# **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

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

2023-present	Visiting Lecturer in Indigenous and Contemporary Art
1	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

#### PUBLICATIONS

"Pottery Mound Kiva Murals: Conduits Between Realms," *Source: Notes in the History of Art,* The University of Chicago Press Journals Division (Manuscript submitted for peer review)

"Metaphor, Portraiture, and Queering: The Diverse Gendering of Pottery Mound Murals," *About Face: Portraiture in the Ancient Americas,* ed. Virginia E. Miller and Annabeth Headrick (Manuscript submitted for publication)

"Access Granted: Indigenous-Centered Pedagogy in Practice," First American Art Magazine (Manuscript in preparation)

Interpretive analysis of Skeena Reece's Access Granted performance (Title TBA), Women and Performance: a journal of feminist theory (Manuscript in preparation)

### LECTURES, SYMPOSIA, AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS

2025	Will present my paper, "Skeena Reece, Access Granted: Hair as Site of Identity, Violence, Kinship, and Power," in the "Hair Power: Culture, Materiality, Politics of Hair in Contemporary Art" session at the 113 <sup>th</sup> College Art Association Conference, New York
	Will chair the "Understanding Contemporary Indigenous Performance Art through the Lens of Kincentricity" session at the Midwest Art History Society Annual Conference, Denver
2024	Facilitated a public discussion, "Encouraging Agency and Representation of Native Student Life at Illinois," as an invited guest speaker at the Native American House "Dinner on Us" series
	Organized the public symposium, "Indigenous-Centered Museum Practices," at the University of Illinois School of Art and Design
	Participated as a panelist in "Decolonizing Museums in Practice: Developing a Sense of Belonging Through Daily Acts of Respect, Trust, and True Collaboration" at the Spurlock Museum of World Cultures
	Presented my paper, "'Understanding is a layered endeavor': A Response to Margaret Kovach's <i>Indigenous Methodologies: Characteristics, Conversations, and</i> <i>Contexts</i> ," at "Provocations for a Different Art History in a Cross-Disciplinary Context: Comparing Comparativisms," sponsored by the UIC Institute for the Humanities and School of Art & Art History
	Presented my paper, "Pottery Mound Kiva Murals: Conduits Between Realms" in the "Visual and Material Surfaces in the Ancient Americas" session at the 112 <sup>th</sup> College Art Association Conference, Chicago
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 Allen Lecture Series and the School of Art and Design Visiting Artists and 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, with support from 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 <i>The Earth Will Not Abide</i>
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, <i>Touch Me</i> : 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 <i>Sharing Stories, Sharing</i> <i>Knowledge</i> series at the American Indian Center—Chicago
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 <i>(Re)Activating Objects: Social Theory and Material Culture</i> Graduate Student Conference at Western University, London, Ontario
AWARDS	
2024	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Spring 2024 List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students
2023	University of Illinois at Chicago Outstanding Dissertation Award in the Arts and Humanities, Department of Art History Nominee
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

2022	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
2016	University of Illinois at Chicago Provost's Award for Graduate Research

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## RELATED PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2024	Guest Curator
	"Txem-Sym: A Tribute to Northwest Coast Carvers"
	Spurlock Museum of World Cultures
2023-2024	Curator and Lead Organizer for Skeena Reece artist residency and <i>Access Granted</i> exhibition/performance, with support from the University of Illinois School of Art and Design Visitors Series, Office of the Vice Chancellor of Research and Innovation, and the Spurlock Museum of World Cultures
	Committee Member of the Krannert Art Museum pilot program to develop a contemporary Indigenous artist residency
2022	Diversity and Equity Advisory Committee Member
	Los Angeles County Museum of Art
2020-2022	MFA Thesis Committee Member
	Rosalba Breazale, University of New Mexico Department of Art
2018	Advisory Panel Consultant
	Indian Arts of the Americas Collection
	Art Institute of Chicago
2016-2020	Faculty Advisor
	Native American Student Association (formerly Indigenous@SAIC)
2016-2018	Board Member
	First Nations Film and Video Festival
2014-2015	Assistant to the Exhibitions Coordinator
	Jane Addams Hull-House Museum
2013-2015	President and Co-President
	UIC Art History Graduate Student Association
1999-2000	Curatorial and Archival Researcher
	"Christina Ramberg: Drawings" exhibition and catalogue
	Gallery 400, University of Illinois at Chicago
1998-2000	Assistant to the Director
	Gallery 400, University of Illinois at Chicago