



Ohio Arts Council's
RIFFE GALLERY

All Play, No Work
May 7–July 5, 2015

Curator's Biography

Alexandra Nicholis Coon is the Executive Director for the Massillon Museum, where she has played an active role since 2001, including serving as curator from 2003-2010. As adjunct faculty for Walsh University from 2006–2011 she taught art history and museum studies courses, and is currently a member of the University's advisory board. *All Play, No Work* is Nicholis Coon's second curated exhibition at the Riffe Gallery and previously curated *Let's Get Digital* in 2012.

Extremely active in various northeast Ohio non-profits and organizations, Nicholis Coon serves on the City of Massillon's Community Improvement Committee, is Vice President for the Board of the Ohio Museums Association, serves as President for Lighthouse Visions, Inc., and is a committee member for the City of Akron Holocaust Commemoration and SPACES World Artists Program at SPACES Gallery. She also volunteers her time to curate exhibits for The Lockview restaurant in downtown Akron.

In 2011 she was recognized with the YStark! "Twenty Under 40" award, was a 2012 inductee to the Canton YWCA Women's Hall of Fame, the 2012 recipient of the Massillon Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence in Leadership Award, and a 2014 Athena Award finalist for Stark County. Nicholis Coon serves as a District Secretary for Soroptimist International Midwestern Region, and is a member of the Akron Chapter D.A.R.

She received her Master of Arts in art history from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, a Bachelor of Arts in art history from Kent State University, and has a Collections Care certificate from the Campbell Center for Historic Preservation, and she currently resides in North Canton, Ohio.