

ABIGAIL SYNNESTVEDT

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Education

- 2020 - present MFA in Studio Art in progress. Northern Vermont University
2015 BFA and Certificate of Painting. Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts (PAFA), Philadelphia, PA.
2011 Fine Art Studies, The Barnstone Studios, Coplay, PA.

Grants and Residencies

- 2022 Vermont Studio Center Residency, Johnson, Vermont
2018 *Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation Grant*, Montreal, Canada
2014 *Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation Grant*, Montreal, Canada

Exhibitions

- 2022 *OHO Projects Guston Response Takeover*, Boston Museum of the Fine Arts, Boston, MA.
2021 *2021 Faculty Exhibition*, The Wayne Art Center, Wayne PA.
2019 *In Plain Sight*, Two Person Exhibition with Lauren Kindle, Lauren Kindle Studio, Easton, PA.
2019 *Winter Wonderland*, Group Exhibition, Academy of the New Church Fine Arts Building, Bryn Athyn, PA
2019 *Pop Up Show*, Group Exhibition, Academy of the New Church Fine Arts Building, Bryn Athyn, PA
2017 *9th Annual Juried Competition*, Group Exhibition, Prince Street Gallery, NY, NY, Juried by Stuart Shils
2017 *Wet Paint Exhibition*, Group Exhibition, Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton, VA. Juried by Harry Cooper, Senior Curator and Head of Modern Art National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
2016 *Fame 2016*, Group Exhibition, PAFA Alumni Gallery, Philadelphia, PA, Juried by Erica F Battle, Curator of Contemporary Art at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.
2016 *Out of the Academy*, Group Exhibition, Waverly Heights Gallery, Gladwyne, PA.
2015 *114 Annual Student Exhibition*, Group Exhibition, Samuel Mv Hamilton Building PAFA, Philadelphia, PA
2015 *Emerging Artists Exhibition from PAFA*, Group Exhibition, Oxford Art Alliance, Oxford, PA.
2014 *Now Look Here*, Group Exhibition, Gallery 128 PAFA, Juried by Ron Wyffels and Kevin Richards, Philadelphia, PA.
2014 *Convergence*, Group Exhibition, Gallery 128 PAFA, Juried by Neysa Grassi and Bill Scott, Philadelphia, PA
2014 *113 Annual Student Exhibition*, Group Exhibition, Samuel Mv Hamilton Building PAFA, Philadelphia, PA.

Features and Publications

- 2020 All She Makes Directory Member
2019 Blog: www.laurenkindle.com/blog, *Choosing Life as an Artist: a Guest Blog Post* by Abigail Synnestvedt

Awards

- 2015 *The Faculty Award*, PAFA
2015 *The Arthur De Costa Painting Prize*, PAFA
2015 *The Simone C. Titone Prize*, PAFA
2015 *The Benjamin West Prize Special Notice*, PAFA

2015 *The Frances D. Bergman Memorial Prize Special Notice, PAFA*
 2015 *The Charles Toppan Prizes Non Curriculum, PAFA*
 2015 *The Eleanor S. Gray Prize for Still Life, PAFA*
 2015 *The James O. Dumont Prize, PAFA*
 2014 *The Franklin C. Watkins Memorial Grants, PAFA*
 2014 *The Benjamin West Prize Special Notice, PAFA*
 2014 *The Earl T. Donelson Figure Painting Award First Prize, PAFA*
 2014 *The Arthur De Costa Painting Prize, PAFA*
 2014 *The Sylvia G. Wexler Memorial Award, PAFA*
 2014 *The Edna Pennypacker Stauffer Memorial Prize, PAFA*
 2013 *The James P. Bonelli, Jr. Memorial Prize, PAFA*
 2012 *The Ramborger Prize, PAFA*
 2012 *The James P. Bonelli, Jr. Memorial Prize, PAFA*

Scholarships

2014 *The Lucille Sorgenti Scholarship, PAFA*
 2014 *The Silvia S. and Miron M Walley Memorial Scholarship, PAFA*
 2014 *The Ruth and Ben Wolf Scholarship in Honor of Peter Paone, PAFA*
 2011 *The Caldwell Scholarship Honorable Mention, PAFA*
 2010 *Academy Merit Scholarship, PAFA*

Teaching

2019 - present Art Teacher, Academy of the New Church Secondary Schools. Faculty member teaching drawing, painting, and photography classes to 9th -12th grade high school students.

2015-2019 Substitute Art Teacher, Academy of the New Church, Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania.

2018 - 2019 Art Instructor, Creative Learning Lab, Allentown Pennsylvania.

2017 - 2018 Teaching Assistant, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Teaching Assistant to Peter Van Dyck's Continuing Education class.

2016 *PAFA Summer High School Painting Intensive Class, Philadelphia, PA*
 Teacher's assistant for artist Scott Noel's High School Painting class Intensive workshop.

2014 - 2015 *PAFA After School Studio Arts Program Teachers Assistant, Philadelphia, PA*
 Teacher's assistant for artist Al Gury