

# Visiting Artist Lecture Series



# Cj Jilek

Monday, May 2nd  
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7:00 pm

Cj Jilek grew up outside of the Chicago area and found she had a few great loves: ceramics, travel, and the natural world. She earned her undergraduate degree in ceramics from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in 1995. Afterwards she spent her time traveling and developing her ceramics.

Her travels took her to Northern California, where she wood fired vessel forms, exploring the wood fire surface in conjunction with textures representative of the natural world. From there, she relocated to Santa Barbara, where she taught ceramics for ten years with children and adults. Cj loves teaching ceramics for the opportunity it allows for a tactile experience as well as conceptual design. During this time she continued to explore, from the sea to the deserts and all the mountains and flora between. Eventually, she took a short-term residency at the Mendocino Arts Center which inspired her to pursue a graduate degree.

While a graduate student at Utah State University, she traveled abroad in Australia and South Korea, completing her MFA in 2010. Following her studies, Cj continued to travel and teach ceramics, eventually relocating to North Fremantle, Western Australia to serve as the program coordinator for The Clay House, a community ceramics studio. Teaching workshops across Australia, Cj has managed to create a nomadic lifestyle in her ceramics career. Upon her return to the US she has joined the team at AMOCA Ceramics Studio and continues to teach ceramics in Southern California.



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