

Laurel McMechan

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Education

- MFA 2010 Painting, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston MA
- BFA 2004 Studio Art, University of Denver, Denver, CO (magna cum laude)

Awards

- 2023 Juried in as full gallery member, Spark Gallery, Denver
- 2017-15 Juried in as associate gallery member, Kingston Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2014 Artist Residency and partial fellowship, Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild, Woodstock, NY
- 2014 Artist Residency and partial fellowship, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT
- 2012 Juror's Prize. *Politicizing Aesthetics*, University of South Dakota Art Galleries, Vermillion, SD
- 2009 Dedalus Foundation award nominee
- 2006 Honorable Mention. *Rocky Mountain Biennial 2006*, Fort Collins Museum of Contemporary Art, CO
- 2004 Best In Show. *New Kids On The Block*, The Assembly, Denver, CO

Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 Heirlooms, Spark Gallery, Denver
- 2024 The Woven Now, Spark Gallery, Denver
- 2017 Folded Mountains II, Art @ The Twitchell, Salida, CO
- 2016 Folded Mountain, Arts Research Collaborative, Lowell, MA
- 2015 Recent Work, The Space, Jamaica Plain, MA
- 2014 Folded Mountains, Ohio University Eastern Gallery, St. Clairsville, OH
- 2010 Territories, Sellars Project Space, Denver, CO
- 2007 The Space Between, Sellars Project Space, Denver
- 2006 Alright for now, Pirate Contemporary Art, Denver
- 2005 Two Trains of Thought, Pirate Contemporary Art, Denver

Group Exhibitions

- 2025 Other Worlds: The Fiber of Her Being, Colorado Women's Art Museum, D'art, Denver (invitational)
- 2025 Member exhibition, Spark Gallery, Denver
- 2024 Heirloom Convoy, MassArtxSowa, Boston (juried)
- 2024 Faculty Exhibition, Vicki Myhren Gallery, University of Denver
- 2022 Pink Progression: Synergy, O'Sullivan Gallery Regis University, Denver CO (invitational)
- 2020 Pink Progression: Collaborations, Arvada Center for the Arts, Arvada CO (invitational)
- 2019 Juried Alumni Exhibition, Myhren Gallery, University of Denver
- Brush Gallery UMass Lowell faculty show, Lowell, MA
- Drawn to Matter, Arts Research Collaborative, Lowell, MA
- 2017 Kingston Associates: Heated, Kingston Gallery, Boston
- Directions: Faculty Show, Brant Gallery, Massachusetts College of Art + Design
- 2016 Kingston Associates: Our Voices, Kingston Gallery, Boston
- Support and Defend, Vets Gallery, Providence, RI
- 2015 Pattern Recognition, Mahoney Gallery, UMass Lowell, MA
- 2013 Across Sections: A Cross Section, Art Faculty Biennial, University Gallery, UMass Lowell
- 2012 Politicizing Aesthetics, University of South Dakota Art Galleries, Vermillion, SD
- Borders & Boundaries, Harwood Art Center, Albuquerque, NM
- 2011 Flourish: Alumni Works on Paper, Bakalar & Paine Galleries, Massachusetts College of Art + Design
- painting (re)considered, Doran Gallery, Massachusetts College of Art and Design
- 2010 New Prints 2010/Spring: Selected by Philip Pearlstein, International Print Center New York
- New at the Harnett, Joel and Lila Harnett Museum of Art, University of Richmond, VA
- MFA Thesis Exhibition, Paine & Bakalar Galleries, Massachusetts College of Art + Design
- 2009 Boston Young Contemporaries, 808 Gallery, Boston
- 2006 Rocky Mountain Biennial 2006, Fort Collins Museum of Contemporary Art, Fort Collins, CO
- 2005 Embody, Space Gallery, Denver (invitational, curator Michael Burnett)

Private Commissions

Oil painting, Morrison, CO
Oil painting, Seattle, WA
Oil painting, McMinnville, OR

Selected Private and Public Collections (*public)

Département des Estampes et de la Photographie, Bibliothèque Nationale de France, Paris*
Special Collections, Godine Library, Massachusetts College of Art and Design*
Special Collections Library, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
University of Richmond Museums, Richmond, VA
School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts, Medford, MA

Teaching Experience

2019-present Adjunct Faculty, University of Denver
2012-2019 Adjunct Faculty, University of Massachusetts Lowell
Adjunct Faculty, Massachusetts College of Art + Design
2011-2012 Adjunct Faculty, Montserrat College of Art, University of Massachusetts Lowell,
Massachusetts College of Art + Design
2008-2010 Teaching Assistant, Massachusetts College of Art + Design

Publications/Press

2022 *Pink Progression Synergy*. Exhibition catalogue.
2020 *Pink Progression Collaborations*. Exhibition catalogue.
2019 *Boston Voyager* online magazine, Jan. 29, 2019, bostonvoyager.com
2015 *Paint Pulse Magazine*, Issue 3, Sep. 30 2015, Boston, MA (Juror Rosa JH Berland)
2013 *The Intelligencer. Wheeling News-Register*. Wheeling, WV. *Laurel McMechan To Exhibit Work at OUE*. Oct 3 2014
2011 *Flourish: Alumni Works on Paper*. Exhibition catalogue.
Published by Massachusetts College of Art + Design
2010 *The Denver Post*. Kyle MacMillan. *McMechan's Diverse World*. Nov. 26, 2010
2009 *Hold Everything Dear*. Artist book of etchings. Edition published by Center Street Studio, Milton, MA

Lectures/Presentations/Visiting Critic

2025 Artist Panel Discussion for exhibition *Other Worlds: The Fiber of Her Being*, D'art Gallery Denver
2022 Presentation of collaborative artwork in exhibition *Pink Progression: Synergy*, Regis University
2020 Presentation of collaborative artwork in exhibition *Pink Progression Collaborations*, Arvada Center
2019 Intro to oil painting, visiting artist, University of Denver
Junior/Senior painting reviews, Massachusetts College of Art + Design
2017 Panel discussion for exhibition *Images & Ideas: Selected Prints from the Neiman Center for Print Studies*, UMass Lowell, November 2 2017
2017 Junior/Senior painting reviews, Massachusetts College of Art + Design
Drawing reviews, Northern Essex Community College, Haverill MA
2010 Gallery talk for Territories Exhibition. Sellars Project Space, Denver
2007 Senior Project Painting class. University of Denver

Curatorial Projects

2018 UMass Lowell Printmakers, Lowell Telecommunications Corporation Gallery, Lowell MA
2015 UMass Lowell Printmakers, Lowell Telecommunications Corporation Gallery, Lowell MA
2015 New Works from Papermaking and Printmaking. Student Gallery, UMass Lowell (co-curated with Prof Jim Coates)