

## **ERNEST ARYEE, MFA Curriculum Vitae**

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### **Education:**

- Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, IL (**Master of Fine Arts**)
- Koninklijke Akademie Voor kunst en Vormgeving (Royal Academy of Art), The Netherlands (**Pre-Graduate Studies**)
- University of Science and Technology, Ghana (**Bachelor of Art**)

### **Employment:**

Since 2014: Geotechnical Engineering Technician ( GEI Consultants, Chicago)

Practicing Artist, Studios in Chicago and Ghana

2007 – 2012: Director - Studiomate Inc (Illinois) and Terrabella Ltd (Ghana)

1999-2007): International Sales and Customer Service (Nidec-Shimpo America Corporation, Itasca IL)

### **Residencies**

- Accra Sculpture Invitational 2020
- Hawai'i Craftsmen 30th Raku Ho'olaule'a
- Arts/Industry Program, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, WI
- Family Programs, Art Institute of Chicago, IL
- Baltimore Clayworks, Maryland
- Keramisch Werkcentrum, Heusden,(Ceramics Work Center)The Netherlands
- Project assistant "The Opening Project" European Ceramics Work Center, The Netherlands
- StudioMate Inc. (Ghana Arts Residency)

### **Lectures and Workshops**

- Honolulu Academy of Arts
- Korle Klottey Municipal Assembly (KOKMA)/Accra Metropolitan Assembly
- School of Communication and Art, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil
- CONTAF,International Ceramics Symposium,Sao Bernando do Campo, Brazil
- Department of Education, Art Institute of Chicago, IL
- University of Science and Technology, Ghana
- Talavera de la Luz, Puebla, Mexico
- Sao Paulo Brazil:
  1. Atelier Hideko
  2. Ceramiki
  3. Studio Keramoz
  4. Atelier Ivone Shirahata
  5. Ceramica Bia Camargo
- Gallery 37, Chicago:
  1. Lillstreet Art Center.
  2. Boulevard Arts Center
- University of Wisconsin at Green Bay
- University of Manitoba, Winnipeg
- Mount Pleasant Arts Center, Calgary
- Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Tennessee
- Marwen Foundation/Rebecca Crown Center, Chicago
- Ray Graham Association for people with disabilities, Hinsdale, IL
- Arkansas Technical University, "Arts Encounter 93"

- Morgan State University, Maryland
- Illinois Art Educators Association Annual Meeting
- Victor J. Andrew High School, Tinley Park, IL
- Suburban Fine Arts Center (The Arts Center), Highland Park IL
- Hoffman Elementary School, Glenview IL

**Collections of:**

- Korle Klottay Municipal Assembly (KOMA), City of Accra, Ghana (Collaborative)
- John Michael Kohler Arts Center, WI
- Kohler Company, WI
- The Kruithuis Museum, 's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands
- The Orion Health Center, Eindhoven, The Netherlands
- Sanaa Lodge Hotel, Cape-Coast, Ghana (Collaborative)
- Carbondale Community Arts, Hickory Lodge, Illinois
- Morgan State University Museum, MD

**Bio:**

Drawn from the influences of Indigenous Ga culture of Accra Ghana, and nurtured through art education in Ghana, Europe, and the United States, Ernest Aryee's ceramics sculpture explores personal identity expressed through a vernacular distinctly Ghanaian. He holds degrees in Art from College of Art, KNUST Ghana (B.A.), Royal Academy of Art and Design (Koninklijke Academie voor Kunst en Vormgeving) 's-Hertogenbosch the Netherlands (pre-graduate credits), and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, IL (MFA). His experience in the arts includes lecturers, workshops, sales presentations, and artists' residencies in The Netherlands, Mexico, Canada, Brazil, the United States, and Ghana, where he organizes the "Accra Sculpture Invitational" public sculpture program. Ernest blends professional careers in the arts and in construction engineering inspection from the Chicagoland area, where he resides.