






THINK FOR YOURSELF

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Thesis Problem Statement

I create objects that help people gain new perspectives through encouraging self reflection and being aware of life's absurdity.

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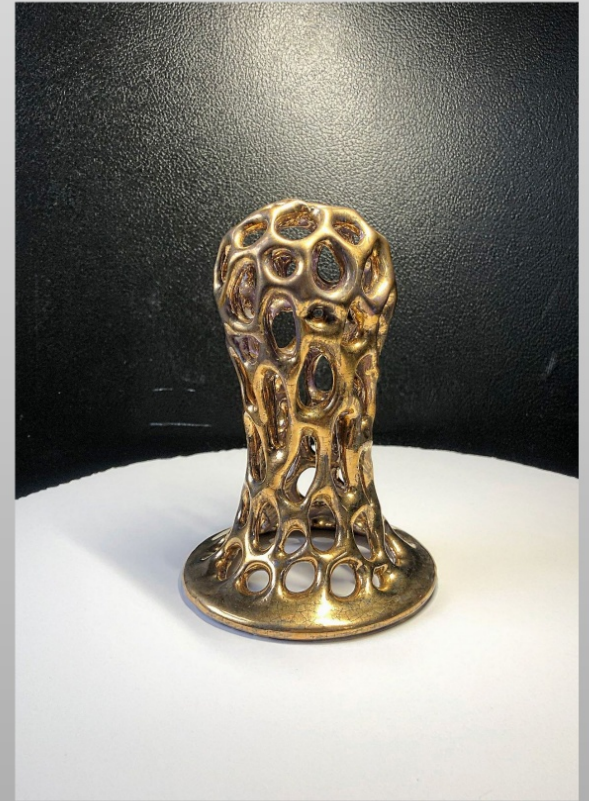
I believe that recognizing one's own autonomy is the only way that a person can live a true, meaningful and authentic life. I align my ideas around those presented by the existentialist thinkers, John Paul Sartre and Albert Camus. Both spoke extensively about boundless freedom, life's ephemerality and inherent meaninglessness. These topics are notorious for inducing dread, anxiety, or anguish because they confront the onlooker with humility and responsibility. I feel like their writings both share a pessimistic view of reality, but at the same time they encourage ways of existing within an absurd life with optimism. Existentialism differs greatly from other philosophies because rather than attempting to answer life's biggest questions by simply leaving them unanswered. This logic encourages the individual to take charge of their own ideas through observation, rather than rely on century old indoctrinated ideals.

I will explore these existential ideas and illustrate how I try to understand or overcome them through my artwork. I've done this by constructing a collection of pieces within my body of work that speak towards topics within existentialism which I think we as a people should be most aware of, focusing on the topics of perception and time. I plan for this collection of objects to serve as reminders that it is OK to find yourself in the position of an outsider. To become someone confident in their own thoughts and actions not because they conform to society, but because they align with their own best judgement. I hope this work will encourage people to ask questions about their own understanding and encourage more authentic, productive and meaningful decisions.

Perspective Jars

5in x 14in
Ceramic & Glass





Time Piece

14in x 8in

Slip Cast Ceramic, 3D Print and Wood



Specimen Jars

4in x 10in

Glass & Ceramic



Tall Vases

3.5 feet x 1 foot
Thrown Ceramic

Plans

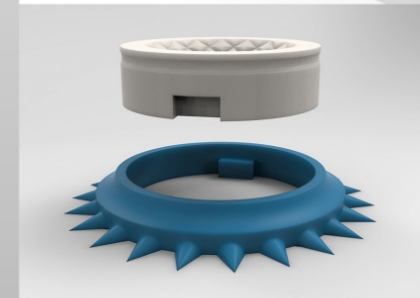




Batt Spinner Cups

4in x 5in

3D print, Plaster and Ceramic



Platelet Vase

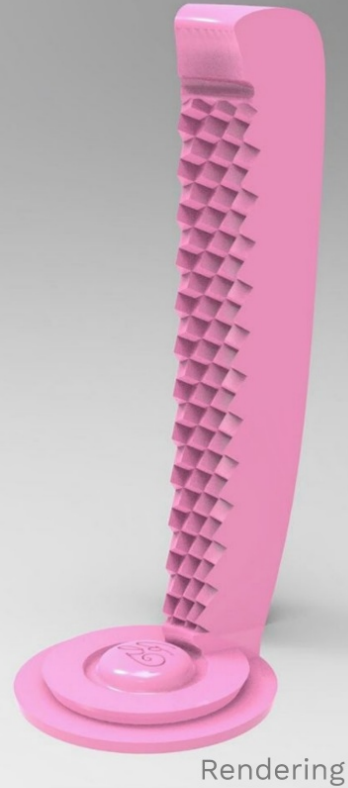
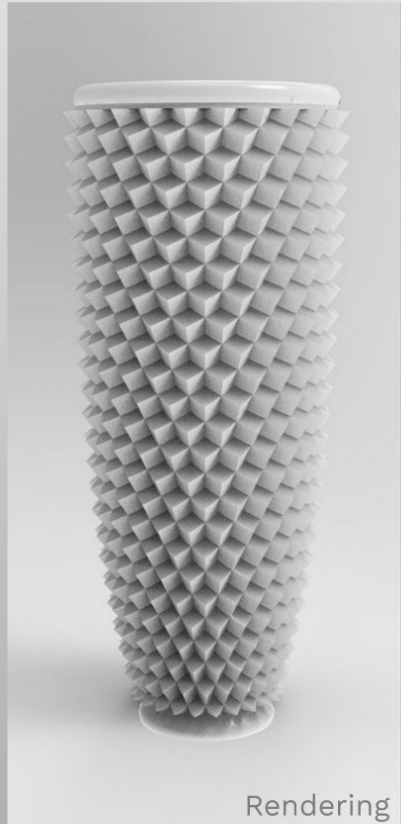
4in x 12in
Ceramic



Rendering

Cubed Vase

5in x 16in
Slip Cast Ceramic



16in x 7 in
Enamel on Copper



Gay Wedding Veil

6in x 12in
Glass & Ceramic





QUESTIONS?

I am sad I wasn't able to share this day with you all,
and I am heartbroken to say goodbye in this format.

**I sincerely appreciate your attention and
thank you all for attending.**

Thank you all for making the last 4 years special.

