon to support Houston Empty Bowls
- 2010 Art Review of work featured in article on culturemap.com  
UH Bowl-A-Thon to support Houston Empty Bowls
- 2009 Co-Chair of Empty Bowls Houston  
Curated Exhibition for UH Class to install works in HCCC Craft Garden  
UH Bowl-A-Thon to support Houston Empty Bowls
- 2008 Work Published in Clay Times, July/August issue  
Published image in the Craft Report, October issue  
Co-Chair of Empty Bowls Houston  
Work Published in the Crafts Report, October Issue  
Work published in Clay Times, The Gallery, July/August Vol. 14, No. 4  
Curated Exhibition for UH Class to install works in HCCC Craft Garden
- 2007 Artist in Residence at Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, May 07 – Jan 08  
Chair of Empty Bowls Houston  
UH Bowl-A-Thon to support Houston Empty Bowls  
Filmed/Interviewed for "the StyleFyle": Houston, TX
- 2006 Artist in Residence at Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, July– Sept., also participated in the Mentorship Program with HSPVA student
- 2005 Work Published in Ceramics Monthly, October issue  
Featured Artist HGTV (Home and Garden Television) for “That’s Clever”, Season 2  
Wood kiln building at Montgomery College, Conroe, TX
- 2003 Commissioned sculpture for Texas Children’s Hospital for Birthday Gala (signed by George and Barbara Bush), Houston, TX
- 2000 Assisted creation and installation of *Organ Grinder*, with Dwayne Bohuslav, Univ of Houston Architecture Building, Houston, TX  
Assisted with renovation of one of the houses at Project Row Houses, Houston, TX
- 1999 - 2002 Three Outdoor Ceramic Murals created, working with the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, City of Houston, Spark Park, & H.I.S.D., Installations for Thompson, Ryan, and Looscan Elementary Schools
- 2000 - 2001 Building Wood Kiln with Daryl McCracken for Katherine McKinnin, Chappell Hill, TX

## **Affiliations**

- 2023 Texas Clay Festival, Board of Directors  
Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Member
- 2022 Texas Sculpture Group/ISC Member  
Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Member
- 2014 - 2024 Clay Houston Member
- 2012 Houston Center for Contemporary Craft Volunteer  
TCAA Member  
Clay Houston Member
- 2011 TCAA Member
- 2009 Clay Houston Member  
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- 2008 Clay Houston Member  
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- 2007 Clay Houston Member  
CRAFT Member  
TCAA Member  
CAMEO, Advisory Board Member  
Houston Potters Guild, Co-op Member  
Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Member
- 2006 CAMEO, Member of Board of Directors  
Houston Potters Guild, Co-op Member  
Clay Houston, Steering Committee Member
- 2005 Houston Potters Guild, Co-op Member  
Clay Houston, Steering Committee Member
- 2004 Houston Potter's Guild, Co-op Member  
Texas Clay Arts Association, Member  
Clay Houston, Steering Committee Member  
Clayworks President, University of Houston  
Association of Student Sculptors, University of Houston Member