# **Cassandra Smith**

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## EDUCATION

2023	PhD, Art History, University of Illinois at Chicago
	"Performativity and Metaphor: The Kiva Murals at Pottery Mound"
2014	MA, Art History, University of Illinois at Chicago
2002	MFA, Studio Arts, University of Illinois at Chicago
2000	Certificate of Museum Studies, University of Illinois at Chicago
1994	BFA, Fine Arts, Cum Laude, University of Tulsa
EMPLOYME	INT
2023-present	Visiting Lecturer in Indigenous and Contemporary Art
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	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
	School of Art and Design
2020-2023	Tribal Archivist
	Pueblo of Isleta Department of Cultural and Historic Preservation
2015-2020	Lecturer
	School of the Art Institute of Chicago
	Department of Art History, Theory, and Criticism
	Graduate Instructor
	University of Illinois at Chicago
	Department of Art History
2000-2010	Part-Time Instructor
	School of the Art Institute of Chicago
	Department of Art History, Theory, and Criticism
	Department of Arts Administration
1998-2001	Teaching Assistant
	University of Illinois at Chicago
	Department of Art History
	Department of Art and Design

## LECTURES, SYMPOSIA, PANEL DISCUSSIONS, AND PUBLICATIONS

2024	Will present my paper, "Paintings at Pottery Mound: Manifesting the 'Really Real'" in
	the "Visual and Material Surfaces in the Ancient Americas" session at the $112^{th}$
	College Art Association Conference, Chicago
2023	Will present my paper, "Metaphor, Queering, and the Diverse Gendering of Pottery
	Mound Murals: An Indigiqueer Critique, in the ""A Two-spirit/Indigiqueer
	Critique: A Look at the Contemporary Scholarship in the Visual Arts" session at
	the Native American Art Studies Association Conference, Halifax
2022	Participated as an invited speaker in the New Mexico Humanities Council "Digital
	Community Archives" roundtable discussion at the New Mexico Association of
	Museums "Silver Linings: Adaptation and Sustainability" Annual Conference
	Presented my paper, "Figurative Representations in the Pottery Mound Murals: Beyond
	Portraiture?," in the "About Face: Portraiture in the Ancient Americas"
	symposium at the Society for American Archaeology annual meeting, Chicago

2021	Chaired and moderated the roundtable discussion, "Tribal Archives and Community
	Relations," at the Native American Art Studies Association Conference
	Participated as an invited speaker in the roundtable discussion, "Layering Renewal:
	(En)Gendered Contexts of Place in Native Arts of Turtle Island," at the Native
	American Art Studies Association Conference
2020	Participated as an invited speaker in the "Enduring Traditions from Sacred Landscapes in
	the Ancestral Americas" panel hosted by the Department of Art and Art History
	and Luce Gallery of Cornell College
	Participated as an invited speaker in the "Relationships, Reciprocities, and
	Responsibilities" conference hosted by the American Philosophical Society
2019	Presented my talk, "World as Metaphor, Art History as Storytelling," with the Elizabeth
2017	Allen Lecture Series and the School of Art and Design Visiting Artists and
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	Scholars Program at Northern Illinois University
	Presented my talk, "Placing Pottery Mound," at the Albuquerque Archaeological Society
	Organized "Belongings: A Critical Forum on Museum Practices" at the School of the
	Art Institute of Chicago Department of Art History, Theory, and Criticism, with
	additional support from the SAIC Office of Multicultural Affairs, the SAIC
	Diversity Action Group, Indigenous@SAIC, and the Center for Native American
• • • • •	and Indigenous Research at Northwestern University
2018	Presented my lecture, "Placing Pottery Mound: World as Metaphor," as part of the
	University of Illinois at Chicago Art History Colloquium
2017	Presented my talk, "Creating a Decolonial, Co-Resistant Community of Scholars and
	Artists," at the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Decolonization Dinner at SAIC, co-organized by
	Indigenous@SAIC, UNIDXS, the Black Student Union, Students for Justice in
	Palestine, Namaste/South Asian Student Association, and Asian and Asian-
	American Students
	Co-organized the "This Land/That Land Symposium: The Politics of Land Sovereignty
	and Environmental Racism" with Gallery 400 and the UIC Native American
	Support Program in conjunction with the exhibition The Earth Will Not Abide
2016	Presented my lecture, "Searching for the Middle Place: A Consideration of Emplacement
	in Pueblo Architectural and Ceramic Forms," with the Elizabeth Allen Lecture
	Series and the School of Art and Design Visiting Artists and Scholars Program at
	Northern Illinois University
2015	Co-chaired the "Indigeneity at the Intersection of Performance and New Media
	Art" panel at the Native American Art Studies Association Conference, Santa Fe
	Served as a panelist on the Native American Studies and Implications for Change panel
	discussion at the UIC Native American Support Program/Native American
	Student Organization Heritage Celebration and Conference, "Decolonizing Our
	Nations: Pathways of Resistance and Reclamation"
	Presented my paper, "Narrative Tradition, Cultural Convergence, and the Development
	and Synthesis of New Architectural Forms at Pottery Mound Pueblo," at the UIC
	Department of Art History Graduate Symposium
	Presented my paper, "Skeena Reece, Touch Me: Parody, Persistence, and the Ways in
	Which Something Slips Through," at the 50 <sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Seminar
	at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago
	Served as a panelist on "Rejecting a Colonial Politics of Recognition: A Panel
	Discussion with Glen Coulthard," an installment in the Sharing Stories, Sharing
	<i>Knowledge</i> series at the American Indian Center—Chicago
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2014	Presented my paper, "Cultural Convergence and New Ceremonial Forms at Pottery
	Mound Pueblo," at the Midwest Art History Society Annual Conference, St. Louis
2013	Presented my paper, "Ohkay Owingeh: Pueblo Reconstruction and a Radical
	Indigeneity," at the (Re)Activating Objects: Social Theory and Material Culture
	Graduate Student Conference at Western University, London, Ontario
2007	Served as a panelist on Life Practices @ The Concourse (organized by Michelle Tupko,
	Sara Rabinowitz, and Julie Boyer) at SAIC Gallery 2
2001	Reviewed "Anne Wilson: Anatomy of Wear" in FiberArts, vol. 28, no. 1, Summer 2001
2000	Presented my paper, "Secular Sancitity: The Works of John Salvest," at the 35 <sup>th</sup> Annual
	Graduate Student Seminar at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago

#### AWARDS

2022-2023	Mellon Foundation Community-Based Archives Grant, "Pueblo of Isleta Yonan An
	Cultural Center Tribal Archive: Increasing Community Access to Archival
	Materials," Grant Author and Project Lead
	Society of American Archivists Foundation Strategic Growth Grant, "Growing Across
	Generations," Grant Author and Project Lead
2022	New Mexico Humanities Council New Mexico Listens Grant, "Miguel Trujillo and
	Native American Voting Rights," Grant Author and Planning Committee Member
	Indigenous Community Research Fellowship at the American Philosophical Society
	Library and Museum, Grant Author
2021-2022	National Endowment for the Humanities Sustaining the Humanities through the
	American Rescue Plan Grant, "Pueblo of Isleta Yonan An Cultural Center:
	Creating a Community-Accessible Tribal Archive," Grant Author and Project Lead
2021	Ross Edman Art History Fellowship
2020-2021	Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Digital Knowledge Sharing Fellowship at the American
	Philosophical Society Library and Museum Center for Native American and
	Indigenous Studies
2020	Samuel H. Kress Foundation Art History Honorarium
2019	Ross Edman Art History Fellowship
2018	University of Illinois at Chicago Art History Travel Research Award
2017	UIC Art History Travel Research Award
2016	University of Illinois at Chicago Provost's Award for Graduate Research
	University of Illinois at Chicago Art History Travel Research Award
2014	University of Illinois at Chicago Art History Travel Research Award
2013	University of Illinois at Chicago Art History Travel Research Award

#### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Association on American Indian Affairs

Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums

College Art Association

Native American Art Studies Association

Native American and Indigenous Studies Association

Society of American Archivists

Society for American Archaeology

### RELATED PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2022	Diversity and Equity Advisory Committee Member
2020 2022	Los Angeles County Museum of Art
2020-2022	MFA Thesis Committee Member, Rosalba Breazale
• • • • •	University of New Mexico Department of Art
2019	Art History Departmental Steward and Steering Committee Task Force Member UIC Graduate Employees Organization, IFT/AFT Local 6297
2018-2019	Graduate Committee Member
	UIC School of Art and Art History Lectures and Events Committee
2018	Advisory Panel Consultant
	Indian Arts of the Americas Collection
	Art Institute of Chicago
2016-present	Faculty Advisor
	Native American Student Association (formerly Indigenous@SAIC)
2016-2018	Board Member
2010 2010	First Nations Film and Video Festival
2016	Graduate Committee Member
2010	UIC Art of the Americas Faculty Search Committee
2014-2015	Assistant to the Exhibitions Coordinator
2014-2013	Jane Addams Hull-House Museum
2013-2015	President and Co-President
2013-2013	UIC Art History Graduate Student Association
2013	Graduate Assistant to the Director of Graduate Student
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	UIC Department of Art History Research Assistant
2000 2012	UIC Department of Art History
2009-2012	Director/Program Coordinator
1005 2005	Sunshine Atelier, Chicago
1995-2005	Artist
1000 2000	Self-Employed
1999-2000	Primary Curatorial and Archival Researcher
	"Christina Ramberg: Drawings" exhibition and catalogue
1000 0000	Gallery 400, University of Illinois at Chicago
1998-2000	Assistant to the Director
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1999	Artist Site Supervisor
	Archi-treasures, Chicago
1997-1998	Academic Bookstore Manager
	School of the Art Institute of Chicago
1995-1996	Painting/Drawing Instructor
	Philbrook Museum of Art, Floyd Museum School, Tulsa
1994-1996	Studio Assistant
	Painting Studio of Patrick S. Gordon, Tulsa
1994-1995	Printmaking Instructor
	Johnson Atelier, Tulsa