

Ceramics IV Final Reflection

1. What was your greatest success this semester? Why?
 - a. This semester, my greatest success was definitely pulling off my senior show. On a smaller, project-oriented scale, I would say my biggest success is my *Stitched Together* series, which consists of three ceramic figures that appear to be stitched together with thread. Although it is not the project that took the most time or technical skill, I believe that it is visually one of my strongest pieces.
2. What was your biggest challenge? What did you do to overcome it?
 - a. My biggest challenge this semester was creating conceptual, sculptural ceramic pieces that fit into my gallery's theme. I have made a plethora of non-conceptual sculptural and functional pieces before, but this was my first time creating so much work around a concept. In order to overcome this challenge I had to spend many hours creating sketches and looking at other ceramic artists' work.
3. What was your favorite project/process? Why?
 - a. I really enjoyed making my poetry vases. Although I didn't get to use any of the tall vases I had thrown to turn into a final piece, and I spent a lot of time being frustrated with throwing larger forms, I really enjoyed the challenge of throwing bigger and bigger forms.
4. How would you rate your work overall for the semester? (1-5, 5 highest)
 - a. This is probably the first semester I would ever rate myself at a 5. Although I do see room for minor improvements in my work, I am immensely proud of what I have accomplished this semester, and have put countless hours towards completing these accomplishments.

5. How would you rate your growth/improvement with the material?
 - a. I would also rate my growth and improvement as a 5. I have gotten better at hand-building, wheel-throwing, and even have tried new things like mosaic. There was no point in the semester where I didn't feel like I was doing something new or challenging myself to improve.

6. What did you learn this semester that surprised you?
 - a. It's hard to say if anything really surprised me except for the amount of different things I learned. This semester really opened my eyes to the possibilities in ceramics, and gave me even more of a passion to explore everything I can in the ceramics world.