

## **BEN BUTLER**

### **Education**

- 2003** School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Illinois, M.F.A., Sculpture  
**2000** Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, B.A. with high honors, Visual Arts  
**1998** School of Visual Arts, New York, New York

### **Teaching Experience**

- 2008** – Assistant Professor, Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee

### **Solo Exhibitions**

- 2015** Turchin Center for the Visual Arts, Boone, NC (upcoming – Spring 2015)  
**2014** Crosstown Arts, Memphis, Tennessee (upcoming – October 2014)  
**2013** *Propagation*, Davidson Galleries, Seattle, Washington  
**2011** Allen Priebe Gallery, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, Oshkosh, Wisconsin  
*Limits of the Mind*, Coleman Burke Gallery, New York, New York  
*On Growth*, Clough-Hansen Gallery, Memphis, Tennessee  
**2008** Plane Space, New York, New York  
John Davis Gallery, Hudson, New York  
Zg Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
**2007** Coleman Burke Gallery, Brunswick, Maine  
**2006** Suyama Space, Seattle, Washington  
**2005** Plane Space, New York, New York  
*Ben Butler: New Sculptures and Works on Paper*, Zg Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
Northeastern Illinois University Fine Arts Center Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
**2003** Plane Space, New York, New York  
*Species & Sediment*, Zg Gallery, Chicago, Illinois

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2014** *OUTSIDE/IN*, K. Imperial Fine Art, San Francisco, CA  
**2013** *Resplendent*, University of Arkansas Fine Arts Center Gallery, Fayetteville, Arkansas  
*Scope*, Hyde Gallery, Memphis College of Art, Memphis, Tennessee  
*Present Tense*, Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Memphis, Tennessee  
**2012** *Gallery Artists*, Zg Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
*Wood, Paper & Fiber*, The Art Gallery, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland  
*Fractured*, The Hunterdon Art Museum, Clinton, New Jersey  
*Material Matters*, Peerless Gallery, Omaha, Nebraska  
**2011** John Davis Gallery, Hudson, New York  
*Architecture*, Silas Marder Gallery, Bridgehampton, New York  
*Chain Letter*, Samson Gallery, Boston, Massachusetts  
*Winter Group Show*, Zg Gallery, Chicago, Illinois

- 2010** *Simple Gifts*, Hancock Shaker Village, Lenox, Massachusetts  
*Ucross Alumni*, Nicolaysen Museum of Art, Casper, Wyoming  
 John Davis Gallery, Hudson, New York
- 2008** *Infrastructure*, Zg Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
*Gangbusters*, Plane Space, New York, New York
- 2007** *Tiny*, Whitney Art Works, Portland, Maine  
 John Davis Gallery, Hudson, New York
- 2006** John Davis Gallery, Hudson, New York  
*Bowdoin Alumni Print Exhibition*, ICON Gallery, Brunswick, Maine  
*Contemporary Outdoor Sculpture at Chesterwood*, Chesterwood, Stockbridge, Massachusetts  
*Gallery Artists: Inaugural Exhibition*, John Davis Gallery, Hudson, New York
- 2005** *Working Process*, Zg Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
- 2004** *Drawings*, Plane Space, New York, New York  
*Summer Show '04*, Zg Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
*Perfect*, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, Illinois
- 2003** *As Small As Possible*, Zg Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
*Depiction*, Gallery 400, Chicago, Illinois  
*Compendium*, Zg Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
*Waiting*, (with Rena Leinberger), Evanston Art Center, Sculpture on the Grounds, Evanston, Illinois
- 2002** *12" x 12" A Group Show*, Zg Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
*The Stray Show*, MN Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
*Glacial Erratics*, University of W. Alabama, 2-year Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition, Livingston, Alabama  
*16th Evanston & Vicinity Biennial*, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, Illinois

### **Awards / Residencies / Fellowships**

- 2014** ACRE Artist Residency, Steuben, Wisconsin
- 2013** ArtsMemphis Individual Artist Grant
- 2008** Bemis Center for Contemporary Art, Artist Residency, Omaha, Nebraska
- 2007** Norton Island Artist Residency, Artist Residency, Norton Island, Maine
- 2006** Pollock-Krasner Foundation Individual Artist Grant
- 2005** Art Omi, Artist Residency, Ghent, New York
- 2004** MacDowell Colony, Artist Residency, Peterborough, New Hampshire  
 Vermont Studio Center, Artist Residency, Johnson, Vermont
- 2003** Plane Space, Artist Residency, New York, New York
- 2001** Dorland Mountain Arts Colony, Artist Residency, Temecula, California
- 2000** Ucross Foundation, Artist Residency, Clearmont, Wyoming  
 Vermont Studio Center, Artist Residency, Johnson, Vermont

### **Commissions and Collections**

- 2014** Loews Chicago Hotel, Sculpture Commission, Chicago, Illinois
- 2013** Hyatt Regency Chicago, Sculpture and Mural Commission, Chicago, Illinois
- 2013** Music City Center, Drawing and Sculpture Commission, Nashville, Tennessee
- 2010** Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, Sculpture Commission, Memphis, Tennessee
- 2008** John Deere Corporation, Sculpture Purchase, Moline, Illinois

## Selected Bibliography

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- Brendan Tapley, "Sculpture times two: Ben Butler," *The Monodnock Ledger*, February 26, 2004, 11.
- Sculpture Magazine*, "Waiting, Evanston Art Center," January/February, 2004.
- John Brunetti, "Reclamation: Themes in the Work of Three Emerging Artists," *Chicago Artists' News*, October, 2003, 6.
- Michael Workman, "A House is Not a Home," *New City*, September 18, 2003, 18.
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