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BIOGRAPHY:

John Oles was born in Wrentham, Massachusetts, and holds a BFA in Ceramics from the University of Massachusetts (1998) and an MFA from Tulane University (2008) in New Orleans, Louisiana. Over the past 13 years, he has been invited to lecture and teach Visiting Artist workshops at many prominent ceramics programs around the country, including Hartwick College, Louisiana Tech., San Jose State University, and Harvard University. John taught ceramics at Loyola University from 2008-2013 and Tulane University from 2013-2015. Currently, John is Associate Professor of Ceramics at Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, AL.

EDUCATION:

Tulane University, New Orleans, LA
MFA Ceramics. 2008.

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Dartmouth, MA
BFA Ceramics. 1998.
Massachusetts State Teacher Certification grades 5-12

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2024- Present, *President, Alabama Visual Arts Network (ALVAN)*
A 501(c)3 nonprofit organization for arts, programming, and education in Alabama

2021- Present, *Associate Professor of Ceramics*, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL. *Teaching Ceramics I, Ceramics II, Ceramics III, Ceramics IV, Sculpture I/II, and Foundations/3-D Design II courses.*

2015- 2021. *Assistant Professor of Ceramics*, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL

2014- 2015, *Adjunct Faculty*, Delgado Community College, New Orleans, LA

2009- 2014, *Adjunct Faculty*, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

2009- 2013, *Visiting Faculty*, Loyola University, New Orleans, LA

2008- 2009, *Instructor Sabbatical Replacement*, Loyola University, New Orleans, LA

SELECTED WORKSHOPS AND LECTURES (2008-2024):

- University of Southern Mississippi**, Visiting Artist Workshop and Lecture for Professor Allen Chen's Advanced Ceramics class. Hattiesburg, MS. 11/22.
- Vanderbilt University**, 1- day Visiting Artist Workshop and lecture in conjunction with the exhibition, *Case Study*. Nashville, TN, 11/14/19
- San Jose State University**, 1-day Visiting Artist Workshop and Lecture, San Jose, CA, 3/12/19.
- Georgia State University**, A 1- day Visiting Artist Workshop and Lecture invited by Professors Christina West and Darien Johnson. Atlanta, GA. 9/21/17.
- Harvard University Ceramics**, a 1-day workshop and lecture on building forms in porcelain developing surfaces. Harvard University Office for the Arts, Cambridge, MA. 4/20
- Ohr O'Keefe Museum**, *Altered Vessels: Form and Surface* a 2- day workshop and lecture on thrown and altered pots. Biloxi, MS. 3/7-3/8
- Idyllwild Art Academy**, **Week 1 Hot Clay Session: *Exploring the Altered Vessel***. A week- long intensive workshop focusing on thrown and altered porcelain forms and glazing. Idyllwild, CA. 6/15.
- Bates College**, Visiting Artist lecture, Lewiston, ME. 3/21/12.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS (2008-2025):

- Lancaster Museum of Art**, **32nd Annual Strictly Functional Pottery National**, 8/24
- Lake Placid Center for the Arts**, *Lake Placid Pottery Invitational*, 6/24
- **Gadsden Museum of Art**, *All That Remains*, a solo exhibition of recent work by John Oles. Gadsden, AL. 06/23.
- **University of Southern Mississippi**, *Southern Mississippi National*, 10/22
- **A.I.R. Vallauris**, *Invitation au Voyage*, 10/22
- **Carol Robinson Gallery**, *John Oles: Recent Forms*, A solo exhibition of new work. New Orleans, LA. 10/20
- **University of North Georgia**, *The Shape of Things*, a solo exhibition of recent porcelain forms at the Bob Owens Art Gallery of the Hoag Student Center, University of North Georgia, Dahlonega, GA. 2/20
- **Vanderbilt University E. Bronson Ingram Studio Arts Center**. *Case Study*, a solo exhibition of recent works in porcelain. Invited by: John Donovan. Nashville, TN, 10/19.
- **Something Poetic**, An international group exhibition at the Gulkistan Center for Creativity, Laugarvatn, Iceland. 8/17.
- **Chawan Expo, St. Bernardus Abbey, 2015**, an international exhibition of teabowls. Hemiksem, Belgium.
- **Chawan Expo, Singapore, 2014**. An invitational show of tea bowls from 100 international artists.
- **Chawan Expo, Taiwan 2013**, An invitational teabowl show of 100 artists from around the world. Taipei, Taiwan

