

# FOSTER/WHITE GALLERY

GEORGE RODRIGUEZ

## Education

- 2009 MFA Ceramics, University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
2006 BFA Ceramics, University of Texas, El Paso, Texas

## Solo Exhibitions

- 2023 'Shapeshifters,' Light Art Space Gallery, Silver City, NM  
'In Unison,' Philadelphia Magic Gardens, Philadelphia, PA  
'Ritual Vessels,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA  
'El Zodíaco Familiar,' San Juan Islands Museum of Art, Friday Harbor, WA  
2022 'El Zodíaco Familiar,' Sarah Spurgeon Gallery, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA  
2021 'El Zodíaco Familiar,' Whatcom Museum, Bellingham, WA  
2020 'La Flor, El Nicho, y sus Memorias,' Bonovitz Gallery, The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA  
'Urban Guardians,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA  
2019 'George Rodriguez: Embellished Narratives,' Hallie Ford Museum of Art, Willamette University, Salem, OR  
'Reflect and Gather,' MADArt, Seattle, WA  
2018 'NosotrUS: Mexican-American reflections on Identity,' Mexican Cultural Institute, Consulado de Mexico en Seattle, Seattle, WA  
Seattle Art Fair, Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA  
'Guardian,' Bainbridge Island Museum of Art, Bainbridge Island, WA  
2017 'Where is Our Exile?' Stanlee & Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX  
'Sanctuary,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA  
2016 'Beneath the Surface,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA  
2014 'Here After,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA  
2012 'In Costume,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA  
'End of the Trail,' Pottery Northwest, Seattle, WA  
'Instrumental Divide,' Rainier Tower, Jeffrey Moose Gallery, Seattle, WA  
2011 'GEORGE,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA

- 'Symbiotic/Parasitic,' KOBO at Higo, Seattle, WA
- 2009 'The Belle of the Ball,' Ceramic Metal Arts Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2006 'Recess,' Memorial Triangle, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX

## Group Exhibitions

- 2024 'Earth & Fire 2024: A National Ceramic Art Exhibition,' Stifel Fine Arts Center, Wheeling, WV
- 'Elements: Air,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2023 'Small Works,' Foster/White Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 'Grace,' Light Art Space, Silver City Clay Festival, Silver City, NM
- 'Beauty and the Unexpected,' National Museum, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2022 'Belonging,' Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA
- 'Not Your Average Bear,' Visions West Contemporary, Denver, CO
- 'Body Image,' E Street Gallery, Sacramento, CA
- 'Beauty and the Beast,' Blue Spiral 1, Asheville, NC
- 2021 'Día de Muertos- A Time to Grieve and Remember,' National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL
- 'Las Aves: Birds in the Art of and Inspired by Mexico,' Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art, Salisbury, MD
- 'Hopefully Tomorrow,' Brockway Center for Arts and Technology, Brockway, PA
- 2020 'We are Clay,' Baltimore Clayworks, Baltimore, MD
- 'Democracy 2020: Craft & the Election,' Craft in America Center, Los Angeles, CA
- 'The Clay Studio National 2020,' The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA
- 'Reflections,' Kirkland Arts Center, Kirkland, WA
- 2019 'Emerging Artist Showcase,' NCECA Exhibition Hall, Minneapolis, MN
- 'Cultural Couriers,' Eutectic Gallery, Portland, OR
- 'Luminaries,' Museum of Northwest Art, La Connor, WA
- 2018 'Clay & Politics,' Pottery Northwest, Seattle, WA
- 'Stories of Identity: Contemporary Chicana/o artists of Seattle,' Northwest Folklife Festival, Art Not Terminal Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2017 'Convergence: Contemporary Mex-Xicano Art in the PNW,' Schack Art Center, Everett, WA
- '50 Years of Pottery Northwest,' National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts, Portland, OR
- 2016 'Artist Trust 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Exhibit,' Artist Trust, Seattle, WA
- '#30 Dia de los Muertos: Journey of the Soul,' National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL
- 'Offering,' Gallery One Visual Art Center, Ellensburg, WA

- Koch Gallery, Vashon Center for the Arts, Vashon Island, WA  
 'Beyond Aztlán: Mexican and Chicana/o Artists in the Pacific Northwest,'  
 Museum of Northwest Art, La Conner, WA
- 2015 SOFA Exposition, Navy Pier, Chicago, IL  
 Samsøen collaborative sculptural installation with Mark Cooper, Seattle Art Fair,  
 Paul Allen Living Computer Museum, Seattle, WA  
 'FEAT: Fellowship Exhibit Artist Trust,' Galvanize, Seattle, WA  
 'Out of Sight,' King Street Station, Seattle, WA  
 'Ceramics Invitational: Northwest Clay,' Traver Gallery, Seattle, WA  
 'Art in True Fashion,' Abmeyer + Wood Fine Art, Seattle, WA
- 2014 'Tree of Life,' Helen S. Smith Gallery, Green River Community College, Auburn, WA
- 2013 'Mostra/UGA,' Palazzo Vagnotti, Cortona, Italy  
 'Cute,' Blindfold Gallery, Seattle, WA  
 'Maneki Neko: Japan's Beckoning Cats- from Talisman to Pop Icon,' Bellevue  
 Art Museum, Bellevue, WA  
 'Beyond the Brickyard,' Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT  
 'Speaks Volumes,' SPCS Gallery, Seattle Design Center, Seattle, WA
- 2012 'Flattery,' The Nicklas Gallery, Seattle, WA  
 'Clay Lives Here,' NCECA, Seattle Design Center, Seattle, WA  
 'Stations of the Cross,' St. James Cathedral, Seattle, WA  
 'The Potter and the Urn,' Greg Lundgren Monuments, Seattle, WA
- 2011 '360 Collaboration,' Pottery Northwest, Seattle, WA
- 2010 'MADArt Redux,' Foster White Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2009 'MADArt Windows Exhibition,' Madison Park Shops, Seattle, WA  
 '2009 University of Washington MFA Thesis Exhibition,' Henry Art Gallery,  
 Seattle, WA  
 'Mentoring,' SAM Gallery, Seattle, WA  
 'Ouch My Eye Annual International Invitational,' Ouch My Eye Gallery,  
 Seattle, WA  
 'International Cup,' The Clay Studio of Missoula, Missoula, MT
- 2008 'Heads(dis) Embodied,' Kirkland Arts Center, Kirkland, WA  
 'Flash Forward: Coupling VI,' Ouch My Eye Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2007 'Reality and Fantasy – the art of play,' Gallery at Mars Hill, El Paso, TX  
 'From the Ground Up XXIII,' Las Cruces Museum of Art, Las Cruces, NM  
 'Contenido Neto (a rational play on the possibilities of an intercultural world),' 301 W.  
 Overland, El Paso, TX
- 2006 'The Value Show,' 910 Texas St., El Paso, TX  
 'Action of the Heat,' Union Gallery, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX
- 2005 'National Society for Arts and Letters Exhibit,' Glass Gallery, University of Texas  
 at El Paso, El Paso, TX

- 'Fresh Talent '05,' Crossland Gallery, El Paso, TX
- 2004 'Art from the Epicenter,' Project Space, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX

## Awards

- 2024 First Place, Earth & Fire Exhibition, Stifel Fine Arts Center, Wheeling, WV
- 2021 Second Place, Virginia Groot Foundation, Lake Forrest, IL
- 2019 Emerging Artist, National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts, Minneapolis, MN
- 2018 Bernie Funk Artist Exploration Scholarship, Pratt Art Center, Seattle, WA  
Finalist, Betty Bowen Award, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA
- 2016 MoNA Luminary Award, Patty Warashina Award for Emerging Artist, Museum of Northwest Art, La Conner, WA
- 2015 Fellowship, Artist Trust, Seattle, WA
- 2011 Grants for Artist Projects (GAP), Artist Trust, Seattle, WA  
Resident Artist Project (RAP) Grant, Pottery Northwest, Seattle, WA
- 2009 Bonderman Travel Fellowship, University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
Individual Artist Projects Grant, 4 Culture, Seattle, WA  
smART Ventures, Seattle Office of Arts & Culture, Seattle, WA
- 2007 Graduate Opportunities & Minority Achievement Program Research Assistantship, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 2006 Regina Brown Undergraduate Student Fellowship, National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts, Erie, CO  
New Mexico Potter's Guild Award, Potter's Guild of Las Cruces, Las Cruces, NM  
Award of Excellence for Sculpture Student, University of Texas, El Paso, TX
- 2005 Catherine Crowell Belk Art Scholarship, University of Texas, El Paso, TX
- 2004 Manuel Acosta Memorial Art Scholarship, University of Texas, El Paso, TX

## Publications & Press

- 2021 Perez, Daniel, "UTEP Alumnus 'Figures' Art Can Build Inclusivity," *UTEP Alumni Magazine*, Spring  
Sudermann, Hannelore, "Curiosity & Clay," *University of Washington Magazine*, June  
Carey, Brainard, "George Rodriguez," WYBCX Yale Radio, Yale University, Museum of Non-Visible Art, October 22  
Camarata, Katherine, "El Zodíaco Familiar Blends Chinese Zodiac with Mexican and Chicane Culture," *The Observer*, Central Washington University, November 11
- 2020 Cole, Karl, 'Sculpting Cultural Connections' *School Arts Magazine*, May, pp. 23-26

- 'George Rodriguez,' *Craft In America*. 'Storytellers' episode, in collaboration with Public Broadcasting System (PBS), December 11
- 2019 'Rodriguez at MadArt + More,' University of Washington School of Art + Art History + Design, April 6
- Johnson, Jennifer, 'Museum welcomes Spanish speakers to new ceramics exhibit,' *Willamette University News*, April 23
- Keimeg, Jasmyne, 'Larger Than Life Ceramic Wonders at *Reflect and Gather*,' The Stranger Art Slog, May 17
- 2018 Barr, Amanda, 'George Rodriguez: Sanctuary,' *Ceramics Monthly*, February, pp. 54-56
- Shafkind, Erin. L, 'The Venus: A Legacy in Clay,' *Ceramics Monthly*, February, pp. 57-58
- 'Bainbridge Island Museum of Art Spring Exhibitions,' *City Arts*, March
- Gyuro, Lisa, 'UW Alumnus to be Featured at the Seattle Art Fair,' *UW Daily*, July 27
- Steward Foster, Anne, '5 Seattle Artists You Should Know,' *Seattle Business*, July
- Perez de la Rosa, Enrique, 'Sculptor George Rodriguez celebrates and transcends his Mexican heritage,' *Crosscut*, August 2
- 2016 Erickson, Anne, 'Seattle ceramic artist makes bigger than life sculptures,' *King 5- Evening*, February 2, 2.24s
- Kangas, Matthew, 'George Rodriguez- Profile,' *Art Ltd*, March, p. 72
- Upchurch, Michael, 'There and back again- a sculptor's trip around the world,' *Seattle Times*, April 12, p. 25
- Graves, Jen, 'Are George Rodriguez's Heads Alive?' *The Stranger SLOG*, April 19
- 'Emerging Artist 2016: George Rodriguez,' *Ceramics Monthly*, May, p. 54
- 2015 Harnetty, Jennifer, 'Studio Visit: Deborah Schwartzkopf and George Rodriguez,' *Ceramics Monthly*, March, pp. 30-34
- Hanus, Julie, 'Let it Grow' *American Craft*, August/September, pp. 48-57
- 2014 Smith, Nan, '500 Figures in Clay Volume 2,' Lark Books. *Sterling Publishing Co*
- 2013 Upchurch, Michael, 'Flower Power with a Philosophical Twist,' *The Seattle Times*
- 2012 Kangas, Matthew, 'Symbolic/Parasitic,' *Ceramics Monthly*, February, pp. 62-63
- Davis, Branglen, 'Local Rock Stars of Clay,' *Seattle Magazine*, March
- 'Seattle Artist ReDesign the Waterfront,' *The Stranger*, Seattle Art & Performance Fall Issue, September 5, p. 13
- Webb, Dan & Matthew Offenbacher, Jeffry Mitchell – Closed Fist Open Hand, 'Joy in Repetition, 1991' *La Norda Press*
- 2011 Upchurch, Michael, 'Storefronts Seattle puts art and life in empty retail spaces,' Art Review, *The Seattle Times*, August 25
- 'George,' Sheila Hartley, *Art Talker*, 98.1 KING FM, November 5
- 'Famous Georges make for fun sculpture,' Narr, Gary Faigin & Jeannie Yandel, *KUOW Presents*, 94.9 KUOW Seattle NPR, November 21
- Faigin, Gary, 'Heads Up: George Rodriguez at Foster White,' *Artdish Magazine*, November 25

- 2009 Lambert, Ken, 'Ceramic work is music to your eyes,' *The Seattle Times*, June 6  
 Stoesz, David, 'If it walks like art...' *Seattle Weekly*, June 02
- 2008 Norris, Molly, 'Heads (dis) Embodied,' *Art Access, Volume 17*, June, pp. 10-11  
 Farr, Sheila, 'Here's a heads-up for a must-see,' *The Seattle Times*, May 16, p. 41

## Professional Experience

- 2024 Artist in Residence, SF Clayworks, San Francisco, CA  
 Instructor, Snow Farm, Williamsburg, MA  
 Instructor, Alfred University, Alfred, NY  
 Instructor, Schack Art Center, Everett, WA  
 Instructor, Pocosin Arts School of Fine Craft, Columbia, NC  
 Visiting Artist, Buchanan Arts, Nashville, TN  
 Summer Intensive Workshop Instructor, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI  
 Visiting Artist, Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI
- 2023 Visiting Artist, Western New Mexico University, Art Department, Silver City, NM  
 Adjunct Professor, Tyler School of Art + Architecture, Ceramics Department, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA  
 Lecturer, Stuart Weitzman School of Design, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- 2019-22 Artist in Residence, Tyler School of Art + Architecture, Ceramics Department, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
- 2019 NCECA (National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts) Annual Conference, Emerging Artist Talk, October 21
- 2017 Instructor, North Seattle College, Seattle, WA  
 Visiting Lecturer, Sitka Fine Arts Camp, Sitka, AK  
 Instructor, Seward Park Clay Studio, Seattle, WA
- 2016 Instructor, GAGE Academy of Art, Seattle, WA  
 Instructor, Sculpture Week, GAGE Academy of Art, Seattle, WA
- 2014 Visiting Lecturer, School of Art, University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
 Visiting Lecturer, Sitka Fine Arts Camp, Sitka, AK  
 Selection Committee Member, Bonderman Travel Fellowship, University of Washington, Seattle, WA  
 Instructor, Moshier Community Clay Studio, Burien, WA  
 Instructor, Seward Park Clay Studio, Seattle, WA  
 Instructor, Redmond Clay Studio, Redmond, WA
- 2013 Visiting Lecturer, Lamar Dodd School of Art, University of Georgia (UGA) Studies Abroad Program, Cortona, Italy  
 Visiting Lecturer, Sitka Fine Arts Camp, Sitka, AK

- Lecture, Pecha Kucha: Luck of the Draw, May 3, Bellevue Art Museum, Bellevue, WA
- Selection Committee Member, Bonderman Travel Fellowship, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- Selection Committee Member, Grants for Artist Project (GAP), Artist Trust, Seattle, WA
- Instructor, Teen Art Studio, GAGE Academy of Art, Seattle, WA
- 2012 Visiting Lecturer, Green River Community College, Auburn, WA
- Visiting Lecturer, School of Art, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- Lecture, NCECA Invitational (Feb 3, 2012), Bellevue Art Museum, Bellevue, WA
- Selection Committee Member, Bonderman Travel Fellowship, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- Selection Committee, Tile Heritage Foundation Prize, Artisan Tile NW, Seattle, WA
- Artist in Residence and Instructor, Pottery Northwest, Seattle, WA
- Invited Artist, Set the Table, Olympic Sculpture Park, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA
- 2011 Visiting Lecturer, School of Art, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- Visiting Instructor, Nathan Hale High School, Seattle, WA
- 2009 Instructor, Kirkland Art Center, Kirkland, WA
- Graduate Student Teaching, School of Art, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

## Collections

Bainbridge Arts Museum, Bainbridge Island, WA  
 Bellevue Arts Museum, Bellevue, WA  
 The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA  
 Hallie Ford Museum of Art, Willamette University, Salem, OR  
 Kansas City International Airport, Kansas City, MO  
 MadArt, Seattle, WA  
 National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL  
 National Museum, Stockholm, Sweden  
 Renwick Gallery at the Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington DC  
 Sam and Anne Davis, El Paso, TX  
 Swedish Medical Center, Seattle, WA  
 University of Washington, Seattle, WA