

## **Alumna Nurielle Stern wins Canadian award for ceramic art**

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Nurielle Stern, a 2014 alumna of Alfred University, has won the 2019 Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics. The \$10,000 award, given by the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery in Waterloo, Ontario, recognizes early-career ceramic artists in Canada.

Stern, who earned an M.F.A. degree in ceramic art from Alfred University in 2014, was among several finalists from across Canada considered for the 2019 Winifred Shantz Award. The cash award is given to allow early-career ceramic artists to undertake a period of independent research, or other activities to advance their artistic and professional practice.

A group exhibition of work by Stern and the other Winifred Shantz Award finalists will be on view at the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery from Sept. 21 through Nov. 17. As part of her project, Stern will produce large-scale ceramic sculptures, beginning with her participation in a residency at the California State University Long Beach Center for Contemporary Ceramics.

Stern, who is based in Toronto, is a ceramic sculpture and installation artist. She holds a B.F.A. degree in sculpture and installation from Ontario College of Art and Design (OCAD) University in Toronto and has also studied ceramics at Sheridan College in Ontario.

Her most recent exhibition, “Unswept Floor (Tesserae),” was commissioned by the Gardiner Museum in Toronto, in response to “Ai Weiwei: Unbroken.” Stern’s collaborative work with Nicholas Crombach, Whale Fall, is currently at the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery and features an assemblage of furniture and ceramic components alluding to a decaying whale carcass. Stern is also working on a large-scale commission for the Gardiner Museum this fall.