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Lauren currently lives in Annapolis, Maryland and works at Maryland Institute College of Art where she is adjunct faculty in the foundations department. Lauren is founder and CEO of Sadie & Grace design, an Annapolis based design company, here she works in her studio year round www.sadieandgrace.com. In addition to the previously stated she works as an Advanced Placement Studio Art Exam Leader, Table Leader and Exam Reader for the College Board and Educational testing services. Lauren spends summers at the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, MA to enhance and inform her drawing painting and sculpture practice. Her work has been widely exhibited in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Washington DC, Maryland, Massachusetts and Utah.