

## Contemporary Sculptor

### BIOGRAPHY

McCoy has a constant yearning to create and physically make art. It is his objective to become a stronger artist by continually thinking outside the cubed space, to analyze, anatomize, and fully comprehend as many different materials as he possibly can. At the same time keeping his subject matter constant and creating a consistent body of work.

In the fall of 2009 McCoy transferred colleges and began his sculpture career at The University of North Texas. Where he later earned a (BFA) Bachelors of Fine Arts in Sculpture in 2012.

McCoy earned his (MFA) Masters of Fine Arts in Sculpture at Texas Tech University starting in the spring of 2021.

### EDUCATION:

- 2018 - 2021 **MFA in Sculpture**  
[Texas Tech University](#)  
Studied under William Cannings  
Studied under Cody Arnall
- 2009 - 2012 **BFA in Sculpture**  
[University of North Texas College of Art and Design](#)  
Denton, Texas  
Studied under Richard Davis  
Studied with Angel Cabrales
- 2000 - 2006 **Architecture/ Design**  
[University of Kansas](#)  
Lawrence, Kansas  
Studied under Matthew Burke  
Studied under Jon Swindell

### PROFESSIONAL/ TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- 2021** **Teaching Assistant:** Texas Tech University School of Art, Lubbock, TX, Spring Semester  
(3D Design, Art 2303-302)  
**Wood Shop Assistant:** Texas Tech University School of Art, Lubbock, TX, Spring Semester
- 2020** **Teaching Assistant:** Texas Tech University School of Art, Lubbock, TX, Fall Semester  
(Beginning Sculpture: Metal Fabrication, Art 3336-301)  
**Wood Shop Assistant:** Texas Tech University School of Art, Lubbock, TX, Fall Semester  
**Teaching Assistant:** Texas Tech University School of Art, Lubbock, TX, Spring Semester  
(3D Design, Art 2303-302)  
**Wood Shop Assistant:** Texas Tech University School of Art, Lubbock, TX, Spring Semester
- 2019** **Teaching Assistant:** Texas Tech University School of Art, Lubbock, TX, Fall Semester  
(3D Design, Art 2303-302)  
**Wood Shop Assistant:** Texas Tech University School of Art, Lubbock, TX, Fall Semester  
**Teaching Assistant:** Texas Tech University School of Art, Lubbock, TX, Spring Semester  
(Intermediate Sculpture; Installation and Technology, Art 3339-302)  
**Wood Shop Assistant:** Texas Tech University School of Art, Lubbock, TX, Spring Semester
- 2018** **Teaching Assistant:** Texas Tech University School of Art, Lubbock, TX, Fall Semester  
(Beginning Sculpture; Mixed Media, Art 3337-301)  
**Wood Shop Assistant:** Texas Tech University School of Art, Lubbock, TX, Fall Semester

### SCHOLARSHIPS/ AWARDS:

- 2020-2021** Ken Little, Medici Circle Studio Art Scholarship, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX  
Paul T. & Delilah Roch Scholarship, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX  
TTU University Student Housing Scholarship, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX



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### ARTIST STATEMENT

As humanity continues to destroy our ecosystems and continue on the path of throw away cultures. The earth continues to be depleted of its natural resources, eventually we will run out of raw materials to make anything. Approaching this issue as a future archeologist and artist, or as I call it an arteologist. In the future we will have to reuse all that we have wasted and thrown away.

Just as these materials have re-identified themselves, my work uses found materials in an evidentiary way to defamiliarize and recontextualize them. Through this, I question their functionality and our dependence on them.

### TECHNICAL ABILITIES

**2018-2021** TA at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, Laser Cutting Machine, 3D Printer, Plasma Cutting Machine, Mold Making, Panel Saw

**2016-2018** Cabinet Maker, Great Plains Design Center, New Strawn, KS (Extensive operational and safety knowledge of a variety of woodworking power tools, such as: table, jig and band saws; planers; drills; routers, sanders, shapers, jointers, pocket hole machine, wide belt sander, as well as recycled glass counter top polishing machines.)

**2014-2015** In house artist, Deep Forest Gallery, Coppell, TX

(Curator Assistant, Gallery Maintenance, Concrete saw, Bonsai Work)

- 2019-2020** Art Memorial Endowed Scholarship, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX  
 Helen Jones Foundation VPA Scholarship, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX  
 TTU University Student Housing Sustainability Scholarship, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX  
 TTU University Student Housing Mary W. Doak Scholarship, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
- 2018-2019** Richard & Sybil Dickey Art Scholarship, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX  
 TTU Visual and Performing Arts Scholarship, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX  
 Helen Jones Foundation Art Talent Scholarship, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX  
 Richard & Sybil Dickey Art Scholarship, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

## EXHIBITION RECORD/ (\* = SOLO SHOW):

- 2021** \* **Manufactured Scapes**, MFA Thesis Exhibition, Satellite Gallery, Charles Adams Studio Projects, Lubbock, TX  
**Artovation II 2021**, Online Group Exhibition, Texas Association of Schools of Art juried show, <https://www.tasart.org/artovation-student-show>, Juried by John Spriggins  
**Up-cycling Detritus**, Online Group Exhibition, <http://www.sculptorsalliance.org>, Curated by Vernita Nemece
- 2020** **Metal Complexions**: Houston Metal Arts Guild National Juried Exhibition, art gallery Jung Center, Houston, TX
- 2019** **Breaking Ground II**: Group Exhibition, Landmark Gallery, Lubbock, TX  
**Breaking Ground**: Group Exhibition, Crowley Theatre, Marfa TX  
**Group Show 2nd Year MFA**: Landmark Gallery, Lubbock, TX  
**Breaking Ground**: Group Exhibition, Crowley Theater, Marfa, TX  
**School of Art Exhibition**: Group Exhibition, Urban Tech, Lubbock, TX
- 2018** **Nice To Meet You**: Group Exhibition, CASP, Studio D, Lubbock, TX
- 2016** **Kansan Artists**: Group Exhibition, Hwy 75 Gallery, Burlington, KS
- 2015** **True Grit**: Group Exhibition, Kettle Art, Deep Ellum, TX  
**Fractal Logic**: Group Exhibition, Kettle Art, Deep Ellum, TX
- 2014** **A Celebration of Community**: Group Exhibition, Deep Forest Gallery, Coppell, TX  
**The Spirit of Healing**: Group Exhibition, Deep Forest Gallery, Coppell, TX  
**Driven by Nature**: Group Exhibition, Deep Forest Gallery, Coppell, TX
- 2013** **Art- Hunger**: Group Exhibition, Fort Worth Community Arts Center, Fort Worth, TX  
**GOLD**: Group Exhibition, Alchemy Arts, EVOL Society, Dallas, TX  
**Art-Hunger's Urban Legends**: One-Year Anniversary Group Exhibition, Deep Ellum, TX  
**Community Art Show**: Group Exhibition, Denton Medical Services, Denton, TX

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- 2020** International Sculpture Day (ISDAY) 2020. Sculpture Magazine. July/ August 2020. Page 97.
- 2019** Litzkow, Shelby. 2019. "Recycled materials gets turned into artwork for contest." Daily Toreador, March, 28, 2019. [http://www.dailytoreador.com/lavida/recycled-materials-gets-turned-into-artwork-for-contest/article\\_e8dc9504-51aa-11e9-bafd-6f45fb4df019.html](http://www.dailytoreador.com/lavida/recycled-materials-gets-turned-into-artwork-for-contest/article_e8dc9504-51aa-11e9-bafd-6f45fb4df019.html)
- 2016** Phelan, Hayley. 2016. "Fall 2016 Ready-To-Wear Collection Nicholas K." Vogue Magazine, February, 11, 2016. <https://www.vogue.com/fashion-shows/fall-2016-ready-to-wear/nicholas-k>  
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- 2012** Knighten, Elizabeth. 2012. "When East Meets West, Local artist hosts student sculpture exhibit." Star Community Newspapers, March, 11, 2012. [http://www.weebly.com/uploads/5/9/0/1/5901486/segmented\\_zen\\_newspaper\\_article.pdf](http://www.weebly.com/uploads/5/9/0/1/5901486/segmented_zen_newspaper_article.pdf)  
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## BLOGS

- 2020** Blago Ugrinov, "*Rick McCoy on Art and Creation with Sustainable Materials – Changing the System!*", Blago's Roundtable (blog). Nov 16, 2020. 7 pm. [https://youtu.be/w71fhZ\\_fm4](https://youtu.be/w71fhZ_fm4)

## RESIDENCIES/ INTENSIVES

- Summer 2019** The Marfa Intensive, Marfa, TX, July 28th- Aug 9th

## VISITING ARTIST WORKSHOP

## COMMITTEES

### 2018 - 2019 **Committee Member**

TCVPA Health and Safety Committee

The charge of the Health & Safety Committee is to promote health and safety across the college and serve as a coordinating committee and advisory body to the dean for college-wide health and safety policies and procedures.

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

**2018 – 2021** Texas Tech Sculpture Club, Texas Tech Metals Club, The Sculpture Network of Texas (TSNT-student chapter), Texas Tech Art History Society

## REFERENCES

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