

# KELLY PARSELL

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## professional experience

- 2013 to present* **Owner & Maker**  
**Nerd Press**  
Handmade greeting cards & novelty gifts
- Maker of ink & gouache cards, custom invitations, silk-screened onesies, leather journals, & stuffed toys
  - Design, marketing, advertising, and social media
  - Order fulfillment & art packaging
  - Organizational & self-regulatory skills to meet deadlines
  - Communication with customers, stores, & art fairs
- 2011 to 2013* **Hand-sewing Assistant**  
**Nick Cave Art**  
Chicago-based fiber artist & art studio
- Hand-sewing sculptural/performance garments/textiles to artist's specifications for multiple national & international galleries & exhibitions
  - Art packaging & exhibition installation
  - Artistic & aesthetic skills
- 2011 to 2012* **Contributor - Writer of art & exhibition reviews**  
**Make Space (make-space.net)**  
Chicago-based art blog
- Write reviews of local art exhibitions & emerging artists
  - Post via Wordpress interface
- 2009* **Adj. Faculty - Instructor of Record, Bookbinding I**  
**Columbia College**  
Chicago, IL
- Developed curriculum for undergraduates
  - Taught bookbinding skills and structures
  - Emphasis on relationship of structure to content
  - Critique, grading, and assessment
- 2009* **Bindery Graduate Assistant**  
**Columbia College**
- Supervised bindery studio maintenance and usage
- 2009* **Bookbinding Workshop Instructor**  
**Columbia College**
- Taught basic book structures to photo students
- 2008* **Teaching Assistant - Undergrad Printmaking**  
**Columbia College**
- 2006* **Teaching Assistant - Art in the Environment**  
**Albion College**  
Albion, MI

## education

M.F.A. in Interdisciplinary Book & Paper Arts, 2010  
Columbia College, Chicago, IL

B.A. in Studio Art & Psychology, 2007  
Albion College, Albion, MI  
Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

## skills

Artist's Books  
Bookbinding  
Printmaking  
Textiles  
Ceramics & Sculpture  
Drawing & Illustration  
Poetry  
Creative Writing

Art Direction & Graphic Design  
Teaching & Managing  
Organization & Planning  
Written and Verbal Communication  
Language & Grammar

Mac & PC  
Microsoft Office  
Adobe Creative Suite  
Social Media Sites  
Blogs (Wordpress Interface)

## languages

English - Native Speaker  
Brazilian Portuguese - Moderate  
Spanish - Basic

## references

Available upon request

## grants & awards

2009	<b>Caxton Club Scholarship Award</b> Funded the printing and binding of artist's book, <i>My Spanish Journal Revisited</i> , edition of 100.	Chicago, IL
2009	<b>Honorable Mention, Seoul International Book Arts Competition</b> For artist's book of letterpressed poetry and cutouts	Seoul, Korea
2009	<b>Graduate Opportunity Award, Columbia College</b>	Chicago, IL
2009	<b>MINI-Fellowship, Columbia College</b>	Chicago, IL
2008	<b>Getz Award (for contributions to student life), Columbia College</b>	Chicago, IL
2008	<b>Aiko Fellowship, Columbia College</b> Funded travel to Oaxaca and Chiapas, Mexico where I visited papermaking and printmaking shops (e.g., Taller Arte Papel, Taller Lenateros)	Chicago, IL
2008	<b>SIBAF Prize, Seoul International Book Arts Competition</b> For artist's book of letterpressed poetry and relief prints	Seoul, Korea
2008	<b>Student Organization Committee Scholarship, Columbia College</b> Scholarship to attend Southern Graphics Council Conference	Chicago, IL
2007	<b>Outstanding Senior Art Major Award, Albion College</b>	Albion, MI
2007	<b>Edmund and Kathleen Jenkins Award, Albion College</b> For Honors Thesis (artist's book of letterpressed poetry and relief prints)	Albion, MI
2006	<b>Geoffrey Morris Art Award, Albion College</b>	Albion, MI
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2005	<b>Gildart Poetry Prize, Albion College</b>	Albion, MI

## exhibitions & readings

(\* = catalogue)

(\*\* = solo exhibition)

2015	<i>Muddled Dreams</i> , Paperish Mess**	Chicago, IL
2012	<i>Artists Book Cornucopia III</i> , Abecedarian Gallery (juried)*	Denver, CO
2012	<i>Reader's Art 12: Longing for Home</i> , Susan Hensel Gallery (juried)	Minneapolis, MN
2012	<i>Mama Said: The Artworks and Artifacts of Wise Women</i> , Transition Gallery, Idaho State University (juried)	Pocatello, ID
2012	<i>BLUE</i> , Dispatch Gallery (juried)	Chicago, IL
2011	<i>Newbie Not Novice</i> , Spudnik Press	Chicago, IL
2011	<i>Day of the Dead</i> , Studio 659 (juried)	Whiting, IN
2011	<i>Revolution of Self</i> , Columbia College (juried)	Chicago, IL
2011	<i>Alphabet Soup</i> , O'Hanlon Center for the Arts (juried)	Mill Valley, CA
2011	<i>Necessary Fictions</i> , Columbia College (juried)	Chicago, IL

2010	<i>House, Dreaming</i> , The Ragdale House	Lake Forest, IL
2010	<i>A Reading from Ripe</i> , Columbia College	Chicago, IL
2010	<i>Interdisciplinary Arts MFA Thesis Exhibition</i> , Columbia College*	Chicago, IL
2010	<i>Reading Artists' Books, Joan Flasch Artists' Book Collection</i> , The School of the Art Institute (juried)	Chicago, IL
2009	<i>Everybody! Visual Resistance in Feminist Health Movements</i> , Art Gallery, Carleton College	Northfield, MN
2009	<i>Particularity: It's All In the Details</i> , The Galley	Chicago, IL
2009	<i>At Close Distance: Labyrinth of Self</i> , C33 Gallery	Chicago, IL
2009	<i>Hongik University Exchange Show</i> , Sono Factory	Seoul, Korea
2009	<i>Seoul International Book Arts Fair and Competition</i> (juried)*	Seoul, Korea
2009	<i>Class Matters</i> , The Galley, Columbia College	Chicago, IL
2009	<i>In the Near Future . . .</i> , Vespine Gallery	Chicago, IL
2008	<i>Questions and Answers</i> , The Galley, Columbia College	Chicago, IL
2008	<i>Chicago in Seoul</i> , The Galley, Columbia College	Chicago, IL
2008	<i>Uncollected Works</i> , Joan Flasch Artists' Book Collection	Chicago, IL
	<i>This is Not a . . .</i>	
2008	<i>Guerilla Furniture &amp; Art Trunk Show</i>	Chicago, IL
2008	<i>LumbART 2008</i>	Chicago, IL
2008	<i>Manifest 2008</i> , Columbia College	Chicago, IL
2008	<i>Feminist Interrogations</i> , ARC Gallery (juried)*	Chicago, IL
2008	<i>Seoul International Book Arts Fair and Competition</i> (juried)*	Seoul, Korea
2008	<i>Pulp, Ink, and Thread</i> , Sunshine Gallery, Unity in Chicago	Chicago, IL
2008	<i>Southern Graphics Council Open Portfolio</i> , Virginia Commonwealth University	Richmond, VA
2008	<i>Southern Graphics Council Membership Portfolio Exchange</i> , Virginia Commonwealth University	Richmond, VA
2008	<i>Because There Is This Briefest Moment</i> , Vespine Gallery	Chicago, IL
2007	<i>No Required Text</i> , Vespine Gallery	Chicago, IL
2007	<i>Book X Change</i> , University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa, AL
2007	<i>Senior Art Exhibition</i> , Albion College	Albion, MI
2005	<i>Michigan Mud Ceramics Conference</i> , Albion College	Albion, MI

## publications

*Upcoming* *Patternbase: A Book of Contemporary Textile and Surface Design* (drawing)

*Upcoming* *21/21/Chicago anthology* (artist's book)

2012 *1000 Artists' Books: Exploring the Book as Art, 2012: 97.* (artist's book)

2007 *The Allegheny Review*, Vol. 25: 12 (poem)

2007 *The Albion Review*, 2007: 48-54 (artist interview)

2006 *The Albion Review*, 2006: 57-64 (artist interview)

## collections

Yale University, Art Library, Special Collections

Yale University, Haas Arts Library, Special Collections

Indiana University, Fine Arts Library, Artist Book Collection

St. John's University, Olin Library, Special Collections

Carleton College Library, Special Collections

Duke University, Perkins Library, Sally Bingham Center

University of Mississippi, Southern Graphics Council Archives

Virginia Commonwealth University, Printmaking Archives

## visiting artist workshops

2010 Metro Suburban Conference Arts Festival, Bookbinding Workshop

Elmwood Park High School, Elmwood Park, IL

## memberships & affiliations

2009-2011  
College Art Association

2007-2010  
Pulp, Ink, and Thread Member  
Columbia College, Book and Paper  
President (2008-2009)

2007-2009  
Southern Graphics Council

## exhibition curation

2009  
*In the Near Future . . .*  
Vespine Gallery, Chicago, IL