

**Olivia Zubko**

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**Education**

- 2020 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Summa Cum Laude, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL  
Major-Studio Arts, Sculpture emphasis, Minor- Anthropology
- 2019 Associate in Fine Arts, Studio Art Emphasis, William Rainey Harper College, Palatine, IL
- 2015 Associate in Arts, William Rainey Harper College, Palatine, IL

**Solo/ Two/ Three Person Exhibitions**

- 2025 Solo Exhibition, McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL (Forthcoming)
- 2024 Scott Stack and Olivia Zubko, DeGroot Fine Art, Chicago, IL
- 2023 NADA Miami, with Cleaner Gallery + Projects, Miami, FL  
Solo Presentation with Cleaner Gallery + Projects, NADA House, Governor's Island, NY  
*Petrified Wastage*, Three Person Show, Heaven Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Soap Opus*, Two Person Show, Rockford University Art Gallery, Rockford, IL
- 2022 *Necessarium*, Solo Exhibition, Cleaner Gallery + Projects, Chicago, IL
- 2019 *Embellished*, Solo Exhibition, Jack Olson Gallery, Dekalb, IL  
Terrain Biennial 2019, 215 N 4<sup>th</sup> St, Dekalb, IL  
*Assertive Charms*, Three Person Show, Color Circle Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Assemblage*, Solo Exhibition, Backspace Satellite Case, Dekalb, IL

**Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2024 *The 100th Show*, Left Field, Los Osos, CA  
*Thirst Trap*, Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2023 *Water Sports*, Cleaner Gallery + Projects, Chicago, IL  
*Make You Make Me*, Tiny Table Gallery hosted at Free Range, Chicago, IL Street  
*Sweeper*, Cleaner Gallery + Projects hosted at Common Wealth Gallery, Madison, WI  
*Selections From the Irie Collection*, McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL West,

- Wester, Westest 4*, LEFT FIELD, Los Osos, CA
- 2022 *Home Grown*, Unpacked Artist Space at MdW Fair, Mana Contemporary, Chicago, IL  
*Art of Surface*, Robert T. Wright Gallery, College of Lake County, Grayslake, IL
- 2020 NIU Spring BFA Show, Virtual Exhibition  
*The Annual Juried Blick Art Materials Ars Nova Exhibition*, Jack Olson Gallery, Dekalb, IL
- 2018 *Return to 90/39*, Group Exhibition, Jack Olson Gallery, Dekalb, IL  
*Site/Site*, East Lagoon, Dekalb, IL
- 2017 Juried Student Art Exhibition, Harper College Art Gallery, Palatine IL
- 2015 Special Projects Art Exhibition, Harper College Art Gallery, Palatine, IL

### **Residencies**

- 2023 ACRE Residency- Steuben, WI  
*ACRE Strategic Planning Staff Session*

### **Awards and Honors**

- 2025 The Arts Club of Chicago Fellowship Recipient (2025-2026)
- 2021 Honorable Mention. 2020 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards, Sculpture Magazine
- 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Senior Category, The Annual Juried Blick Art Materials Ars Nova Exhibition
- 2019 O'Malley-Pugh Endowment Fund  
 Sally Stevens Scholarship in the Arts  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Emerging Artist Spotlight Undergraduate Juried Art Show
- 2017 Juror's Award, Harper College Juried Student Art Exhibition
- 2015 Inaugural Recipient of the Annual President's Art Selection Award, Harper College  
 Ray Mills Award, Point of View, Harper College Literary Magazine  
 Juror's Award, Harper College Juried Student Art Exhibition

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"Transformation Through Fire: The Porcelain Works of Olivia Zubko", Create! Magazine, Issue #37, pp. 20-25, Print. June 2023.  
Rockford University, "Soap Opus," Exhibition Catalog. Print. June 2023.
- 2022 Alamo-Costello, Chester. "Olivia Zubko—Lifecycles of objects and belongings." TheCOMP Magazine, The University of St. Francis, Web. August 2022.
- 2021 "2020 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards." Sculpture Magazine, p. 19, February 2021
- 2020 2020 BFA Undergraduate Portfolios, 2020 BFA Catalog, pp. 68-71  
"Art and Design Senior Spotlight- Olivia Zubko." NIU Arts Blog, Web. June 2020. "NIU Artists. Never. Quit. – Olivia Zubko." NIU Today, Web. April 2020.
- 2018 "Meet Trailblazer Olivia Zubko", Voyage Chicago, Web. September 2018.  
Point of View, Harper College Literary Magazine, pp 16, 34-35
- 2017 Point of View, Harper College Literary Magazine, pp. 8, 20, 28, Front Cover