

## Excellence Awards

### Visual Art 2D – Panel 2

**Courtney N. Ryan** is a mixed-media artist, sculptor, and educator based in Atlanta, Georgia. She was recently nominated for the Forward Arts Foundation Edge Award at Swan Coach House Gallery in partnership with the Hambidge Center. Ryan is currently a full-time Professor in the School of Foundation Studies at SCAD University in Atlanta where she teaches color theory, two-dimensional design, drawing, and storyboarding. She has exhibited and presented her work regionally, nationally, and internationally and has work in numerous private and university collections. Her background in printmaking led her to make sculptures which contain painterly glazes and decals on highly textural, imaginative forms created from clay, various found materials, and reclaimed wood. Courtney earned her M.F.A. in Studio Art from Georgia Southern University.

**Becky Alley** is an artist, curator, creative collaborator, and educator. Her studio work is process and materials focused with themes of ritual, memorial, empathy, and the sacred. Alley is currently the Bolivar Art Gallery Director at the University of Kentucky. She is the recipient of the Artist Enrichment Grant from the Kentucky Foundation for Women and also received two travel grants from The Great Meadows Foundation, one to research the gendered aesthetics of war memorials in Washington, D.C., and another to attend the Feminist Art Collective international residency program in Toronto. She earned her M.F.A. in Studio Art from the University of Kansas.

**Jeremy Langston** is a painter, mixed media artist, and muralist based in Bloomington, IL. His work paintings and drawings span realism to abstraction and do not shy away from bold color. His work has been featured in publications like High Art, Top 30 Organicann/Juxtapoz Magazine. Langston is the recipient of the Irving S. Tick award in painting, and has shown his work in exhibitions across the U.S. He has also been involved in numerous public art commissions of large-scale murals. His most recent was the Washington Street Tunnel in Bloomington, IL, but other of his large-scale works are in numerous private residences and businesses. He earned his M.F.A. in painting from Illinois State University.



