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Artist Statement

I create the image of people on manipulated clay vessels. Striving to show the essence of people in my work motivates me.

I have drawn people in countless everyday scenarios, many of which they were unaware, capturing spontaneous intimate moments of real life. These sketches are drawn and glazed onto altered and historic vessel forms. My work is successful if the form of the vessel and the glazed images portray the attitude of the person I sketched.

I am now seeking more immediacy in the way I work by drawing and sculpting directly on clay while observing a live model. Through this process, the shape of the vessel and the drawings on the vessel are initiated by the model that I am observing. This method allows me to form and draw the most essential gestures and create more expressive work.