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## Education

**Virginia Commonwealth University** – Richmond, VA      MFA - 2015  
**University of North Carolina-CH** - Chapel Hill, NC      BFA - 2003

## Selected Solo and Two-Person Exhibitions

- 2022 **Bent Out of Shape** Solo Show, Massey Klein Gallery, New York, NY (expected)
- 2021 **Pushing Edges & Rounding Corners**, Solo Show, Cole Pratt Gallery, New Orleans, LA  
**Keep Coming Round**, Solo Show, Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA  
**Light & Shadow**, Solo Show, Shelter in Place Gallery, Boston, MA  
**Hurry Slowly**, Solo Show, Second Street Gallery, Charlottesville, VA
- 2020 **TOAST**, Solo Show, Massey Klein Gallery, New York, NY  
**Secure Concurrence**, Two-Person Show, Online
- 2019 **No One Ever Makes a Promise in a Dream**, Solo Show, OneOneOne Gallery, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2018 **This or That is Here, or There**, Solo Show, Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA
- 2017 **Hyperactive**, Two-Person Show, ArtSpace, Raleigh, NC
- 2016 **Reflection as a Shadow**, Solo Show, Minnesota State University, Moorhead, MN  
**Conversation | Unspoken Language**, Two Person Show, Penland Gallery, Penland, NC  
**Double Vision**, Solo Show, Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA
- 2015 **IN VISIBLE LIGHT**, Solo Show, LIGHT Art + Design, Chapel Hill, NC  
**Mapping My Mind**, Solo Show, Horace Williams Gallery, Chapel Hill, NC  
**TRYING TO EXIT HERE**, Solo Show, Anderson Gallery, Richmond, VA
- 2014 **Leigh Suggs & Ippy Patterson**, Two-Person Show, LIGHT Art + Design, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2013 **Jimmy Fountain & Leigh Suggs**, Two-Person Show, LIGHT Art + Design, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2012 **Leigh Suggs: Red White Black and Blue** Solo Show, LIGHT Art + Design, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2011 **Perseveration: Persistent Repetition**, Solo Show, Room 100, Durham, NC  
**New Work: Grid References**, Solo Show, The Neveca Project, Chicago, IL

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2022 **Coined in the South**, Mint Museum, Charlotte, NC (expected)  
**Nothing Goes to Waste**, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX (expected)
- 2021 **Homeward Bound** Juried by Nandini Makrandi, Taubman Museum, Roanoke, VA (expected)  
**She's at the Hudson**, Historic Hudson Building, Raleigh, NC  
**Holding Form**, Liz Lidgett Gallery, Des Moines, IA  
**BAM – Art in the Yard**, Group Show curated by Brooke Molinaroli, Larchmont, NY
- 2020 **Paper Work**, Group show, Strathmore, Bethesda, MD  
**DRAWN**, Group show, Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, Winston-Salem, NC  
**Finding Meaning**, Group Show, Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC  
**Together**, Group Show, Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA  
**Hello There**, Group show, Quirk Gallery, Charlottesville, VA  
**Texture**, Group show, Liz Lidgett Gallery, Des Moines, IA
- 2019 **Fiber International**, Group Show – juried by Sonya Clark & Jane Sauer, Contemporary Craft, Pittsburgh PA  
**Summer Show**, Group show, Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA  
**Selections**, Group show, Cabarrus Arts Council, Cabarrus, NC  
**Welcome**, Group show, Liz Lidgett Gallery, Des Moines, IA
- 2018 **I><YOU><WE**, Three person Show – curated by Lauren Ross, Visual Art Center, Richmond, VA  
**Paper Planes**, Four person show, Longwood University, Farmville, VA  
**Ties That Bind**, Group Show, Fowler-Kellogg Art Center at the Chautauqua Institute, Chautauqua, NY  
**PaperWorks Refolded**, Group Show, The City of Brea Gallery, Brea, CA  
**The Contemporaries**, LIGHT Art + Design, Chapel Hill, NC  
**PaPer View**, Group Show, Bascom Art Center, Highlands, NC
- 2017 **Paper Makers**, LIGHT Art + Design, Chapel Hill, NC  
**Paper Works**, Fort Works Art, Fort Worth, TX  
**Homeward Bound** Juried by Bradley Sumrall, Taubman Museum, Roanoke, VA  
**GROUPED**, curated by Mary Fleming, Richmond, VA

- 2016 **REDUCE**, Blue Spiral, Asheville, NC  
**The Contemporaries**, LIGHT Art + Design, Chapel Hill, NC  
**Summer Show**, LIGHT Art + Design, Chapel Hill, NC  
**Rock Candy**, Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA  
**Go For Baroque**, Racine Art Museum, Racine, WI  
**Repeat**, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI
- 2015 **The Contemporaries**, LIGHT Art + Design, Chapel Hill, NC  
**Dog Days**, Reynolds Gallery, Richmond, VA  
**Summer Show**, LIGHT Art + Design, Chapel Hill, NC  
**LIGHT 4**, LIGHT Art + Design, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2014 **METAL IV**, LIGHT Art + Design, Chapel Hill, NC  
**Following Threads**, Greenhill Center for Art, Greensboro, NC  
**FIBER OPTIONS**, Maryland Federation of Art Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD  
**Where Words Are Not Enough**, Artspace, Richmond, VA  
**GROW**, LIGHT Art + Design, Chapel Hill, NC  
**Black White Blue**, LIGHT Art + Design, Chapel Hill, NC  
**NCAC Fellowship Exhibition**, Contemporary Art Museum, Raleigh, NC
- 2013 **The Contemporaries**, LIGHT Art + Design, Chapel Hill, NC  
**STITCH**, LIGHT Art + Design, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2012 **Art on Paper**, Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC  
**ILLUME**, LIGHT Art+Design, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2011 **Books & BroadSides**, Ackland Museum Store, Chapel Hill, NC  
**Returning Bowl | Live Relic**, Alcott Gallery, Chapel Hill, NC  
**RE**, LIGHT Art+Design, Chapel Hill, NC  
**PULP**, Visual Art Exchange, Raleigh, NC  
**For the Birds**, LIGHT Art+Design, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2010 **Winter Show**, The Greenhill Center for Art, Greensboro, NC  
**Elemental**, LIGHT Art+Design, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2009 **Opening**, Sitzer Spuria Studios, Carrboro, NC  
**Collect**, The Nevica Project, Chicago, IL

## Publications / Selected Press

- 2018 "Three artists challenge each other to create something new at Vis Arts", *Style Weekly*, Karen Newton, December 4  
"Busy Richmond-based artist Leigh Suggs has a solo show and two group exhibitions this fall", *Style Weekly*, Amanda Adams, November 13  
"As VCUarts turns 90: Exploring Graduates Who've Stayed and Thrived", *Richmond Times Dispatch*, Jo Lord, September 9  
"Ties That Bind Weaves Craft, Metaphor Into Timeless Form", *The Chautauquan Daily*, Melissa Kuntz, July 1  
"The Business of Being an Artist", *American Craft Council Magazine*, February/March 2018
- 2017 Emerging Voices 2 page spread, *Surface Design Magazine*, July 2017  
"Grouped Art Show in Forest View Heights" Karen Newton, *Style Weekly*, January 20, 2017
- 2016 "Three Artists with Richmond Connections Emphasize the Process of Making" Amanda Dalla Villa Adams, *Style Weekly*, January 26, 2016
- 2015 "Art Of Hospitality" Jessica Ronky Haddad *R.Home*, Sept – October issue  
Indy Artist Pick of the Week, *Indy Week* August 28  
"Reynolds Gallery Celebrates 'Dog Days' With Diverse Art Show Open Now" Becky Ingram, *RVA Magazine*, July 31, 2015
- 2014 "Four Artists Augment Drawings with Related Practices" *Winston Salem Journal*, Tom Patterson, October 12  
"At CAM, NC's Commitment to the Arts" *The Herald Sun*, April 3  
"Artist Fellowship Exhibition Showcases Technology, Multimedia Work at CAM" Press Release NCAC, February 6
- 2013 Featured on *Mint Design Blog*, February 5
- 2012 "DOTS & LOOPS: The Precision Tools of Leigh Suggs" *Indy Weekly*, September 19  
"Leigh Suggs Solo Exhibition" *Chapel Hill Weekly*, September 7  
"North Carolina Artist Leigh Suggs" *Helen Hiebert blog*, September 5
- 2011 Featured on *The Best Part* blog, April 12
- 2010 Featured on *OK Great!* Blog, October 1

## Curatorial Projects

- 2017 **VOLUME**, LIGHT art+design, Chapel Hill, NC  
**VOLUME**, Eckert Gallery – Millersville University, Millersville, PA
- 2016 **VOLUME**, Quirk Gallery, Richmond, VA
- 2013 **METAL III**, LIGHT Art + Design, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2012 **METAL II**, LIGHT Art + Design, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2011 **METAL**, LIGHT Art + Design, Chapel Hill, NC

## Residencies

- 2020 **Winter Residency**, Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC
- 2018 **Winter Residency**, Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC
- 2017 **Winter Residency**, Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC
- 2015 **Quirk Residency** Quirk Hotel & Gallery, Richmond, VA
- 2011 **Winter Printmaking Residency**, Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC

## Workshops & Classes

- 2021 **Changing Perspective** Teacher, Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC
- 2019 **Sculptural Paper** Teacher, Visual Art Center, Richmond, VA  
**Flat Not Flat – Sculptural Paper** Teacher, Arrowmont, Gatlinburg, TN
- 2017 **THINK MAKE – MAKE THINK** Teacher, Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC  
**Paper Workshop**, Teacher, North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC
- 2016 **PAPER: DOT, LINE, GRID, FORM**, Teacher, Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC
- 2015 **Talking With Beads** Teaching Assistant to Sonya Clark, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA  
**Arrowmont 2D Pentaculum**, Participant, Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts Gatlinburg, TN
- 2014 **Paper in Multiple Dimensions** Adjunct Faculty, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA  
**Intermediate & Advanced Weaving** Teaching Assistant to Susan Iverson, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
- 2013 **Beginning Weaving (Tapestry)** Teaching Assistant to Susan Iverson, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
- 2011 **Structuring Lines** Assistant for Jerry Bleem, Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC

## Awards/Grants

- 202s Taubman Museum Second Place Award for Homeward Bound exhibition
- 2020 CultureWorks Building Capabilities Individual Artist Grant  
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Emergency Fellowship Award
- 2019 Fiberart International Janet Bass Award for Creativity & Innovation
- 2018 CERF+ Get Ready Grant
- 2016 CultureWorks Building Capabilities Individual Artist Grant
- 2015 Graduate Thesis Research Grant, Virginia Commonwealth University
- 2014 Graduate Assistantship for Sonya Clark, Virginia Commonwealth University
- 2013 Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Virginia Commonwealth University
- 2012 North Carolina Arts Council Artist Fellowship Recipient
- 2003 Penland School of Crafts Scholarship – UNC-CH  
John and June Alcott Travel Award – UNC-CH
- 2002 George Kachergis Memorial Scholarship – UNC-CH  
Work Study Internship – Dieu Donne, NYC

## Private & Public Collections

- Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
- Weatherspoon Art Museum
- Capital One Corporate Collection
- Deutsche Bank
- Dominion Corporate Collection
- Federal Reserve Collection
- Fidelity Investments Corporate Collection
- Honeywell
- Markel Corporate Collection
- Roanoke College
- Suntrust Bank Corporate Collection