

# Bobbi Meier

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## Education

MFA, School of the Art Institute of Chicago/Fiber & Material Studies

MAAE, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, K-12 Professional Certificate

BFA, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, Visual Communication

## Solo/Two Person Exhibitions

- 2025 *BEAUTIFUL FAMILY LIVING*, Merwin Gallery, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL
- 2023 *SUNDAY DINNER*, Carlson Tower Gallery, North Park University, Chicago, IL, Curated: Emily Lindskoog  
*CRAVING STABILITY*, with Alina Sokolova, Zlati Ajngel Gallery, Verazdin, Croatia, Curated: Vida Sacic  
*TEETERING*, 10-Fold Projects, Greencastle, IN, Curated: Margaret Leininger  
*Imperfect Rituals*, Riverside Art Center, Riverside, IL, Curated: Judith Mullen
- 2022 *REBELLIOUS FIBERS*, with Yvette Kaiser Smith, OS Projects, Racine, WI, Curated: Vera Scekic
- 2020 *STRANGE ETIQUETTE*, Salon1b, Chicago, IL, Curated: Lauren Brescia & Scott Renfro
- 2019 *DOMINA DOMI*, Okay Gallery, Chicago, IL, Curated: Erin Madarieta  
*VISCERAL*, Extra Projects at Basic Studios, with Frank Vega, Chicago, IL, Curated: Karen Azarnia
- 2018 *MAGNOLIAS BLOOM IN SPRING*, Gretchen Charlton Art Gallery, Kankakee, IL
- 2016 *PERSPIRATION GLITZ*, with Tegan Brace, Roots & Culture Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2014 *INSIDEOUT | OUTSIDEIN*, with Steve Meier, Gallery Pink, Oak Park, IL
- 2012 *WHAT WE SAID; WHAT WE MEANT*, with Steve Meier, Oak Park Library Gallery, Oak Park, IL
- 2007 *A FEVERISH PROGRESSION*, with Andrew Winship, Beacon Street Gallery, Chicago, IL Curated: Eric May
- 2006 *MONSTERS IN MY GARDEN*, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *A TALE OF TODAY: MATERIALITIES*, Driehaus Museum, Chicago, IL, Curated: Giovanni Alois  
*Lakefront Collage: A Survey of Racine and Kenosha Art Spaces*, Emile Mathis Gallery, the Rita, Kenosha, WI  
*LET'S BE REAL*, Heaven Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2024 *MAKERS IN PLACE: 50 YEARS OF ARTS/INDUSTRY*, Miami, FL, Curated: Michelle Grabner  
*SOFT, GAG* (Garden Art Apartment Gallery), Chicago, IL  
*THICK SKINNED*, Epiphany Center for the Arts, Chicago, IL  
*PHYSIOTASMAGORICAL*, A.P.E. Gallery, Northampton, MA

- 2024 *FIERY FURNACE*, ADA Gallery, Richmond, VA
- 2023 *FEMINIST TO THE CORE*, Salon1b, Chicago, IL  
*ENVIRONMENT/S/TALLATIONS*, Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2022 *AND THE PURSUIT OF*, Research House for Asian Art & Co-Prosperity Sphere, Chicago, IL  
*GOT SOUL*, Project Onward and Salon1b, Epiphany Center for the Arts, Chicago, IL  
*RESILIENT*, with Monica Rezman and Jean Alexander Frater, Aurora Public Art Gallery, Aurora, IL  
*EMOTIONAL REPOSITORIES*, Skyline Gallery, Governors State University, University Park, IL  
*SCALE*, 3/D4/D X CSI Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2021 *DO WRITE (RIGHT) TO ME*, Uncool Artists, Miami Design District, Miami, FL  
*FROM CONFRONTATION TO CATHARSIS*, SDA International Exhibition in Print, Fall 2021  
*ARTIFACT - CERAMIC-BASED WORKS OF ART*, Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati, OH  
*SECOND LIFE*, 3/D4/D X CSI Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*LOST AND LOOKING*, Lubeznik Center for the Arts, Michigan City, IN, Curator: Lora Fosberg
- 2020 *CHICAGO SCULPTURE INTERNATIONAL BIENNIAL 2020*, Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art, Chicago, IL  
*ERGO, ART IN RELATION TO THE BODY*, Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati, OH
- 2019 *EXTENDED SELF: TRANSFORMATIONS AND CONNECTIONS*, Kanter McCormick Gallery, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL Curators: Extended Practice co-founders, Sara Holwerda & Angela Lopez  
*OFF-CENTER*, ADDS Donna, Chicago, IL
- 2018 *SWEET, GOLDEN, DELICIOUS*, NIU Art Museum, DeKalb, IL Invited: Jessica LaBatte, Josephine Burke  
*FUGITIVE NARRATIVES*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL Curator: Mike Nourse
- 2017 *FRONT AND CENTER*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL Curator: Caroline Picard  
*SOFT SCULPTURE*, International Museum of Surgical Science, Chicago, IL Curator: Collin Pressler  
*BEING ENOUGH*, Chicago Artists Coalition, Chicago, IL Curator: Kate Pollasch
- 2016 *WELCOME TO THE END*, The Franklin, Chicago, IL Curator: Edra Soto  
*PITCHPOLING*, Governors State University, University Park, IL Curators: Robin Dluzen and Judith Mullen  
*EXHAUSTION AND EXUBERANCE*, Chicago Artists Coalition, Chicago, IL Curator: Sharmyn Cruz Rivera  
*EVANSTON ART CENTER 24TH BIENNIAL*, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL Jurors: Lena Hersh, Monique Meloche, Lorelei Stewart
- 2014 *BARE BONES*, The Franklin, Chicago, IL Curator: Edra Soto
- 2013 *DIALOGUE CHICAGO, TAKING CHANCES*, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, Evanston, IL, Curator: Sarah Krepp  
*NEXUS 13: CONTEMPORARY SCULPTURE*, University of Tennessee Gallery, Knoxville, TN Juror: Durant Thompson
- 2012 *NATIONAL EXPOSURE REVISITED*, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL, Juror: Charles Osgood, photographer  
*EVANSTON ART CENTER 21ST BIENNIAL*, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL, Juror: Shannon Stratton

2011 *WONDERLAND: PHOTOGRAPHIC FANTASIES*, Photoplace Gallery, Middlebury, Vermont

#### Publications/Articles/Reviews

- 2023 Scekic, Vera. "Family is Family: a review of Bobbi Meier's Imperfect Rituals at Riverside Arts Center". Review, art.newcity.com, February, 7.
- 2021 Surface Design Association, "From Confrontation to Catharsis", SDA International Exhibition in Print, Fall 2021
- 2018 Dluzen, Robin. "Magnolias Bloom in Spring" Essay
- 2015 Waxman, Lori. "Terrain Biennial makes Oak Park an art Nexus" Review, Chicago Tribune, chicagotribune.com, August 26.
- 2013 Nardi, Sarah. "The Tyranny of Good Taste" goes high-concept and lowbrow. Review, Chicago Reader, chicagoreader.com. November, 18.

#### Curatorial Experience

- 2023 *OPEN FURROWS: NEW WORK BY LIZ CHILSEN*, Adds Donna, Chicago, IL
- 2021 *ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS SCISSORS: CERAMICS & COLLAGE BY AVA CARNEY AND STEFAN MEIER*, Adds Donna, Chicago, IL  
*SNACKTIME*, curated and exhibited with 9 members of Snacktime artists group, Terrain Biennial 2021, Oak Park, IL
- 2019 *OFF CENTER*, curated and exhibited with, Sam Jaffe and Laura Mackin, Adds Donna, Chicago, IL
- 2015 *PIECES OF EIGHT; CONTEMPORARY WORK BY EIGHT MILLENNIAL ARTISTS*, curated with Linda Abrams and Gina Lee Robbins, Gallery Pink, Oak Park, IL
- 2000 *ARTISTUDENTTEACHER*, curated and participated in thesis show, works by K-12 Artist/Educators and their students, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Roger Brown 1926 Exhibition Space, Chicago

#### Awards

- 2023 Artadia/Chicago Awards Finalist
- 2022 Illinois Arts Council Agency Individual Artist Project Grant
- 2021 Finalist for the 2019/20 Manifest Grand Jury Prize, Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 2011 School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Certificate of Recognition, Leadership Award
- 2009-2011 School of the Art Institute of Chicago/Enrichment Scholarship
- 2010 School of the Art Institute of Chicago/Loretta Grellner Scholarship
- 2009 Illinois Art Education Association/IAEA Graduate Studies Scholarship

## Residencies/Professional Development

- 2021/22 Uncool Artists, International Lab for Art Practices, on-line International community of **artists**, critics, curators and **art** experts.
- 2019 Arts/Industry Residency, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Kohler, WI
- 2018 Fieldwork. Chicago Artists Coalition, Chicago, IL
- 2017 The Center Program. Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2015/16 Hatch Projects|Chicago Artists Coalition. Juried incubator for contemporary Chicago artists & curators
- 2014 Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT/Professional Artist In Residence
- 2011/13/17 Ragdale, Lake Forest, IL/Professional Artist in Residence
- 2010 Ox-Bow, Saugatuck, Michigan/MFA Graduate Student Artist in Residence
- 2009 Anderson Ranch Arts Center, Snowmass Village, CO/Art Educator Institute and Residency

## Public Lectures/Presentations

- 2025 *BEAUTIFUL FAMILY LIVING*, artist's talk, Merwin Gallery, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL
- 2024 *THICK SKINNED*, artist's talk, Epiphany Center for the Arts, Chicago, IL
- 2023 *TEETERING*, artist's talk, 10-Fold Gallery, Greencastle, IN
- YEARNING FOR WARM & FUZZY*, Panel discussion, Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago, IL
- IMPERFECT RITUALS*, artist's talk, Riverside Arts Center, Riverside, IL
- 2022 *RESILIENT*, artist's panel with Monica Rezman, Jean Alexander Frater, Moderated by: Sarah Krepp  
Aurora Public Art Gallery, Aurora, IL
- REBELLIOUS FIBERS*, walkthrough and artist's talk with Yvette Kaiser Smith, OS Projects, Racine, WI
- 2019 *STRANGE ETIQUETTE*, walkthrough and artist's talk, Salon1b, Chicago, IL
- 2019 *MY PATH TO KOHLER*, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI
- 2018 *FUGITIVE NARRATIVES: STORY TIME*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2017 *FRONT AND CENTER: THE LANGUAGE OF FURNITURE*, artist's talk, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *PERSPIRATION GLITZ*, artist's talk with Tegan Brace, Roots & Culture Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2010 *ARTIST'S TALK*, resident presentation, Ox-Bow, Saugatuck, MI
- 2010 *TOYS, PATTERN AND PARADISE*, presentation, Illinois Art Education Association, Lisle, IL
- 2009-10 *NOON HOUR LECTURES*, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL

## Professional/Committee Work

- 2023-2024 Terrain Biennial Committee member, Chicago, IL
- 2018-2023 Adds Donna, exhibition space and artists collective, member, Chicago, IL
- 2012-2020 Fiber and Material Studies Council, SAIC, Chicago, IL
- 2010-11 Exhibitions and Events Committee, student representative, SAIC, Chicago, IL
- 2009 Studio Assistant for Christine Tarkowski Fall Semester, Chicago, IL