

# Laurel McMechan

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Lives and works in Boston, MA

## Education

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

## Teaching Experience

2008 - 2010 Massachusetts College of Art and Design  
Teacher's Assistant, *Junior/Senior Painting*, Spring 2010  
Instructor of record, *Introduction to Painting*, Fall 2009  
Teacher's Assistant, *Drawing II*, Spring 2009  
Teacher's Assistant, *Visual Language I*, Fall 2008  
2005 Denver Waldorf High School, Denver, CO  
Instructor of record, *Drawing, Mixed Media*  
2001 - 2002 University of Denver  
Teacher's Assistant, *Drawing for People Who Think They Can't Draw*, Fall 2001

## Professional Experience

2009 - 2010  
Visiting Artist Coordinator, Massachusetts College of Art and Design  
2008 - 2009  
Office Assistant to Graduate Program, Massachusetts College of Art and Design  
9/2007 - 8/2008  
Assistant to the Dean of Liberal Arts, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI  
7/2006-6/2007  
Full Cooperative Gallery Member, Pirate Contemporary Art, Denver, CO  
7/2005-7/2007  
Coordinator of the Academic Program, School of Art & Art History, University of Denver  
6/2004-7/2006  
Associate Cooperative Gallery Member, Pirate: A Contemporary Art Oasis  
6/2004 - 7/2005  
Weekend Programs Assistant; Education Department, Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO  
2001 - 2007  
Activity Fabricator; Family Programs, Education Department, Denver Art Museum

## Awards

2009 Dedalus Foundation award nominee, New York  
2006 Honorable Mention. *Rocky Mountain Biennial 2006*, Fort Collins Museum of Contemporary Art, Fort Collins, CO  
2004 Best In Show. *New Kids On The Block*, The Assembly, Denver, CO  
MacDonald Foundation Outstanding Senior Studio Art Major, University of Denver  
Bachelor of Fine Arts 2004 Exhibit Award, University of Denver

## **Selected Exhibition Record (\* solo)**

- 2010 \* Sellars Project Space, Denver, CO (upcoming)  
*New Prints 2010/Spring: Selected by Philip Pearlstein*, International Print Center New York  
*MFA Thesis Exhibition*, Paine & Bakalar Galleries, Massachusetts College of Art and Design
- 2009 *Boston Young Contemporaries*, 808 Gallery, Boston, MA  
*Midway Show*, Stephen D. Paine Gallery, Massachusetts College of Art and Design
- 2008 *MFA Entrance Exhibition*, Doran Gallery, Massachusetts College of Art and Design  
*Juried Student/Alumni Exhibition*, Victoria Myhren Gallery, Denver, CO
- 2007 \**The Space Between*, Sellars Project Space
- 2006 \**Alright for now*, Pirate Contemporary Art  
*Rocky Mountain Biennial 2006*, Fort Collins Museum of Contemporary Art, Honorable Mention
- 2005 \**Two Trains of Thought*, Pirate Contemporary Art  
*Embody*, Space Gallery, Denver, CO  
*25th Anniversary Show*, Pirate: A Contemporary Art Oasis
- 2004 \**Here On Out*, Pirate: A Contemporary Art Oasis

## **Publications**

- 2009 *Hold Everything Dear*. Artist book of etchings. Edition published by Center Street Studio, Milton, MA

## **Artist Lectures**

- April 20, 2007. ARTS 3155 Senior Project Painting class. University of Denver, School of Art and Art History

## **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  
John Thompson, Weston, MA  
Braden and Daniela Bowers, Littleton, CO  
Justin Bradley, Englewood, CO  
Rachel Ariel Brandt, Silver Spring, MD  
Nicholas Chavez, CO  
Michael and Martha Grano, Denver, CO  
Elizabeth Kellogg, Pittsburgh, PA  
Jim and Stephanie Martens, Germany  
Eric Matelski and Amy McKnight, Denver, CO  
John Spatz, Denver, CO  
Rodney Wallace, Denver, CO  
Elizabeth Wrenn-Estes and Mark Estes, San Jose, CA

## **Private Commissions**

- Marilynn Kreft, Seattle, WA  
Jeff and Paula Roth, McMinnville, OR

## **Personal**

- Born in Denver, CO