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Born in Belfast, ME

## EDUCATION

2014 MFA, The Lamar Dodd School of Art, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA  
2003 BFA, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2017 *Tadow Island*, Oxbow Blending and Bottling, Portland ME  
2013 *Artifice Destiny*, The Invisible Hand Gallery, Lawrence, KS  
2010 *Conjurations*, Goppert Gallery, University of Saint Mary, Leavenworth, KS

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2017

*Selvedge*, Able Baker Contemporary, Portland ME

2016

*To Be the Void: Sublimity and Contemporaneity*, Intl. Cultural Center of Krakow, Krakow, Poland

2015

*Inspirations*, Art Space On Main, CSU Stanislaus, Turlock, CA

*Icon*, Suite Gallery, The Lamar Dodd School of Art, Athens GA

2014

*Equations*, Hotel Indigo, Athens, GA

*Summer Pleasures*, Thomas Deans Fine Art, Atlanta, GA

*Tiny Universes*, Hotel Indigo, Athens, GA

*MFA Thesis Exhibition*, The Georgia Museum of Art, Athens, GA

*Live Amateurs*, Curated by Craig Drennen, Mint Gallery, Atlanta, GA

*Big Bird, Little Bird*, Suite Gallery, The Lamar Dodd School of Art, Athens, GA

*Crossfire*, Latticeworks, (rotating location) Athens, GA

2013

*Wizard Business*, Soil Gallery, Seattle, WA

*Nature Math*, The Bulldog Inn, Athens, GA

2012

*Paper Chase II*, The Invisible Hand Gallery, Lawrence, KS

*Unsung Heroes*, (Collaborations with Justin Plakas), Wonder Fair, Lawrence, KS

*IHeartNetArt*, Online NetArt Exhibition ( [www.iheartnetart.com](http://www.iheartnetart.com) )

*Fourth Annual 2012 Juried Student Exhibition*, Lamar Dodd School of Art, Athens, GA

*Making Masters*, Madison Museum of Fine Art, Madison, GA

*Paper Chase*, Invisible Hand Gallery, Lawrence, KS

*Chow Chow*, Slocumb Gallery, Johnson City, TN

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2011

*The Synthetic Mind*, Athens Institute for Contemporary Art, Athens, GA

*Juried LDSOA Graduate Exhibition*, Aurum Studios, Athens GA.

*37th Juried Exhibition*, Lyndon House Art Center, Athens GA

2010

*Creative Tallahassee*, Capital Building, Tallahassee, FL

2009

*Draw Your Face Off*, Space Gallery, Portland ME

2008

*Black Frame Art Sale*, Merrill Auditorium, Portland, ME

*Memories*, Quinlan Visual Art Center, Gainesville, FL

*All-Media National Juried Exhibition*, 621 Gallery, Tallahassee, FL

2007

*Sugar Sugar*, Grey Area Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2004

*Walls*, Sleeth Gallery, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, WV

2003

*RISD BFA Thesis Exhibition*, Palazzo Cenci, Rome, Italy

## AWARDS AND SERVICE

2014 Graduate Commencement Speaker, BFA and MFA ceremony, Lamar Dodd School of Art, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA

2014 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA

2013 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA

2013 Search committee member for Director of The Lamar Dodd School of Art, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA

2013 Willson Graduate Research Award, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA

2013 Graduate Travel Grant Recipient, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA

2012 Search committee member for Tenure-track Painting & Drawing Professor, Lamar Dodd School of Art, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA

2012. Full Tuition Summer Workshop Scholarship, Arrowmont School for the Arts, Gatlinburg, TN

2012. Graduate Travel Grant Recipient, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA

2012. Graduate Teaching Assistantship, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA

2011 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA

2010 Visiting Artist, University of Saint Mary, Leavenworth, KS

2002-2003 European Honors Program Recipient, Rhode Island School of Design, Roma, Italy

2002-2003 Dean's List, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

2001-2003. Trustee Scholarship Recipient, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

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## TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016-Current *Studio Assistant*, Jonathan Borofsky Studio
- 2016-Current *Adjunct Instructor of Painting*, Abstraction: Concepts, Methods & Techniques, Maine College of Art, Portland ME
- 2015-2016 *Studio Advisor*, Low-Residency MFA Program, Maine College of Art, Portland, ME
- 2015 *Visiting Critic*, Maine College of Art, Portland, ME
- 2015 *Visiting Artist*, Mural Coordinator, Berkeley Arts Magnet K-5 Elementary, Berkeley, CA
- 2014 *Visiting Artist and Lecturer*, CSU Stanislaus, Turlock, CA
- 2013-2014 *Instructor of Record*, Intro to Painting, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA
- 2013 *Instructor of Record*, Honors Intro to Drawing, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA
- 2012-2013 *Instructor of Record*, Intro to Drawing, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA
- 2012 *Teaching Assistant*, Pro Seminar in Art, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA
- 2011 *Teaching Assistant*, Intro to Drawing, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA  
Model Coordinator, Lamar Dodd School of Art, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA

## RESIDENCIES

- 2016 Artist in Residence, Helene Wurlitzer Foundation, Taos, NM
- 2015 Artist in Residence, The Hambidge Center, Rabun Gap, GA
- 2013 Artist in Residence, Kala Art Institute, Berkeley, CA
- 2007 Artist in Residence, Gray Area Foundation for the Arts & Technology (formerly known as Gray Area Gallery) San Francisco, CA

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Combining representational imagery and abstract gestural elements, Elizabeth Kleene's recent work explores the malleability of perception, and the strange states and processes of consciousness. Employing absurd visual jokes, puns, and paradoxes inspired by language, games, and puzzles, her work invites viewers to consider the relationships between thoughts and physical forms, and the mysterious processes of consciousness.

Kleene received a BFA from the Rhode Island School of Design in 2003 and an MFA from The University of Georgia in 2014. Kleene lives and works in Portland, Maine, and has been teaching painting and drawing since 2011. She currently teaches an abstract painting course at MECA and works out of the Artist Studios Building at SPACE Gallery.